



*For Tipsters:*

# Here's a Way to Make Crime Pay

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FORT LAUDERDALE — It all started with one police officer in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and his idea that crime could pay — for citizens willing to become involved.

From that idea came "Crime Stoppers," an anonymous tip program that is now operating successfully in some eighty cities across the United States. Information developed through "Crime Stoppers" organizations has helped to solve more than 9,000 crimes, and has led to the recovery of almost \$27 million in stolen property and narcotics. Some 3,000 individuals have been prosecuted, with 2,830 convictions to date.

Broward County Sheriff Robert Butterworth, 1,984 miles removed from Albuquerque, had been searching for a way to obtain information about criminal activity, while at the same time easing the fear of criminal retaliation. "Crime Stoppers" seemed ideal because it offered two incentives to persons with vital information: cash rewards and absolute guarantee of anonymity. The end result, the Sheriff realized, would be the solving of more crimes through information provided by callers.

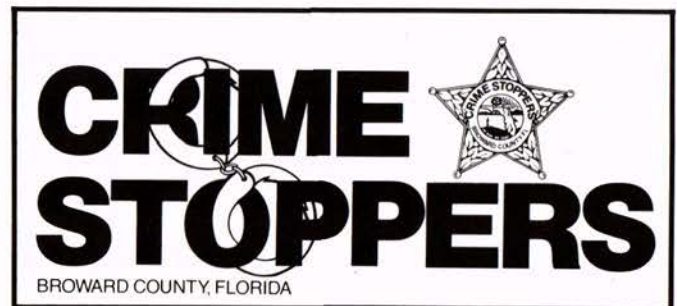
Deciding to give it a try, Butterworth contacted several prominent Broward County businessmen. Through them, more contacts were made, and Crime Stoppers of Broward County, Inc., was born. A board of directors was named and officers elected. Requests for donations were circulated throughout the area and within three weeks, \$15,000 had been deposited in the reward fund.

The Board of Directors requested, and the Sheriff provided, personnel to man the "Crime Stoppers" telephone line. A special number, 765-TIPS, was established and the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit was assigned to field calls.

The program, as developed by Butterworth and his staff, works in the following manner: When a call is



Sheriff Robert A. Butterworth and the logo that is being used to publicize his "Crime Stoppers" program.



received offering information, it is logged in with the date, time, and a brief summary of the information. The caller is always given the option of remaining anonymous. Should the caller so choose, he or she is furnished with a sequential code number. That number is then used by the caller in all subsequent contacts with "Crime Stoppers." The caller is asked to call back in one week for an update on the investigation and an appraisal of the quality of the information. This time lag allows investigators to evaluate

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the data and determine if further questioning of the caller is necessary.

If tips provided by the caller lead to the arrest and indictment of a felony offender, "Crime Stoppers" makes contact with the caller through the news media by printing or broadcasting the caller's code number. When contact is re-established, the caller is asked to provide the code number and a brief summary of the original information. Once identification is verified, arrangements are made to pay the caller in cash, assuring that there can be no tracing of the informant's identity. Various methods are used to make payment, usually at any location in the county specified by the caller.

Probably the most unique facet of "Crime Stoppers" is its publicity program. Through the auspices of WCKT-TV (Channel 7), whose General Manager sits on the Board of Directors, a series of thirteen unsolved crimes are being re-enacted and televised. A \$1,000 cash reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the perpetrators.

South Florida newspapers will also be furnished with a detailed synopsis of each case and will be

asked to give prominent space to each unsolved crime.

One qualification for the so-called "Crime of the Week" program is that the police investigation must have reached a dead end using traditional investigative techniques. Otherwise, there would always be the possibility that the crime would be solved prior to the telecast, a situation which could be an embarrassing setback.

"Crime Stoppers" is not looked upon as a panacea. Rather, it is, according to the national organization, "an additional tool which can be used by law enforcement to involve the public and the media in an effective, coordinated effort to solve crimes."

Sheriff Butterworth sees it another way: "Our country and our community are under siege. The criminal element has struck fear in the hearts and minds of decent people. Law-abiding citizens are afraid to walk the streets at night. I see 'Crime Stoppers' as a program which not only encourages the public to come forward with vital information, but which will at the same time give the criminal something else to worry about — that the so-called code of silence may be broken forever."

## Brevard Deputy Receives Hoover Memorial Award

TITUSVILLE — Once again special recognition has come to Lt. Jerry Pierce, an operations coordinator in the Brevard County Sheriff's Department. In January, he was named Brevard County's Police Officer of the Year by the 10-13 Club, a group of retired New York City police officers.

On top of that he now holds the John Edgar Hoover Memorial Police Service Award, an honor extended to him by the National Association of Chiefs of Police for outstanding police work. He was cited primarily for his surveillance work in a case that cleared over 100 burglary cases.

A former Green Beret, Lt. Pierce has 17 years of law enforcement experience, including 15 years behind the wheel of a patrol car.



Lt. Jerry Pierce (left) receives congratulations from his boss, Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller.

### Praised for Honor and Integrity

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — Walton County Sheriff Quinn McMillian (center) presents Certificates of Appreciation to Quincy Adams (left) and Jim Williams, State Department of Transportation employees who were praised for returning a wallet and \$700 they found along Interstate 10. "Your honesty and integrity serve as an example to all and manifests the character that our country and county were founded on," Sheriff McMillian told the two men. The wallet was returned to its owner, a Kentucky man.





One of Sheriff Charlie Dean's favorite souvenirs is a picture of the old Citrus County Jail where he lived during part of his early childhood.



*For Charlie Dean:*

## It's Been a Lengthy Love Affair But the Excitement's Still There

INVERNESS — Charlie Dean's love affair with law enforcement is no sudden infatuation. It has been flourishing for most of his lifetime — long enough, by golly, for boredom to set in — but now that he's getting squared away in his first year as Sheriff of Citrus County, he seems to be more captivated than ever.

"I love it," he said recently, "and I'll tell you one thing: I've had as much excitement as any new Sheriff could possibly have."

He's absolutely right. Not many rookie sheriffs gain nationwide attention from the news media in their first four months in office. Dean did it by raiding a cockfight, and by capturing a band of armed men holding commando-type maneuvers near a nuclear power plant.

His encounter with the commandos occurred in March, just a few months after he had been sworn in. The leaders of the 13-men band claimed they were merely teaching military survival tactics to prospective soldiers of fortune who had each paid a tuition fee of \$350.

However, the survivalists' fun and games didn't appear quite so innocent to the Sheriff after he disco-

vered that the bearded men in military fatigues were trespassing on a Citrus County ranch; that they had arms and explosives; and that they were within hiking distance of Florida Power Corporation's Crystal River nuclear plant.

Later the Sheriff became even more skeptical when he learned that the two leaders had been arrested in Miami and charged with attempting to set off a fragmentation bomb.

After the commando caper, the Sheriff's Department returned to a normal routine — but only for a little while. Within a matter of weeks the Sheriff and his deputies stirred up some more excitement by raiding a high stakes cockfight out in the boonies. They confiscated \$70,000 in cash and arrested 101 aficionados.

Triggered by the undercover work of state agents, the raid once again focused widespread attention on Citrus County and brought praise to the Sheriff for his handling of a difficult situation.

Arresting, transporting, identifying, booking and bonding out 101 cockfight patrons presented quite a challenge to Dean and his small staff, but he had made his plans carefully in advance. He took identi-





Above — Sheriff Dean monitors the air traffic in his new, expanded communications center.

Top Right — On the outside looking in, Sheriff Charlie Dean checks out new security features he has added at the Citrus County Jail.

Corrections Officer Tony Domino (right) discusses the Sheriff's Department's new Breathalyzer with Sheriff Dean.



fication equipment to the scene so the arrestees could be photographed with their evidence, and he had two school buses on hand to transport them to the county jail. He also had an ambulance standing by, and his foresight paid off when one of the cockfight patrons developed heart attack symptoms. The man was transported to a nearby hospital where he was treated and released.

In terms of on-the-job experience, Charlie Dean is a rookie Sheriff, but he makes his moves like a veteran. Perhaps this is because he has a special talent for the job, or perhaps it's because he has spent most of his life dreaming about, and preparing for, the job of Sheriff.

When he was just a little tyke back in the early 1940s his Dad was Sheriff of Citrus County and his family lived in the old two-story county jail that has since been torn down. Charlie was too young to go to school then, but not too young to develop an interest in law enforcement that has survived for almost 40 years.

After his father left the Sheriff's Office and became an inspector of state prison camps, Charlie traveled with him as much as possible. "I literally slept in 90 percent of the old convict camps," he recalled, "and when my dad was busy making his inspections I would talk to the convict camp captains or read prisoners' case files."

Charlie's father wanted him to become a veterinarian, but when he entered college he decided to aim for law enforcement goals. This decision led him to become employed as a radio dispatcher for the Citrus County Sheriff's Department, and as an intern in the Tampa Police Department, while he was working toward the Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology and Police Administration he received from Florida State University in 1963.

Enroute to his present job as Sheriff, he worked with the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council; put in a stint as an investigator with the Florida Installment Land Sales Board; served as a juvenile counselor for 3½ years in Inverness; and obtained a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Rollins College.

He also spent 15 years in public education as a classroom teacher and Director of General Services for Citrus County, but this was a temporary detour and the lure of law enforcement remained strong.

In 1972 Dean ran for Sheriff in Citrus County and lost by a small margin. He ran again in 1976, and lost again, but was not discouraged. In 1980, he won big, and now he's savoring the fruits of his long struggle.

One of those fruits is realizing what it means to be a Sheriff. He thought he knew when he was on the

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outside looking in, but the full weight of the responsibility and public trust did not hit him until after he had been sworn in.

"It's awesome," he said, "and it keeps me humble."

Obviously the Sheriff's job also keeps him hopping. He's putting in long hours and pushing hard to make improvements. In his first seven months in office he improved the communications system, tightened security at the jail, launched an extensive training program for his staff, and improved the health care of prisoners.

He also signed up local ministers to serve as chaplains on a revolving basis, hired a classification

officer for the jail, and began using jail menus prepared by a certified nutritionist.

In a move to crack down on drunken drivers, Dean recently purchased a Breathalyzer for the testing of suspects. His correctional officers have been trained to operate it, and he has a man on his staff who is qualified to repair and service it.

To accomplish so much in such a short period of time, Dean has been putting in many 12-hour days and seven-day work weeks. However, he's not complaining.

"I'm lovin' every minute of it," he declared, "but my wife, Judy, she said I get so engrossed in what I'm doing I forget to come home."

## *In Today's Ballgame:*

# Being Fast Computerwise Is What Really Matters

BARTOW — Forget about the fast draw. It matters not if a Sheriff can go for his gun with the speed of a striking rattlesnake.

What really counts these days is how fast a Sheriff can sort through literally millions of names in local, state and national crime files to come up with the criminal pedigree of a hot suspect. Recapturing information electronically is the thing!

If a Sheriff is fast, computerwise, the crook with a long record and a passel of outstanding warrants is in a heap of trouble.

If a Sheriff is slow, the big time bad guy from another state who has been picked up for a minor violation is likely to be long gone before his status as a "most wanted" criminal celebrity becomes apparent.

In superfine, big league, law enforcement, fast computer work is what wins the old ball game. And, when it comes to playing hardball with criminals, Polk County Sheriff Louie T. Mims is right in there pitchin' with a recently acquired computer capability that he says will increase his department's proficiency 100 percent.

Partially financed with federal funds, the Polk County system has been under development since 1979 and is expected to hit full stride during the coming year. Already it has accelerated tremendously the Sheriff's ability to retrieve information from his own criminal data bank, as well as from the



Polk County Sheriff Louie T. Mims runs a speed test on his computer system. The operator is Dorothy Lind.

Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC), and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Polk County's municipal police departments are tied in, and are also reaping benefits.

"This will almost completely eliminate the possibility of a criminal being released because local law enforcement agencies could not obtain current information about his criminal history within a reasonable length of time after his apprehension," Mims said.

Other criminal justice agencies such as the Department of Corrections, the Clerk of Circuit Court, the State Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office



and the Court Administrator are being linked to the system. Thus it will be possible to track a criminal through all phases of the criminal justice process from the time he is arrested until his case reaches final adjudication.

Although the system is a new addition to Polk County's crime fighting arsenal, Mims is already enthusiastic about its potential. "It is outstanding," he declared recently, "and it is going to help us to do a better job."

## Bomb Busters Are Survival Experts

FT. LAUDERDALE — Sgt. Jim Walkup and the technicians who work under his supervision in the Broward County Sheriff's Office (BSO) Bomb and Arson Squad are experts in staying alive.

They often put their personal safety on the line, and they are doing it with increasing frequency now that the use of explosive devices as murder weapons is on the rise in this area.

Walkup said the number of explosive devices detonated and rendered safe by his crew in the first half of 1981 increased almost 60 percent — from 24 in 1980 to 38 in 1981. Much of this increase is attributed to organized crime terrorism, labor related violence and booming drug traffic.

Criminal justice officials are apprehensive, but Walkup and his men have a job to do and they go about their work with a calm, deliberate professionalism. "Our philosophy is: never do anything unless you know the reaction that's going to follow," said Walkup.

It's working, apparently, because the BSO Bomb and Arson Squad has been responsible for successfully deactivating more than 100 explosive devices since 1979. It has also received national recognition for its expertise, according to a Sheriff's Department spokesman.

The squad devotes a portion of its time to arson cases, and with considerable success. In the early part of 1981, after five charred bodies, including three young children, were found in the charred remains of a burned motor vehicle, the squad spent 80 hours assisting in an intense investigation that led to the almost immediate arrest of two suspects.

In February, 1980, Sheriff Robert A. Butterworth received an arson control grant to beef up arson prevention by providing training and information for local police and fire personnel. Under that grant, Sgt. Walkup and three bomb technicians delivered 927 hours of training to more than 1,000 public employees working in police and fire services.

The squad has a large area to cover since only one of the county's 29 municipalities, Fort Lauderdale, has a bomb squad. This unit, because of insurance regulations, can only operate within the city limits,

which leaves the rest of the area to the BSO. Requests for assistance are routinely received from the FBI, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and U.S. Customs.

The squad has been cited for many attainments, including outstanding police work in the arrest of two international terrorists, and also in bombing cases aboard a British aircraft carrier and at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

"Only highly trained and dedicated individuals belong in the specialized field of bomb and arson investigation," said Capt. A. Farinato, Commander of the BSO Major Crimes Unit, and that description seems to be just about tailor made for Sheriff Butterworth's "bomb busters."

*Editor's Note to Shelley Farber at the BSO — Many thanks for the information you gave us for this article. Sorry that a shortage of space prevented us from using your longer version.*

## Parole Four — One Will Mess Up

A three-year study of the parole experience of the 64,000 people paroled during 1974 and 1975 has found that only 25 percent had their parole revoked or were returned to prison before their parole ended, the Bureau of Justice Statistics announced.

The bureau, which is a U.S. Department of Justice agency, also announced that an estimated 196,500 men and women were on parole from federal, state, or local corrections institutions in the U.S. at the end of 1979.

The nationwide figure represents an increase of 11,400 parolees over the 185,100 people on parole at the end of 1978. There were about 155,100 people on parole at the end of 1974.

Inmates of federal and state prisons totaled 301,800 at the end of 1979 compared to 218,500 at the end of 1974, the bureau said.

The statistics appear in a report "Parole in The United States: 1979," which was prepared for the bureau by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency based on data voluntarily provided by the states and territories. Among the report's other highlights are the following:

—In addition to the 196,500 people on parole at the end of 1979, there were 25,000 people under the jurisdiction of parole authorities who were mandatory releasees, that is, prisoners released to community supervision as a result of good time or other statutory sentence reduction measures.

—The trend toward reduced discretion for both sentencing judges and paroling authorities continued during 1979, and, by the end of the year, 29 jurisdictions in the country (55 percent) had structured sentencing and/or parole decision making.

—There were about 590,772 cases under the supervi-

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Sumter County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Jerry Thompson mans a boat in Wall Sink as divers search for murder victims.



A car recovered from Wall Sink was identified as a 1926 Dodge, but its history remains a mystery.

## Sinkhole's Secrets Probed In Murder Investigation

**BUSHNELL** — Sometimes sheriffs and deputies are skeptical about missing persons reports. Many prove to be false alarms. Often the person thought to be missing turns out to be a runaway, a debtor trying to escape from his debts, or a spouse who simply got fed up and decided to skip out.

However, when John Eubanks and Bobby Farmer failed to return to Sumter County after visiting Eubanks' ranch in nearby Lake County, the reaction in the Sumter County Sheriff's Department was far from routine. Here was a missing persons case in which close ties of kinship and friendship were involved.

Deputy Travis Farmer, brother of Bobby Farmer, began an immediate search despite the fact that this was the first day of his vacation. Sgt. Bill Farmer, Bobby's cousin, was also deeply concerned.

The Sumter County and Lake County Sheriffs' Departments mounted a joint investigation. Sumter deputies coming off the night shift volunteered to assist. Deputy Jackie King, a friend of Farmer's, devoted 12 solid hours of her own time to the search after coming off her regular shift at 7 A.M.

The search was thorough, with many friends and relatives joining in, and, unfortunately, the final outcome was tragic.

Two days after Farmer and Eubanks were reported missing, evidence of foul play led to the arrest of the ranch foreman and a ranch hand. According to Sumter County Sheriff James L. "Jamie" Adams, Jr., the foreman had confessed that the two missing man had been shot and their bodies had been dumped in a sinkhole.

The scene shifted to an eerie place called Wall Sink where Lake County divers tried to find the murder victims but were unsuccessful due to poor underwater visibility.

Next day three divers from the Cave Diving Section of the National Speleological Society, Dr. William K. Fehring from Tampa, and Roger H. Werner and Bill Oigarden, from Orlando, arrived at the sinkhole with powerful diving lights and sophisticated gear.

They not only recovered the bodies, but also found an old car which was raised from the depths. It was transported to the Sumter County Sheriff's Department where Sheriff Adams gave Det. Sgt. Mike Vaughn the task of checking it out.

Vaughn and newspaper reporter Jim Runnels, from the Orlando Sentinel-Star, were able to identify the rusty and rotting old crate as a 1926 Dodge with 68,238 miles on the odometer, but they were unable to pinpoint its history beyond a reasonable doubt.

Sheriff Adams said the most plausible theory produced by the investigation led him to suspect that the car might have been the property of two black men from the Coleman area who had become affluent watermelon growers many years ago.

"The two men, Leonard and Boyce Montgomery, decided that they should own an automobile," Adams explained. "As the story goes, they purchased a Dodge Brothers car with canvas top and wood sides.

"Local Klansmen felt that the black men shouldn't be driving such a nice car, so they took the pair to the county line and headed them south. The Klansmen

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## Sheriff Can't Do Without His Blind Dispatcher

BRISTOL — Junior Lolley, 28, has what it takes to be a top notch radio dispatcher. He's endowed with a good memory, a friendly personality, a deer hunter's knowledge of big, sparsely populated Liberty County, and the ability to handle emergencies in a cool, professional manner.

Being blind doesn't seem to handicap him. In fact, he compensates for his disability so well that his co-workers in the Liberty County Sheriff's Department are prone to forget he can't see. It's not unusual for someone to walk up to him and say "Have you seen the Sheriff lately?" or "Did you see where Charlie went?" That's exactly the way Junior wants it. He doesn't want people stumbling around and acting embarrassed about his handicap.

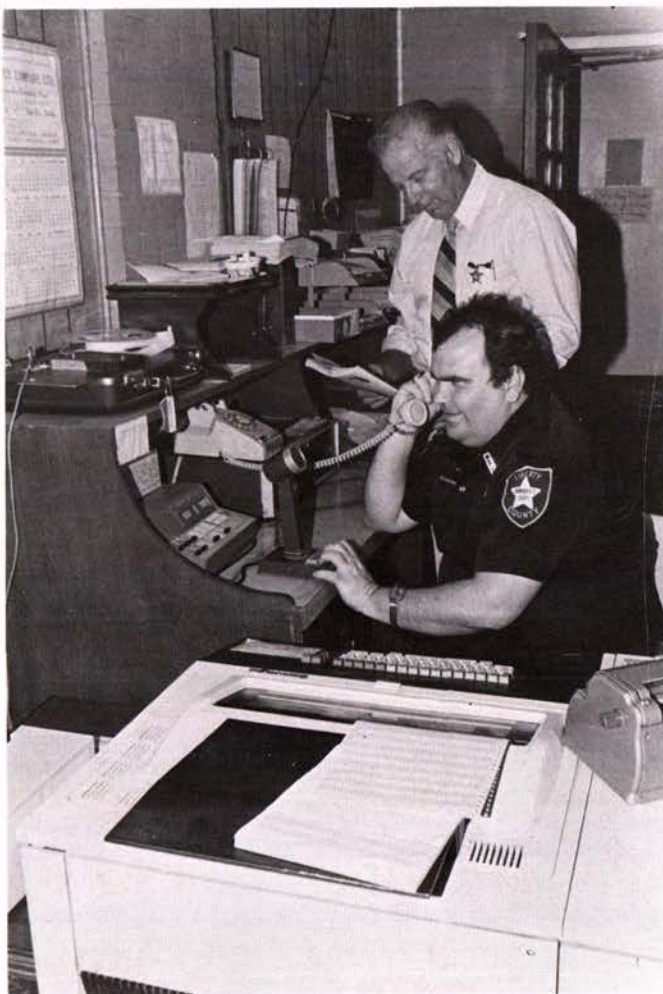
It certainly doesn't embarrass him. In fact, he treats his blindness with disdain by swimming, fishing, and going to movies. Getting thrown off a motorcycle (dirt bike) didn't stop him from trying it a second time. Friends take him along when they go deer hunting, and, although he can't shoot, he's a handy fellow to have around. He has memorized most of the trails and back roads in Liberty County and can keep his buddies from getting lost. His keen hearing also enables him to locate the deer dogs baying on a trail when the other hunters can't.

Junior handles communications for the Sheriff's Department, county ambulance service and fire department. This requires him to use a telephone, short-wave radio and teletype, but, no sweat, he does it with ease and skill.

He records his daily radio log by using a braille printer. At the end of his shift he dictates it to someone so it can be transferred to a conventional log sheet.

Reports of crimes and emergencies that come to him by phone are also dictated so that appropriate forms can be filled out and filed.

Incoming teletype messages are printed in a conventional manner for the sighted people on the staff, and also recorded in braille for Junior's benefit. Lately he has begun using an Opticon which will enable him to read printed messages with reasonable accuracy. It scans printed words and transmits elec-



Liberty County Sheriff Harrell W. Revell (standing) has great admiration for Junior Lolley's skill as a radio dispatcher. Although blind, Junior handles radio, telephone and teletype communications with ease.

trical impulses which Junior can translate with his fingers. Sending teletype messages presents no problems. He uses the conventional keyboard.

Folks around the Sheriff's Office stand in awe of Junior's accomplishments. They are quick to praise him.

"I'd rather have him dispatching an ambulance call than anyone I know of," said Charley Russell, a paramedic who supervises the Liberty County Ambulance Service. "There are a lot of little houses scattered around the county and he knows the area so well he can help the drivers and deputies if they are havin' trouble findin' one."

Mary Revell, bookkeeper, secretary and "Jill of all trades," said "Junior likes everyone and everyone likes him. I've never heard him say anything bad about anyone."

"He has a photographic memory," said Sheriff Harrell Revell. "About a week ahead of time I told him I was going to go to a breakfast for Senator Lawton Chiles at 7:00 A.M. on a certain day. When the day came the breakfast had completely slipped

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my mind, but a little before 7:00 A.M. Junior called and reminded me."

Junior's mind is a storehouse for hundreds of telephone numbers. Consequently, Sheriff Revell never bothers to look up telephone numbers any more. He simply says to Junior "get me so and so on the phone," and Junior dials the call immediately.

"I think the Sheriff threw away his phone book," Junior said, then chuckled.

A lifetime resident of Liberty County, Junior (that's his real name and not a nickname) lost his eyesight at 13 as the result of an accident and illness. He attended the Florida School for Deaf and Blind at St. Augustine; improved his mobility and independence at a rehabilitation center in Daytona Beach; held a job in an Orlando film processing plant for about a year; then returned home.

One day he had an opportunity to fool around with the citizen's band (CB) radio in his uncle's truck, and it fascinated him so much he eventually saved up his money, bought a 23-channel base station, installed it at his home, and obtained a license.

Borrowing a cousin's nickname, Junior adopted "Windmill" as his CB handle and began monitoring channel 19, the truckers' channel, day and night. He soon made friends with a bunch of guys who had

handles like "Shotgun," "Hickory Nut," "Red Ball," "UFO," and "Sod Buster." He became their good buddy by relaying their messages and getting them some help when they had breakdowns, blown motors and other emergencies.

They, in turn, showed their appreciation by occasionally dropping by his house with some fish, fruit or vegetables.

Junior also kept in touch with hunters by CB, and often helped them get assistance when they got their trucks stuck or lost their dogs.

Many of his good deeds required him to contact the Sheriff's Department or Ambulance Service, and therefore when he answered the Sheriff's ad for a radio dispatcher, the Sheriff already knew about his experience as an amateur CB operator and was favorably disposed toward hiring him.

"I figured this boy could do a good job, so I put him to work," the Sheriff said, "and soon I found out I couldn't do without him."

As for Junior, he has been on the job since February 27, 1980, and has loved every minute of it. However, one problem has developed. Junior has been steadily increasing his duty time until he is currently working 11 hours a day. "Next thing I know," said the Sheriff, "he'll be bringin' his sleepin' bag up here and wantin' to stay here all the time!"

"Not a bad idea," said Junior.



#### Happy Hostage Held for Ransom

SANFORD — To raise money for the Ronald McDonald House, members of the Sanford Junior Woman's Club kidnapped Seminole County Sheriff John Polk, held him in paper chains overnight, and invited the public to come up with the "ransom" of at least \$5,000 in contributions. Located at Gainesville, the \$450,000 Ronald McDonald House will be a refuge for youngsters whose parents are being treated for critical illnesses at Shands Hospital.



#### Praise for a Hero from Sheriff Polk

SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff John Polk (right) presents a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award to Richard Pugh, of Sanford. Polk said Pugh risked his life to cut a burning boat loose from its moorings and push it out into open water. A few moments later the boat exploded, but no one was injured.





Wright and Mennella



Miller and Roach



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## Pinellas Officers Earn Recognition

CLEARWATER — Correctional Officers Ivory Wright (left) and Nicholas J. Mennella received Certificates of Commendation for their handling of a drug possession case that resulted in felony charges against jail inmates. Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman congratulated three deputies for winning medals in the 1981 Florida Police Olympics. Leroy Nash received a silver medal in the bullseye target match; Charles Miller garnered gold medals in the long jump, 100-meter and 200-meter dashes; and Larry Roach collected second place honors in the 1600 and 800-meter runs.

## Council Honors Detective

JACKSONVILLE — The Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency during its annual state institute honored John G. McCallum, a detective with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department, for outstanding contributions to Florida's criminal justice system.

McCallum is a former counselor for the Jacksonville Alcohol Rehabilitation Center. He joined the Sheriff's Patrol Division in 1975 and later spent four years in vice investigations. In January, 1981, he was assigned to the Sheriff's Strategic Investigations Section.

Also honored by the Crime and Delinquency Council were Florida Attorney General Jim Smith; Florida Parole and Probation Commission Member Anabel P. Mitchell; and Circuit Judge Ralph W. Nimmons, Jr., of Jacksonville.

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sion of parole or community supervision agencies at the end of 1979. The total caseload includes probationers, juveniles, pretrial diversion cases, and civil drug cases as well as people on conditional release. There were 8,303 staff persons in charge of those cases, which is an average caseload of 71 people.

—There was a substantial increase in parole use in the southern and north-central states between 1965 and 1978.

—Conditional release constituted 75.6 percent of all prison releases during 1978.

The 48-page report, which is a part of the bureau's Uniform Reports series, contains a variety of other information, including data on individual state case-loads and the like. Individual copies may be obtained from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Washington, D.C., 20531.

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then drove the car into a sinkhole."

Sheriff Adams said the old car recovered from the sink hole could not be absolutely identified as the one that had belonged to the Montgomery brothers. "The real story may never be known," he added.

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**MACCLENNY** — Baker County Sheriff Joe Newmans (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Wright E. Noble, of Sanderson.



**FORT MYERS** — Chief Deputy David E. Wilson (center), representing Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka, presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. & Mrs. W. L. DeBordenave.



**CLEARWATER** — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Jim Homan.



Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry Weaver (left) presents a Builder Certificate to Polk County sheriff and Mrs. Louie T. Mims.



**STARKE** — For his outstanding service as a member of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Board of Directors, Bradford County Sheriff Dolph Reddish (right) received a Youth Fund Certificate of Appreciation. Youth Fund President Harry Weaver made the presentation.

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**TALLAHASSEE** — Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) presenting Builder Certificates to Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Tallahassee, represented by Aaron Jordan; and to Clarence A. White.



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## Our Way of Saying Thanks To Summer Camp Staff

Pictured here are Deputy Sheriffs, Junior Deputies and Explorers from five Sheriff's Departments who contributed substantially to the summer camp for needy and worthy youngsters held at the Boys Ranch. They worked in close cooperation with the Boys Ranch and Youth Fund officials who are included in the pictures, and, to express our appreciation, we presented each with a Youth Fund Builder Certificate.



From the Alachua County Sheriff's Department: (Front, from left) Junior Deputies Billy Ray Knight, Darryl Morten, Van T. Woodberry and Ronnie S. Bannister; (rear) Deputy Sheriffs Tommie L. Timmons, Jeff Snyder, Sgt. C.W. O'Quinn and L. Caffie.



Front row from left: Juan Lawton, Rancher appointed as a Junior Counselor; and Marion County Explorers Allen Buford, Rickey Lewis and Edward Cross. Back row: Fred Preuss, Camp Director and Youth Fund Staff Member; Fred E. "Mac" Stones, Boys Ranch Resident Director; and Bill Aust, Director of Youth Services.

Front row, from left: G. David Livingston, Clay County; Charles Powell and Ronald Fewell, Lee County; Linda Strow and Dennis Strow, Marion County; and Neil G. Merrill, Polk County (Head Counselor); Second from left in the rear is Youth Fund Vice President Jim Strayer with Preuss, Stones and Aust.





# Florida's Jail and Prison Crisis

## Described to Violent Crime Panel

Soaring crime rates are placing unprecedented strains on Florida's jails and prisons, Attorney General Jim Smith told a U.S. Task Force studying violent crimes. Then he proceeded to describe the crisis in detail.

"Florida's prison population grew 125 percent during the 1970s while the general population rose by 41 percent," Smith said. "We now have the nation's fourth largest prison system," he added.

"Since 1975, there has been a 54 percent increase in Florida in the number of inmates serving time for murder and a 63 percent jump in sentences for aggravated assault. Inmate attacks on the correctional staff are up 59 percent.

"The number of young inmates is rising steadily and experience has shown them to be particularly violence-prone, even to the extent of ignoring the silent code that historically has governed conduct between inmates.

"Last year, 76 percent of admissions in Florida were below the age of 30. The median age in a prison population of nearly 22 thousand is 24 years. One of the toughest problems facing prison administrators in the 80s will be how to handle youthful offenders serving long terms.

"Florida is one of a number of states in which federal courts have placed population limits on state and local jails. The potential for serious problems arising out of this situation is enormous. It could easily precipitate a crisis.

"In Florida, we must build at least two new state prisons by 1985 to meet the terms of a settlement with the federal courts in a class-action overcrowding suit. At a cost of 25 million dollars each, Florida will need at least six new 600-bed prisons by 1990... and it is entirely possible that we'll need ten.

"Meanwhile, an increasing number of local jails are coming under population caps because they do not have the resources to keep pace with needed expansion.

"As the state builds additional cells it could find them quickly filled by thousands of local prisoners from judges yielding to political pressure from local officials responsible for budgets and taxes.

"Some evidence of this is already available. The Department of Corrections, which has a 99 percent accuracy record in predicting admissions, is twelve hundred inmates off the mark at this point. Instead of 200 a month, intake is running around 300. Many of these inmates are to serve less than two years. All a local judge has to do to assign an inmate to the state is make the sentence longer than a year.

"Corrections officials believe the additional cases

represent a handoff to the state because of overcrowding.

"This protest may be less obvious than the Arkansas sheriff who handcuffed his excess inmates to the fence of the state prison, but the message is just as clear.

"Last year, criminal courts in Florida placed 27 thousand guilty defendants on probation where the average between 1976 and 1978 had been around 18 thousand.

"State and local governments need help in paying for federally mandated expansion of prison facilities, the cost of which is running above 50 thousand dollars a bed.

"The cause of justice is not advanced if plea bargaining becomes a device to meet federal jail population limits; or if judges feel constrained to order probation or longer sentences.

"Chief Justice Burger recently suggested that a concept formed in 1972 for a National Institute of Corrections, similar to the FBI Academy, should be carried out. We would agree with that. In fact, Florida has already moved in this direction by giving career correctional officers higher professional standing under the law.

"The Legislature created a mechanism for elevating training and pay standards in the corrections field to make them equivalent with law enforcement.

"We believe the stability of prisons is improved by the presence of veteran, highly trained correctional officers and that the inmates as well as the state benefit.

"In spite of its serious financial and overcrowding problems, Florida has received national accreditation for 22 of its 25 major adult institutions. I think this is more than all of the other states combined... and it is evidence that the administration of the prisons and its critics are working cooperatively to establish conditions that are acceptable, given the financial limits within which they must work.

"The task force could do every state a service by supporting amendments to sections 1983 and 1988 of the federal code to reduce the blizzard of minor and often frivolous civil rights actions filed by inmates.

"Florida is currently defending itself in more than twelve hundred actions brought under these statutes to redress grievances ranging from cold food and lack of ventilation to loss of property. Such suits should be permitted only after administrative remedies are exhausted. They divert the courts' attention for more important matters at a time when dockets are crowded."





Charlotte County Sheriff Glen Sapp (right) introduces McGruff (Lt. William Reilly) to representatives of the clubs that provided funds for his costume. They are, from left, Norma Henry, Punta Gorda Women's Club; Marion Parkhurst, Women's Club of Port Charlotte and Wendy Peekin, Junior Women's Club.

# Crime Fighter McGruff

**PUNTA GORDA** — To his line-up of crime fighters, Charlotte County Sheriff Glen Sapp has added a character named McGruff who wants to "take a bite out of crime."

Wearing a ferocious dog's head and a television detective's trench coat provided by local clubs, McGruff has been instructed to go into Charlotte County's elementary schools and warn kids about the dangers of crime.

He also promotes crime prevention among adults.