who was female
went crazy and screamed
he hit her across the face with the gunbutt
reached for a handful of twenties from the drawer
and turned in time to get the uniformed guard
a fat guy, very big butt, grew roses, name: Rossard.
Rossard went down on the big fat butt
a very beautiful red coming out on his shirt like roses.

the bandit started running
crouched, rather half-sideways
toward the door
looking for somebody to shoot
looking for a hole in the sky
to climb out of there.
the people seemed to fit into the walls
and he made it outside
still running half-bent
and then the squad car came from the other way
he saw it
and ran up an alley.
the 2 cops jumped right out and also ran up the alley.
then you heard shots
very loud in that dark alley
between downtown buildings (the violence and gamble
and anger of all men screaming) (then it was quiet)
(you thought of bread baking
in some clean kitchen)
when the ambulance came
they carried out one cop
put him in first
then carried out the bandit in cuffs
very white and bleeding, they put him in the
same ambulance, and the other cop who was standing waiting
holding his wrist where he had been shot
the red coming through the white wrapping
he fainted
and then they put him in and
drove off
and the people stood talking and talking and talking.

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