



the Sheriff's Star

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Outstanding Young Woman of the Year

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Cover Story

Sergeant Frankie Winchester Is "Young Woman of the Year"

PANAMA CITY — Sgt. Frankie Winchester, who heads the Crime Prevention Unit at the Bay County Sheriff's Department, was recently chosen as Florida's "Outstanding Young Woman of the Year" by the Jaycees.

This is just one of many awards received by the Bay County deputy, who is a wife and mother and has had 10 years' experience in law enforcement. Last year she was chosen Panama City's Outstanding Young Woman by the Junior Woman's Club; and Bay County's First Lady of the Year, by Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority.

In 1982 she received the local and state Cooper-Taylor Award from the Jaycees; and the Florida Distinguished Service Award in Law Enforcement, from the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Sgt. Winchester began her law enforcement career as a crime laboratory technician supervisor for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, then moved to Panama City to become a technical police instructor for the Law Enforcement Assistance Center in a 13-county area of the panhandle.

In 1976 she went to work for the Panama City Police Department, and served as a patrol officer, crime scene investigator, police instructor and crime prevention officer. She has been employed by the Bay County Sheriff's Department for three years.

Sgt. Winchester has been active in numerous civic organizations, and she was a co-founder of the Spouse Abuse Foundation, Inc., a six-county organization that provides emergency assistance to battered spouses and their children.

As Youth Chairman for the Bay County American Red Cross, she teaches cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid courses. She qualified as an instructor-trainer for the Alabama Regional Red



Sergeant Frankie Winchester (photo by Dennis Massey)

Cross Academy, and is the regional advisor for Red Cross safety services in Florida.

Sgt. Winchester's husband, Bill, is a detective in the Panama City Police Department. They have two children, Frankie Michelle, 14; and Danny, 15.

Coram Did it in 1983

PANAMA CITY — It's getting to be a habit in the Bay County Sheriff's Department — this business of receiving statewide awards.

Last year Capt. Joe Coram, head of the Department's SWAT Team, was honored as Florida's "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" in a resolution passed by the Florida Legislature.

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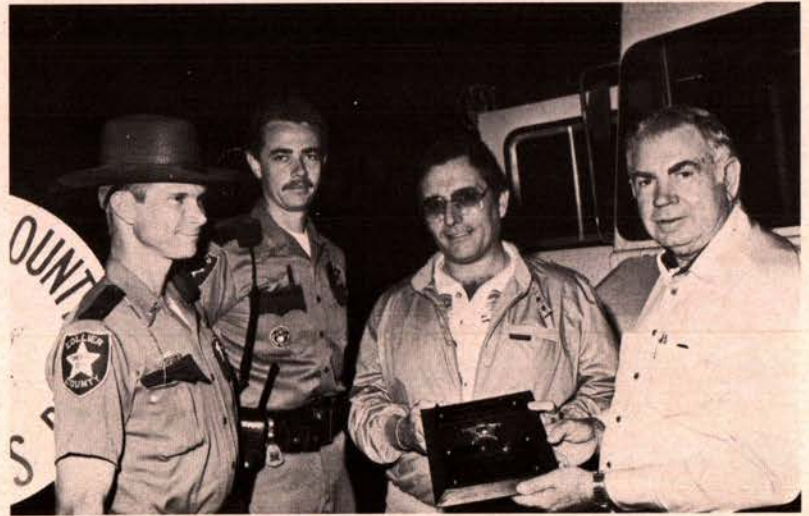
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Making Friends is the Name of the Game

And Deputy Sheriffs Have Been Scoring Points Ever Since 1958



Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers (right) presented an appreciation plaque to James Murphy, owner of Mighty Bluegrass Shows, after Murphy arranged for Junior Deputies to get free carnival rides at the Collier County Fair. Assisting in the presentation were Deputies Jeff Cox and Pat Mullen, who are actively involved in the Junior Deputy program. Mullen is the Junior Deputy League's Coordinator. (Photo by Fred Berk)

NAPLES — Building friendships between youngsters and law enforcement officers is the name of the game, and it began in 1958 when a Junior Deputy League was organized by the Collier County Sheriff's Department.

The original plan was simple but effective: Send a deputy sheriff into the schools to talk to boys and girls in the fourth and fifth grades about law enforcement in general, and the operation of the Collier County Sheriff's Department in particular.

At the end of the school year the deputies and youngsters would go out in the boondocks for an overnight camping trip.

It worked. Good lines of communication were established between the men of authority and impressionable youngsters — many of whom had feared or resented authority. A lot of undesirable attitudes were improved. Deputies became more tolerant of young folks, and the young folks began to realize that the men with badges were their friends.

In 1975 Sheriff Aubrey Rogers added a new dimension by bringing in civilians to share in the running of the League as officers and directors. Under this new set-up, the coordinator of the League activities, a full-time employee of the Sheriff's Department, was required to visit all of the elementary and church schools in the county to plan special classroom programs in cooperation with school officials.

These programs generally featured a guest speaker such as an FBI agent, a Florida Highway Patrol officer, a game warden, or a member of the Florida Marine Patrol. Sometimes an educational movie was shown. In every case, the focus was on law enforcement, and the underlying motive was to make friends.

Since 1958 over 22,000 Junior Deputies have participated in the League, and there are 2,500 enrolled at the present time. Each youngster has a badge, an identifi-

cation card, and a copy of the Junior Deputy pledge.

Overnight campouts supervised by deputy sheriffs are still a special feature of the program. The Naples YMCA property is used as a campsite, and the youngsters are treated to a cookout as well as a variety of recreational activities. Three or four schools are involved at a time, since it would be impractical for the deputies to properly supervise all 2,500 JDs at once.

Starting in 1978, a free outing at the Collier County Fair also became an annual feature of the program, and naturally the kids have responded with much enthusiasm. How could it be otherwise? A day at the fair means a day out of school, and free admission to the Fair's carnival rides.

The outing ends with a cookout provided by off-duty deputies laboring in a mobile kitchen. Dispensing 2,500 hot dogs, 2,500 bags of potato chips, and all the trimmings is no small task but, again, the name of the game is building friendships, and it works.

This day at the fair involves about 70 off-duty deputies, and an almost equal number of school bus drivers. It also involves an act of generosity on the part of the people who run Mighty Bluegrass Shows and provide the free carnival rides.

Considering all the manhours involved, financing the League could be a burden to taxpayers, but it definitely is not. The League is a non-profit corporation financed by benefit cookouts, and by gifts from individuals.

In a very real sense, this is no longer a program that belongs exclusively to the Sheriff's Department. It involves the school system and a lot of civic-minded individuals. In the final analysis it is a community project to upgrade the public image of law enforcement, and it is having its greatest impact where it counts the most — among youngsters who will be future leaders, and (hopefully) law-abiding citizens.



Sheriff Walter Heinrich reports another successful "sting" operation to the media. In the background are photos showing examples of stolen property recovered and criminals arrested.

Florida's "King of Sting" Is Still Doing His Thing

TAMPA — When the history of undercover fencing operations is written, the man most likely to be crowned "King of Sting" is Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich.

And why not? Who else can match the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department record of recovering over \$3 million in stolen property in three "sting" operations spread over a period of five years?

The latest "sting" had its genesis in 1982 when Heinrich formed a unit of specially trained detectives experienced in narcotics, property and anti-fencing investigations.

Adopting undercover disguises, these amateur-but-good actors went into business as Sosa Used Cars, chuckling all the while over the fact that Sosa was an acronym for Sheriff's Office Stings Again.

The word went out through the fencing fraternity that Sosa was in the business of buying stolen property, and customers soon came trooping in bearing the usual "quick sell" items.

With hidden cameras recording every transaction, the Sheriff's guys in disguise began buying burglars' loot. They bought television sets, tools, firearms, cameras, jewelry and electronic gadgets at a small percentage of actual value. They also purchased several large trucks stolen from the City of Tampa, and a number of stolen luxury automobiles.

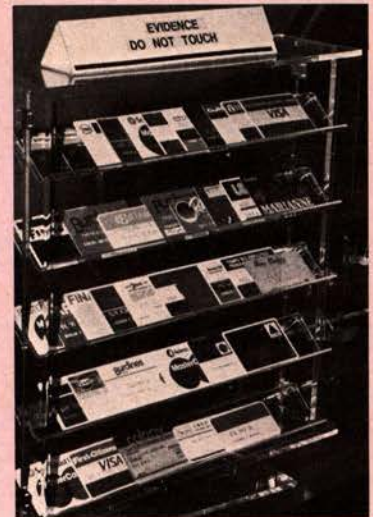
Business was booming. In just one year Sosa recovered stolen property valued at nearly \$500,000 and triggered criminal charges against 122 customers, some of them juveniles.

Financing this bonanza required an investment of only \$28,808 which came from a special Law Enforcement Trust Fund — a fund representing the proceeds from property that had been confiscated in drug cases. An analysis showed that the Sheriff's men spent only six cents for each dollar's worth of stolen property they recovered.

An analysis of the crooks who got stung was even more amazing.



Deputies and detectives received a final briefing before going out to arrest 122 thieves identified by the "sting."



Stolen credit cards on display.

- 25 were on probation from previous criminal offenses.
- 14 were awaiting trial or court disposition of criminal charges
- One group of two juveniles and two adults specialized in stealing outboard motors at night.
- Another close-knit group of eight persons specialized in motel room burglaries and credit card fraud. They had been living "high on the hog" and indulging in big spending sprees.
- a foursome was skilled in using a small blowtorch to break into unoccupied homes and loot them. One member of this group traveled by public bus, carrying his loot.
- Two bailbondsmen were suspected of bonding clients in exchange for stolen property such as video recorders, gold and diamonds.

Gulfstream I and Gulfstream II, two previously successful "sting" operations staged in 1979 and 1980 were federally funded. They resulted in recovery of stolen property valued at \$2.7 million, and led to the arrest of one hundred and sixty-four "red handed" thieves.

Sheriff Heinrich pointed out that "sting" operations of this type result in swift justice, because all of the stolen property transactions are recorded by means of the latest techniques in video-taping.

"This investigative approach also has a deterrent effect on burglars and people who deal in stolen property," he added, "because they now have to wonder if the person to whom they are selling property is an undercover officer."



Late model stolen vehicles recovered during the latest "sting."



Senior Citizens Do Good Work — Collect No Pay

JACKSONVILLE — When a New York-based research corporation picked the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department as one of the nation's eight best crime fighting agencies, and praised the department for doing its job more efficiently as well as more economically, Sheriff Dale Carson gave a big share of the credit to the hundreds of non-paid volunteers who assist his full-time staff of over 1,600 employees.

These volunteers include a Marine Posse, a Community Posse, a Mounted Police Unit, a Police Reserve, a Communications Watch, a Motorcycle Escort, and a Four-Wheel-Drive Posse — all in uniform.

Other citizens who are not in uniform devote their time and talents to crime analysis; a "Safe House Program" for the protection of children; a Victim Advocate Program, a Drug Abuse Speakers' Bureau, and a Police Athletic League.

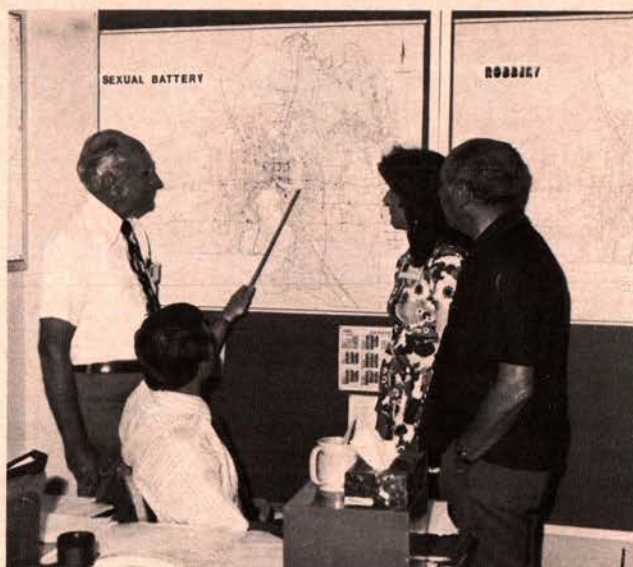
Singled out for special recognition by Carson were the senior citizen volunteers who have made his Crime Analysis Unit "a national model which demonstrates how the elderly can be used successfully to augment full-time paid employees.

"This unit analyzes major crimes and pinpoints areas where crimes are concentrated so we can put the department in a better position to deliver effective police services," Carson explained. "It involves handling a great volume of information such as arrest reports, offense reports and field investigation reports," he added, "and the process would be greatly hindered without the assistance provided by our volunteer retirees."

To further emphasize the importance of the services retirees provide, Sgt. Charley Hill, who is in charge of the Crime Analysis Unit, gave this example of a case that was solved in speedy fashion:

When a man armed with a machete began robbing convenience stores with brash regularity, the Crime Analysis Unit was able to put together a complete profile of the perpetrator, including the most likely time for the robberies, the type of target, the getaway method, etc.

Armed with this information, deputies were able



Crime Analyst T. J. Gerard (with pointer) discusses high crime areas with Volunteers Larry Clayton (left), Nancy Ziegler and Lee Weiner. In accompanying photo, the volunteers are shown compiling information from crime reports.



to stake out prospective targets and capture the culprit. The whole scenario covered less than two weeks.

Carson pointed out that the volunteer retirees are not paid any salary, but they do receive service awards, an identification card, a much coveted free parking spot, and a benefit he chooses to describe as "psychological income — a sense of worth, a feeling of continuity in their lives, and the satisfaction of contributing to their community.

"The number of U.S. citizens over 60 is steadily increasing," said Carson, "and with the advances in medicine and health care, the feasibility of using older volunteers becomes better and better.

"Older volunteers are reliable, competent, easy to train, and willing to work," he said. "The last time

we recruited for retired volunteers, there were 37 people applying for five positions in the Crime Analysis Unit.

"After the five were chosen, the others were given jobs within the department. One who went to the robbery office answers the phone, maintains a mug shot book, acts as a receptionist, and assists the full-time staff members in other ways. We have also placed volunteers in the Crime Lab, Photo Lab, Missing Persons Section, Hit and Run Section, Fugitive Section and elsewhere."

How are the non-paid volunteers accepted by the paid employees? Carson was asked.

"Police officers as a general rule are very clanish and are hesitant to place confidence in people other than their fellow police officers," he replied. "However, the senior volunteers have been readily accepted because of their maturity and willingness to do whatever is needed. There is no fear that they will take over deputies' jobs."

Carson said he has had no problems with volunteers revealing confidential information from the Sheriff's department, and there have been no incidents where liability problems have developed because of volunteers being injured or injuring someone else. "Volunteers are covered by workmen's compensation just like any other employee," he added.

"The time has passed," said Carson, "when police departments can go to the city council, manager, or mayor and say that crime is on the rise, and that if more money and men can be provided, crime will be fought more effectively."

"Law enforcement agencies are now being asked to do more with less manpower, and do the job better. In order to accomplish this task, law enforcement executives are being forced to rethink how they are going to use their limited resources with maximum efficiency. Using volunteer retirees is one answer to this dilemma."

Sheriff Scott Resigns To Take FDLE Position



MONTICELLO — Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Scott resigned April 15 to accept a position as Special Agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, (FDLE), and Governor Bob Graham has named former Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Ken Fortune as his successor.

Scott, who will be assigned to the Division of Local Law Enforcement Assistance at FDLE, announced that he was changing jobs to broaden his law enforcement experience and spend more time with his family.

A graduate of the National FBI Academy, Scott served seven years as a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper before he was appointed Sheriff of Jefferson County in 1971. He was subsequently elected to three four-year terms in 1972, 1976 and 1980.

During his career as Sheriff, he served as President and Vice President of the Florida Sheriffs Association. He was also a member of the Association's Board of Directors, and served as Chairman of the Board in 1983.

Scott's law enforcement career began when he was a military policeman in the U.S. Marine Corps. In addition to graduating from Military Police Training School and the Florida Highway Patrol Academy, he attended homicide investigation and criminal investigation schools.

Benefit Bass Tournament

KISSIMMEE — A statewide bass tournament will be held here May 26, with all registration fees donated to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund. It is open to the public.

The launching point for contestants will be South Port Park, on Lake Toho, and the contest will run from "safe light" to 3 p.m. Registration fees are \$25 per person or \$50 per boat.

Organized by Deputy Charles McKee and Detectives Bill Turner and Larry Davis from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, the tournament will be supervised by a professional director.

For details and entry forms, please call Wally Hough at Wally's Taxidermy Shop (813) 223-2740. Mailed applications must be received by May 23. Contestants can sign up at the boat ramp from 4 a.m. to "safe light" on the day of the contest.

Jail Seminar

ORLANDO — The First Annual Florida Jail Seminar will be held here June 6-8, 1984, with Lynn J. Lund, Inspector General from Utah, as the featured speaker. Workshops will be included on the program.

For details, contact Joyce Kuhrt, Program Coordinator, or Warden Chuck Brookfield, at the Orange County Sheriff's Department, P.O. Box 1440, Orlando, FL 32802. The telephone number is (305) 420-3018.

★ WE SALUTE! ★

Linda Shearer

MARATHON — Monroe County Deputy Sheriff Linda Shearer, 37, recently became the first female law enforcement officer in Florida to receive the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Award of Appreciation after she saved a youth from drowning.

When she discovered that the 17-year-old youth had blacked out and fallen from a boat dock into Florida Bay, she stripped off her gunbelt, jumped into the water, brought the victim to shore and resuscitated him.

Deputy Shearer and Sheriff's Department Cadet Patricia Dally, who was riding with her on patrol at the time, were both commended by Monroe County Sheriff William A. Freeman, Jr.

Capt. Rick Roth, commander of the Marathon substation, said Shearer's quick action and professional ability prevented a possible major tragedy.



Linda Shearer

Annie Welsh

SEBRING — Deputy Sheriff Annie Welsh, who advanced from midnight dispatcher to head of the Highlands County Sheriff's Department Records Division, recently received the annual "Female Officer of the

Year" award sponsored by Heacock Insurance Agency.

Capt. Mike Mercer said Welsh always does her job well, is devoted to her work, and makes sure that all deputies follow the correct procedures in filling out reports.

Robert Leonard

LIVE OAK — "If you gave me a wish to be anywhere in the world, and do anything, I would still want to be here in Suwannee County receiving this," said Suwannee County Sheriff Robert Leonard after the Chamber of Commerce named him "Citizen of the Year."

The Award was presented by Advent Christian Village President Pomeroy Carter. "If it wasn't for this man," said Carter, "Suwannee County would be in a very serious situation right now."

Paul Goldenberg

FORT LAUDERDALE — Working undercover, Detective Paul Goldenberg made contacts with stolen property and narcotics dealers, then was able to purchase 100 stolen furs worth \$250,000. It was risky business,



PANAMA CITY — Bay County Sheriff LaVelle Pitts (center) was out of town attending a Secret Service training school when the Panama City Jaycees named him as the recipient of their annual "Good Government Award." When he returned, Panama City Jaycee President David Allen (left) and Florida Jaycee Vice President Neil Richardson delivered the award plaque and congratulated him. Bay County Deputy Sheriff Greg Peel was also honored with the Jaycees' Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer Award for rescuing a drowning man.



TITUSVILLE — Brevard County Sheriff Claude W. (Jake) Miller (right) congratulates four of his men who received awards for their professional manner, conscientiousness and devotion to duty. Deputies Gary Young, Grady Rios and Mike Lewis (from left) received Medal of Valor Awards for their handling of life threatening situations. Sgt. Joseph Valerio received a Medal of Merit for his outstanding performance as Supervisor of the Food Services Unit in the county jail. A fourth Medal of Valor recipient, Deputy Sam Brewer, was not available when this photo was taken.

but it enabled him to solve the armed robbery of a Hollywood furrier.

Aside from this case, he was credited with solving 75 burglaries in Broward County and 15 in Dade County. He also arrested an armed robbery suspect, and developed two rape cases involving juveniles.

Does anyone wonder why he was named "Deputy of the Year" in the Broward County Sheriff's Department?

Bud Damron

OCALA — When Bud Damron was selected "Employee of the Year" by Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland, he was praised for the outstanding job he had done as head of the Sheriff's Department garage and vehicle program.

"He has saved the Department literally hundreds of thousands of dollars," said Moreland, "and most of the projects undertaken to accomplish these savings were on his own initiative."

Luke Stallworth

SANFORD — Capt. Luke Stallworth, who heads support services at the Seminole County Sheriff's Department, recently added a new dimension to his law enforcement pedigree when he was graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Stallworth has a master's degree in criminal justice from Rollins College. He has been with the Seminole County Sheriff's Department almost 12 years.

Duke Mangold

ORLANDO — After he broke into a burning house and rescued a 61-year-old woman, Cpl. Duke Mangold became the first recipient of the Salute to Heroes Award presented by the Royal Plaza Hotel.

Mangold, who is an 11-year veteran with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, also received the Neidig Award from the Orange County Commission. This \$100 award was named for former Orange County Commis-

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OCALA — Chosen "Employee of the Month" in the Marion County Sheriff's Department, Corrections Officer Chip Wildy (left) was praised by Sheriff Don Moreland for his "dedicated efforts on behalf of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and other departmental functions."



FORT MYERS — Lee County Deputy Sheriff Joseph Caiazza (left) received the Law and Order Officer of the Year Award from American Legion Post #38 in recognition of the heroism he displayed when he was assisting a fatally wounded comrade during a shootout. The presentation was made by Post Commander Paul Gundrick.



CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Dewing (third from left) was presented with a plaque and a medal when the Clearwater Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, chose him as its Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Participating in the presentation were (from left) Winthrop A. Young, Second Vice President; Mrs. Dewing; Lt. Col. Norman Stowell, President of the SAR, Clearwater Chapter; and Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman.



PUNTA GORDA — After Charlotte County Deputy Sheriff Curtis M. Moore was killed in the line of duty, the Fort Myers News Press honored his memory with a Public Service Award which was presented to his widow by Ron Thornburg, Executive Editor of the News-Press. Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp (left) participated in the presentation.

WE SALUTE continued...

sioner Bert Neidig, who, when he was hospitalized with a serious illness, placed his salary in a fund to reward heroic deeds.

Gilbert Randall

ARCADIA — How's this for getting off to a fast start in a law enforcement career?

Gilbert "Gibby" Randall was graduated from high school in 1983. Since then he has become certified as a correctional officer and a patrol deputy.

While attending police standards courses at South Florida Junior College, he also became the first student to take top honors in the classroom as well as on the pistol range. His academic average was 98.6 and his pistol range score was 296 out of a possible 300.

John Daly Connie Beatty

NAPLES — When a frantic mother rushed into the East Naples headquarters of the Collier County Sheriff's Department to report that her infant was hav-

ing convulsions and had stopped breathing, she got a quick response from Communications Deputy John Daly and Corrections Officer Connie Beatty.

They revived the child before paramedics and an ambulance arrived. Daly is a licensed emergency medical technician.

Robert "Steve" Willis

PALATKA — "This is an exceptionally bright young man who, because of his aggressiveness, ability and willingness to work long hours... has been a valuable asset to the department's marijuana eradication endeavor," Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer told American Legion Post 326 when he nominated Deputy Sheriff Robert "Steve" Willis for an award.

The Legion Post responded by giving Willis one of its "Lawman of the Year" awards.

John G. Brady

CLEARWATER — Undercover Detective John G. Brady is the second officer in the United

States to win the National Sheriffs Association's Medal of Valor. And, in case anyone wants to be number three, here's how Brady qualified:

While on undercover duty for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, Brady was in an office with two suspected drug dealers. A cocaine buy had just been completed. One of the suspects saw backup officers approaching and armed himself with a .357 Magnum revolver.

The armed man yelled a warning to a third suspect hiding in an office bathroom, then aimed the gun at the office door where backup officers were about to enter.

Brady jumped the armed man to prevent him from shooting the officers. They struggled, the suspect was fatally wounded, and Brady got possession of the gun.

Brady then warned the second suspect not to move and froze the third man in the bathroom by firing a shot through the door. After that the suspects surrendered to the backup officers without further incident.

In addition to the national award, Brady also received a Combat Cross Award, the highest decoration in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.

Mike Joyner Alton Ranew

MONTICELLO — Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff Mike Joyner and Wildlife Officer Alton Ranew have received warm and generous praise for carrying out a bitter cold and highly dangerous assignment with courage and fortitude.

During the night of December 29, when the temperature dropped to 20 degrees and the wind chill factor was said to be zero, the officers went in search of a man and woman who were lost in the St. Marks River Swamp.

Wading through water and tangled vegetation, and over



FORT MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka (center) presented Distinguished Service Awards to Solomon Curry (left) and Sonny Norris after they assisted officers in pursuing an armed robbery suspect. The suspect was arrested without delay.

fallen logs, they finally located the couple, who by this time were in the early stages of hypothermia. The man's legs would not support him, so Joyner carried him back through the dark, frigid obstacle course.

When all four persons reached safety, ice had formed on their clothing and the rescued couple required hospitalization.

"That was no small test of endurance even for sturdy men like Ranew and Joyner," commented the *Monticello News*. "Critics might say this is the kind of work law enforcement people are paid to do, and that would be true. However, just because it's something they do in the line of duty in no way detracts from the bravery and determination of Ranew and Joyner."

Aubrey Rogers

NAPLES — Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers was praised for his outstanding cooperation with state and federal law enforcement officers when Voiture 795 of the 40 & 8 selected him for its annual "Law Officer of the Year" award.



Hanstein



Woodward



Robert and Plevell

INVERNESS — In a recent awards ceremony, Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean presented a Wound Medal to Deputy George Hanstein; and Exceptional Service Awards to Deputy Jack Robert (left), Investigator John Plevell and Sgt. Oren Woodward. He also congratulated five of his employees who had completed courses offered by the Southern Police Institute, a division of the University of Louisville. They are (from left) Capt. Jimmy Hill, Lt. Terry LaCasse, Lt. Tommy Merritt, Sgt. Joe Peak, and Investigator George Simpson.

Southern Police
Institute Attendees



Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund



Honor Roll

On these pages the Florida Sheriffs Association gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and its child care institutions: The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa, Youth Ranch and Youth Camp. Those listed as "Builders" have given gifts totaling \$100 or more.

Those listed as "Lifetime Honorary Members" of the Florida Sheriffs Association have given \$1,000 or more. Builders receive certificates suitable for framing. Each honorary lifetime member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*.

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TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Troy Fain.

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Brower

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Louie T. Mims (right) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to S.H. Brower, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hicks.



Hicks



OCALA — Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Don Sprankle.



CROSS CITY — Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Jerry A. Prater.



Martarella



Kahn

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff George Brescher (left), assisted by Patricia J. Jackson, Youth Fund Vice President for Planned Giving (right), presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martarella; and also to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kahn, who were accompanied by their daughter, Marilou. Mrs. Martarella makes bookmarks and sells them to raise funds for the Youth Fund. The Kahns put up an elaborate Christmas display and gave visitors an opportunity to donate to the Youth Fund.



WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille (left), assisted by Patricia J. Jackson, Youth Fund Vice President for Planned Giving, presents to Ralph Trader a Lifetime Honorary Membership which was issued in memory of Mr. Trader's wife.



Cass

SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to VFW Post 4300, represented by Louis R. Cass; and a Builder Certificate to Guy A. Adams.



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CLEARWATER — After the Sea Gulls Club held its annual fund raising party for the Girls Villa, the proceeds were presented to former Girls Villa Resident Director Lloyd Godwin by Mrs. Phyllis Vanderbur (left), President of the Sea Gulls, and Mrs. Helen Hale, Past President. Also present to accept the gift were (from left) Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman, Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Vice President Joe Spenard, and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Resident Director Mac Stones.



OKEECHOBEE — O.L. Raulerson (left), Okeechobee County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy, presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hebel, and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Morgan (right).



Swenson

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to the Largo Elks Club, #2159, represented by Exalted Ruler John Swenson; to Robert E. Shoaf, a volunteer who devoted many hours to fund raising for the Youth Fund; and to Dr. Clyde Wilson, who accepted the membership for himself and his wife.



Shoaf



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STARKE — Bradford County Sheriff Dolph Reddish (center) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Finucan. Mrs. Finucan (Marian) was formerly the bookkeeper at the Sheriff's Department, and is now retired.



Pergola

NAPLES — Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers (right) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. James Pergola, Mr. and Mrs. V. Downing Edwards, and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gift.



Edwards



Gift



LAWTEY — In a unique ceremony, Bradford County Sheriff Dolph Reddish (fourth from left) presented a Builder Certificate to a group of Lawtey Correctional Institution inmates who gave a substantial cash gift to the Youth Fund. Larry Collier, President of Lawtey Unlimited, accepted the certificate from Sheriff Reddish. The others are (from left) Joe Riboudo, Raymond Grantham, Gilbert Buitron, James Gipson, Marvin Williams, Charles Cox, Donald Greene, Earl Morrell, William Burnaman and Jimmy Hampton.

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Beard

TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr., (right) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Laurie A. Beard; and to Stanley G. Tyre.



Tyre



CLEARWATER — The organization that originated the Girls Villa before the project was adopted by the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1970 is still making substantial cash gifts. Mrs. Vi James, President of the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce, is shown presenting a check to Lloyd Godwin (right), former Resident Director of the Villa, and Bill Biebuyck, the present Resident Director.



FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (right) accepts the proceeds from the Ken Perona Oldsmobile Golf Tournament, which is held annually at the Indian Hills Country Club for the benefit of the Youth Fund. Tom Perona presented the tournament check, which was given in memory of his grandfather, Thomas A. Perona.

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TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuehn, and also to the Gorman Company of Tampa, represented by Ed McFarland.

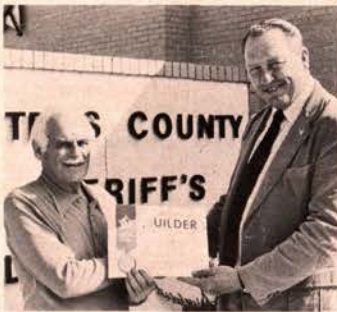


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INVERNESS — Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Michael Abremski; and Builder Certificates to Sigurd Thomsen, Leon Rabinowitz, Stanley Ralph, and Mr. and Mrs. George Schatzle.



Rabinowitz



Thomsen



Ralph

Rural Outlaws Please Take Note

TAVARES — To back up his tough stand against rural and agricultural crime, Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr., has acquired a fleet of 33 Dodge Ram vehicles with four-wheel drive, and economical four-speed standard transmissions. Deputies assigned to rural areas, and particularly those on Ranch and Grove Patrol, are driving the all-terrain units.



To help the Lad we did aspire; Now He's a man we can admire

Twenty-five years ago Charles "Chuck" Simmons was a juvenile delinquent living at the Florida School for Boys (FSB) — a place where youthful criminal careers were sometimes launched in spite of the best efforts of a dedicated staff.

Chuck's future did not look promising, but John B. Meyer, the Academic Director at FSB, saw a latent potential in this good-looking, intelligent youngster, and he recommended him to the Florida Sheriffs Association.

At that time the Association was granting all-expense college scholarships to outstanding youths from FSB as part of its anti-delinquency program, and Chuck was one of the first candidates.

The Association gave him a scholarship in 1959, and he was released from FSB so that he could attend Chipola Junior College, which was just across town on the north side of Marianna.

John B. Meyer agreed to monitor Chuck's progress and serve as a part-time "big brother." Chuck also received encouragement from the late Jack Madigan, who was the Sheriffs Association's attorney, and Carl Stauffer, who was the Association's paid executive. Later on, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver also joined the impromptu cheering section.

This was a crucial turning point for Chuck and, considering the giant step he had taken from the tightly controlled environment of a "reformatory" to the freedom of a college campus, he met the challenge in a commendable manner.

He managed to get passing grades. His behavior was good. He didn't quite muster the self-discipline necessary to complete his college education. And so, he dropped out of the scholarship program at the end of two years.

Association officials were not disappointed. They felt they had helped to point Chuck in the right direction, and they saw evidence of this. During the 60s Chuck demonstrated his ability to be a responsible, law-abiding, self-supporting citizen.

Years passed and the Association eventually lost touch with Chuck, but this did not cause any great concern because he appeared to be doing OK on his own. The Chuck Simmons Story seemed to be a closed book until just recently when the Association received a letter from Chuck bearing a Montgomery, Alabama, postmark.

Chuck wanted to express his sincere appreciation to



A recent photo of Charles Simmons, with his wife, Linda Diane, and son, Andrew Meyer (Drew) Simmons.

the Sheriffs Association, and to the many members who had assisted him from 1959 to 1961. He also inserted a "special note of thanks" to Meyer, Madigan, Stauffer and Weaver, saying that they had helped him to become a successful and productive citizen.

Looking back to the 50s, Chuck recalled that he had been a "recidivating, adjudicated, delinquent with plenty of hope, but with little prospect or opportunity to leave the criminal path."

He admitted he had not been immediately successful under the Association's scholarship program, "but," he added, "I have since altered my track record."

He was putting it modestly.

Reading on, we discovered that he was an honorably discharged Vietnam Veteran with a Bronze Star and several lesser medals and awards; that he had obtained a bachelor's degree in Sociology, and a master's degree in Criminal Justice; that he had been with the Alabama Department of Corrections for eight years, working his way up to Director of the Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit; and that he was married and the father of a five-year-old son.

"Now that 1984 and middle age are upon me," Chuck continued, "I am able to look back through the years and appreciate the many influences that have helped me. I am aware that far too often the successful results of your efforts seldom return to give thanks.

"Therefore, it is my request that, through the STAR, my heartfelt thankfulness be conveyed to all the many members of the Association, and in particular to Mr. Stauffer, Mr. Madigan, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Meyer."

So much for the latest chapter of the Chuck Simmons Story. We anticipate bigger and better ones to come.

Burglars better beware of "Bear"



"Bear" with his partner, Deputy Sheriff Ken Ault.

STUART — Although Sheriff Jim Holt's four-dog canine squad has only been in action for nine months, its exploits are well worth barking about.

Recently, when the dogs were involved in a night training session, a burglary was discovered in progress, and all four teams hit the crime scene while the trail of the burglars was still "hot."

"Bear," whose partner is Deputy Sheriff Ken Ault, found the scent first and took off along a chain link fence. After he had traveled about a half mile, Ault turned him loose and he caught one burglar by biting him and knocking him to the ground.

As soon as this man was handcuffed, "Bear" and Ault took off again, and, after traveling about a quarter mile, Bear found a second burglar hiding in some heavy undergrowth.

This burglar fought the dog, but Bear knocked him down and kept him from running away.

It was a good night's work. Bear and his partner had taken a big bite out of the burglary business and had helped to start an investigation that solved at least 13 burglaries. They could also share credit for the recovery of many stolen items.

Frisking of the captured burglars revealed that Bear had left his teeth marks in a couple of pros. They had small voice-activated walkie talkies on their belts so they could communicate while at work. They also wore gloves, and had jackets of several colors in their getaway truck.

For some reason that was not immediately apparent, they had skyrockets taped to their ankles, and M-80 firecrackers in their pockets. It seemed as though they were all dressed up for a big blowout, and ended up with nothing to celebrate.