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Court action filed by 55 Florida Sheriffs seeks to close prison system's "revolving door"

In early 1987, Florida's politicians began experimenting with a drug called early release. At first, it took a little bit to get high. Then the dosage had to be increased to produce the same effect. Now, more than two years after that first experiment, they're hooked and in danger of an overdose. On the other hand, if they stopped taking the drug tomorrow the system could die from shock withdrawal.

Orlando Sentinel (August 15, 1989)

by Mark Herron, Esquire

Recently 55 Florida Sheriffs filed suit against the Secretary of the Department of Corrections (DOC) challenging the constitutionality of gain-time and provisional release credits. In taking this action the Sheriffs are seeking to reestablish a meaningful punishment component in our state's criminal justice system. By challenging the mechanisms permitting the early release of prisoners, it is hoped that the Legislature will reorder its priorities and commit the resources needed to insure that persons sentenced to prison will stay in prison.

At the present time the state prison system is more like a revolving door than a prison. In a recent ABC 20/20 segment, Attorney General Butterworth described the system as "legalized escape". What he meant is that by the time many prisoners get to the system's front door — after applying gain time, provisional release credits and credits for time served in county jail — their sentences have been reduced to a small fraction of the original time. In some cases, by the time the prisoner gets to the state prison, the sentence has been served and the criminal must be released!

The mechanisms permitting early release are gain-time and provisional release credits. Florida Statutes authorize the DOC to grant deductions from senten-

ces lawfully imposed in the form of "basic gain-time" at a rate of 10 days for each month of sentence imposed by the court; or in the form of "incentive gain-time" at a rate of 20 days for each month of sentence imposed by the court. The Secretary of the DOC is also authorized to "grant provisional release credits" to prisoners earning incentive gain-time (with certain exceptions) in increments not to exceed 60 days. The DOC currently awards provisional release credits in 30-day increments.

In October 1989, 90 days of provisional release credits were awarded to eligible prisoners. Thus, an eligible prisoner received 120 additional days off his sentence just for serving his 31 days in that month. This procedure is repeated month after month. When released, these criminals return to our communities and neighborhoods without supervision as they are considered to have completed their sentences.

The number one concern of citizens in this state is the explosion of crime and the apparent inability of government to deal with it. The sheer numbers of persons charged, convicted and sentenced for serious crime in this state are staggering. The state prison system has been overwhelmed by the volume of the persons committed to it. As a result, the revolving prison door spins faster and faster and prisoners serve less and less of their sentences.

Consider the following: Today, the state prison system consists of approximately 40,000 beds. These beds are full. In other words, consistent with the consent agreement reached with the Federal Court in the *Costello* case and the statutory law, all bed space that can be utilized is being used. During the fiscal year 1989-1990, some 50,000 prisoners will be committed to the state prison system. These are individuals convicted of felonies. Many are repeat offenders or individuals who have failed probation or community control.

Fifty thousand admissions per year translates roughly into 1,000 admissions per week. Because all the beds are full, approximately 1,000 inmates per

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week must be released from the state prison system to make room for the new prisoners. The mechanisms permitting release are gain-time and provisional release credits. Failing to release the weekly quota of inmates would violate the Federal Court consent agreement.

As of July 1989, inmates were serving an average of approximately 32.8% of their sentences. For example, if the judge imposed six years, the prisoner would be released in about two years. Unfortunately, the 32.8% figure takes into consideration all prisoners sentenced including those serving mandatory sentences. If those sentences are factored out, the average time served is closer to 20%. Using the 20% figure a six-year sentence translates into a little more than 14½ months.

Early release is not an isolated occurrence. *The Orlando Sentinel* published a comprehensive analysis of early release. Through December over 90,000 prisoners had been released early through the application of gain-time and provisional release credits since early 1987. In a five county area, the *Sentinel* reported that 31% of those released early had been arrested again for committing crimes during the time they should have been in prison.

The consequences of early release impact every citizen in this state. A recent case from Tallahassee illustrates that the current system is failing to ensure public safety: Issac Fields stole a check from Jane Dougherty. He subsequently forged Mrs. Dougherty's signature and cashed it for \$350. He was arrested, charged with grand theft, uttering and forgery. He pled guilty to these charges and was sentenced to 3 years in the state prison system in October, 1987. At the same time he was sentenced for these crimes, he was also sentenced for burglary, forgery and uttering with respect to a separate stolen forged check. The sentence in that case was 3 years, to run concurrently with the first sentence.

With application of credit for time served, gain-time and provisional release credits, Issac Fields was released from prison after serving 6 months. It was at this point that every victim's nightmare came true. Two weeks after being released, he returned to Tallahassee and murdered Jane Dougherty. But for the revolving door prison system he would have still been in prison and Jane Dougherty would still be alive today.

It has been suggested that the actions of the Sheriffs in challenging gain-time and provisional release are ill-timed and ill-advised. It has been suggested that the state cannot build itself out of the prison crisis. It has been suggested that because of the Sheriffs' actions, the counties will be forced to pick-up the costs for housing state prisoners.

In response to these "suggestions", the following should be considered: One of the fundamental reasons for government is to ensure public safety. To throw our hands up would mean surrender of our lives, liberty

and property to criminals. The state must commit the resources to build itself out of this prison crisis.

The costs of not building prisons is even higher. Data from the United States Department of Justice suggests that it is more cost effective for society to imprison a criminal than to permit that criminal to remain free and continue his criminal activities. This study found that inmates averaged between 187 and 287 crimes per year exclusive of drug deals. While the societal costs of crime are difficult to quantify, the study assigned a cost of \$2,300 per crime, yielding an annual cost of \$430,000 per year per criminal. Even if the per crime cost is lower, it is obvious that there is a substantial cost to the citizens of Florida for releasing prisoners early.

Counties are already paying the price. They are paying the price with increased crime. They are paying the price for additional deputies and larger jails. They are paying the price in terms of the crimes committed by those released early from prison, who are arrested, tried, convicted, and sent to the state prison system to be processed and released again by gain-time and provisional release credits. State officials who say the state cannot build itself out of the current prison crisis are the same officials who sue the counties and require the counties to do exactly what they claim the state cannot do.

Florida's Sheriffs appreciate the efforts of Governor Martinez and the Legislature to "play catch-up" in recent years with respect to the construction of new prison beds. In Fiscal Year 1989-1990, the state appropriated \$116 million for the construction of new prison beds. Total corrections spending in FY 1989-1990 is approximately 4% of the state's budget. This figure has been near 3% for the past several years.

In contrast, the counties average spending more than 20% of their ad valorem tax revenues on corrections. Many counties spend far in excess of that: Levy County (82%), Marion County (50%), Orange County (35%), and Volusia County (33%). In addition, many counties have approved local option sales taxes to supplement corrections spending.

Instead of adequately funding the corrections needs of our state, the state started taking doses of provisional release credits to comply with the overcrowding mandates of the *Costello* case. Over time, the state has needed more and more of the "drug" just to stay even. It's time to say NO!

The state must withdraw from this "drug" called gain-time. Fifty-five of Florida's Sheriffs have taken the unprecedented action of challenging gain-time and provisional release credits in order to shut off the supply of this dangerous drug.

Mark Herron is a partner in the Moffitt, Hart and Herron law firm and is representing the 55 Sheriffs in their suit.

Tom Brown is a good crime scene sleuth;

but he'll get better with new Luma-Lite

BARTOW — Sgt. Tom Brown is a scavenger of sorts. His job with the Polk County Sheriff's Office is to scrounge around crime scenes in search of elusive scraps of evidence — telltale fibers from clothing, strands of hair, suspicious stains and stuff like that.

After 15 years of law enforcement experience under five Sheriffs, he knows what to look for and where to look. He's good, but he's going to get better now that the Sheriff's Office has acquired a new crime fighting weapon called a Luma-Lite.

Purchased with \$21,000 confiscated in a successful drug bust, the Luma-Lite generates a high-intensity, laser-like beam of light that reveals crime scene clues not readily visible to the naked eye. Aided by fluorescent powders and dyes, it intensifies tiny fibers, minute stains from body fluids and faint fingerprints that might otherwise be overlooked.

In a demonstration for news reporters, Brown used the Luma-Lite and fluorescent powders to turn once invisible fingerprints on vinyl samples, tape and a handgun to a glowing red shade.

"A lot of times we will get partial fingerprints," he explained, "but by using the Luma-Lite we can bring out more detail so we can photograph them."

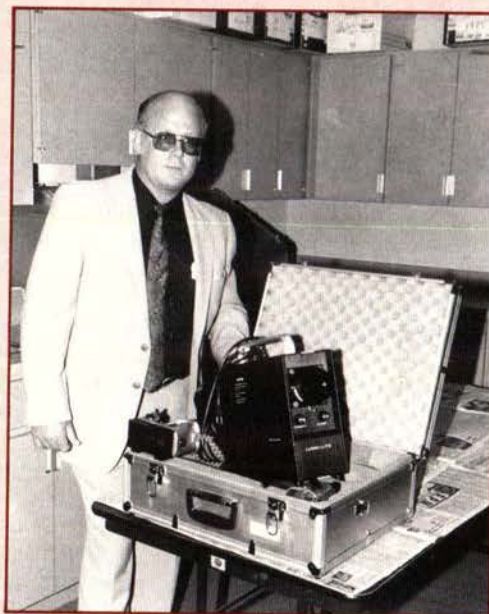
The portable machine's high-intensity light beam can detect body fluids such as blood, urine, sweat and semen. It can be used to reveal forgeries on paper by showing where something was "whited out," Brown said. It also spots traced signatures by showing the intensity and angle of the ink.

The Luma-Lite beam is so powerful that investigators using it at close range are required to use special goggles to avoid eye damage. The machine weighs only 16 pounds, which makes it more portable than laser equipment used for the same purposes, according to Brown. He said it is also much less expensive than laser equipment, and in some cases it is superior in performance.

Brown said he considered lasers before recommending Luma-Lite, and the cheapest one he found



COVER PHOTO: Sgt. Tom Brown demonstrates how the Luma-Lite brings out fingerprint details on a revolver held as evidence.



The complete Luma-Lite package includes carrying case, goggles, camera with special lens, replacement bulbs, powders and chemicals for only \$21,000.

was around \$30,000. The Luma-Lite without attachments had a price tag of only \$10,000. Adding a camera with a special lens, replacement bulbs, powders, chemicals and dye boosted the total to \$21,000. Best of all, it was paid for with confiscated drug bust funds — an involuntary gift from the lawbreaking fraternity.

Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr., shares Brown's enthusiasm for Luma-Lite. "This has completely changed the way we do business," he told a news reporter. "It's probably as big a change as when police radios showed up in patrol vehicles."

According to the manufacturer, Luma-Lite is a "technological breakthrough in source light energy for law enforcement applications without the inherent high initial and maintenance costs of a laser. The units are also user serviceable."

Marion County Sheriff's Office is sixth in Florida to be granted accreditation

Florida continues to lead the nation in law enforcement accreditation, with six Sheriff's Offices fully accredited and ten in the process of becoming accredited.

No other state comes close. In the rest of the nation only 11 Sheriff's Offices are accredited, and 32 are in the process.

Marion County Sheriff's Office (Ocala) became number six in the accreditation parade during 1989 after spending three years revising policies and procedures to meet standards set by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

In the spring of 1989 a team of law enforcement professionals made an on-site assessment and announced that all 909 CALEA standards had been met. On April 2, 1989, the Commission met in Hartford, Connecticut, and granted accreditation to Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland and his staff.

"This process," said Moreland, "is the most effective means ever developed to insure delivery of quality, professional, effective law enforcement to the citizens of this country."

Florida Sheriff's Offices accredited prior to Marion County are Hillsborough, Broward, Monroe, Palm Beach and Pinellas.

Those currently in the self-assessment phase of preparation for accreditation are Charlotte, Collier, Escambia, Hernando, Indian River, Jacksonville (Duval County), Lee, Manatee, St. Johns and Volusia. Four others have applied and are expected to begin self-assessment in the near future.

Law enforcement agencies apply to CALEA for accreditation and spend several years in self-assessment in order to comply with CALEA standards. Then they have to pass an exacting on-site assessment to verify that they measure up to more than 900 criteria.

The on-site assessment is conducted by a team of three to five law enforcement professionals and lasts three to five days. The team welcomes community comments as well as reviews agency documents, tours facilities, observes activities and interviews personnel.

The final review which determines whether to grant or defer accreditation is conducted by the Commission, a 21-member group of law enforcement executives and leaders from the public and private sector.



Sheriff Don Moreland (right) and Capt. Martin Stephens with the accreditation certificate issued to the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Capt. Stephens is the Accreditation Manager for the Sheriff's Office, and played a major role in the accreditation process.

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Accreditation is for five years and requires annual reports from accredited agencies to document continued compliance with the standards.

CALEA is a private, non-profit entity formed in 1979 through the combined efforts of the National Sheriffs Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the Police Executive Research Forum.

There are presently 784 U.S. and Canadian law enforcement agencies in various stages of the accreditation process.

Sheriff Heinrich receives national award

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich has received the "Pro Patria" award from the U.S. Department of Defense for his outstanding support of employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserve forces.

The award was presented at the Orlando Naval Training Center by the Florida Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. One Pro Patria (Latin, meaning "for the country") is awarded annually in each state. The award signifies exceptionally meritorious service to employer support of the Guard and Reserve.

Heinrich was chosen the top award winner out of 275 nominations received from Guardsmen and Reservists from throughout the state.

Deputy Walter A. Pask, a Major in the Florida Guard's 53rd Infantry Brigade, Tampa, nominated Heinrich for the award.

Major Daron D. Diecidue of the sheriff's department accepted the award on the behalf of Sheriff Heinrich.



Major Daron D. Diecidue from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (center), accompanied by Deputy Walter A. Pask (right), accepted the "Pro Patria" Award for Sheriff Heinrich from representatives of the Florida Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). They are (from left) Chairman Bill Sutton; Col. Ronald O. Harrison from Tampa's 53rd Infantry Brigade; and National ESGR Executive Director Andrew Lawrence. Deputy Pask, a National Guardsman, nominated Sheriff Heinrich for the award.

Two former Sheriffs died in October

The thinning ranks of law enforcement's old timers got thinner in October with the deaths of two former Florida Sheriffs.

James Wilmarth "Sue" Pridgeon, 80, former Sheriff of Lafayette County, died on October 22. Lehman Shelby "Sam" Campbell, 82, former Sheriff of Walton County, died on October 6.

Former Sheriff Pridgeon was elected in 1947, 1948, 1952, and 1956, and ended his tenure in 1960. Prior to being elected Sheriff he served on the City Council of Mayo, the county seat of Lafayette County, and as a game warden with the State Conservation Department.

Former Sheriff Campbell was appointed in 1970, elected in 1972 and ended his tenure in 1976. He was the first Republican to hold the office of Sheriff in Walton County since the reconstruction era that followed the Civil War.

Prior to being elected Sheriff, Campbell served two terms in the Florida House of Representatives, from 1964 to 1968.

Quinn McMillian, the present Walton County Sheriff served as a deputy under Campbell. "I worked with him in 1974," said McMillian, "and he stood for law and order. He was a good Sheriff and a good man."

Walton County Republican Chairperson Joyce Szilvasy was quoted as saying that the Republicans in the county will miss his sound advice, sense of humor and dedication to conservative ideals.

J. W. "Sue" Pridgeon



L. S. "Sam" Campbell



Dixie is not just an ordinary dog

ST. AUGUSTINE — According to St. John's County Sheriff Neil J. Perry, it is quite unique to have a bloodhound certified by the American Kennel Club (AKC), and that makes Dixie, his faithful tracking dog, somewhat of a canine celebrity.

Recently, Bill Cooper, who is an AKC tracking judge, put Dixie through a rigorous tracking test to determine if she could follow a 30-minute to one-hour old trail and she came through with flying colors.

This performance will not only give Dixie extra prestige, but will also enhance her standing in court. Cooper told Perry that AKC certified dogs have a far better record in court with fewer challenges.

"In addition," said Perry, "dogs with this certification allow for fairly concrete probable cause arrests."



Dixie with (from left) Bill Cooper, Sheriff Neil J. Perry and her handler, Deputy John Rash, Sr.



Honored for 30 years of loyal support

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff Dalton Bray (left) presents a Distinguished Service Award to James Moyer to honor him for 30 years of loyal support as an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



Gift will support Sheriff's war on drugs

PALATKA — Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas accepts a gift of \$2,500 from Mrs. Velma Burkhart to be used for the purchase of a drug dog trained to sniff out illegal drugs. Mrs. Burkhart, who lives in the Welaka area, gave the gift in memory of her husband and on behalf of the Bass Capital Post 10177 Ladies Auxiliary.



Good news for Sheriff's reserve deputies

PUNTA GORDA — The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office recently received a cash grant of \$1,750 from IBM to purchase bulletproof vests for the volunteers in the Reserve Unit. Sheriff Richard H. Worch, Jr. (third from left) is shown accepting the gift from IBM Field Manager Larry Brundage. Also participating in the acceptance are Reserve Deputy Louis Gilletti, Jr. (left), and Col. Matt Fineman, Reserves Unit Commander. Gilletti, an IBM employee, requested the grant from an IBM program that funds community projects.



Big tournament check spells s-u-c-c-e-s-s

ORLANDO — After Grand Cypress Golf Course hosted a golf tournament for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher (left), assisted by Capt. Ricky Ricks (right) presented a check for \$14,000 to Youth Ranches Vice President Terry Knox (second from left) and members of the Youth Ranches Board of Associates. The board members are (from left) Jane Wilson, Gail Marcotte (treasurer) and Larry Lovuola (chairman).



Sheriff accepts drug bust revenue

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent Rick Look (left) delivers \$3,280 to Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum representing the Sheriff's share of contraband seized in a joint undercover drug operation. The cash, some cocaine and some marijuana were hidden in a fire-proof safe weighted down with about 100 pounds of pennies.



Help for Sheriff's anti-drugs campaign

Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum (left) presents an appreciation award to Dennis L. Murphy, President of New Port Lincoln Mercury (New Port Richey), for a generous contribution which was used to purchase 10,000 litter bags advertising a "say no to drugs" campaign. The bags are being distributed at crime prevention meetings and Junior Deputy luncheons.

Progress prevails in Pasco

DADE CITY — To the editor's mail box in recent months have come numerous news items giving evidence of progressive and unique activities involving the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. The photos on these pages provide some examples and offer a message that progress prevails.



Growing pot is unprofitable in Pasco

Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum and ten deputies assigned to his Marijuana Eradication Program (MEP) were singled out by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for conducting the most effective program of its kind in the state. FDLE officials were also quoted as saying that this was the only Sheriff's Office in Florida with a permanent, ongoing marijuana eradication program. Gillum is pictured (second from right) with four of his MEP deputies and a batch of confiscated marijuana. The deputies are (from left) Detectives Brian Gardner, Steve Madden and Don Deso; and Sgt. Lewis Lord.

Shutting down theater was profitable

Attorney General Bob Butterworth (left) presents a check for \$7,000 to Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum representing the county's share of funds obtained through forfeiture proceedings involving adult (X-rated) theater. Pasco County Commission Chairman Allen G. Safraneck (right) witnessed the presentation. Butterworth was quoted as saying that this was Florida's first civil RICO action against an "adult establishment." The theater was shut down following a Sheriff's Office undercover investigation of pornography and racketeering.





Student of the Month award created

Jan Sarka, representing Brickman Management Co. (McDonald's restaurants), and Sheriff Jim Gillum display the award certificate and T-shirt that will be presented to youths chosen "Student of the Month" by School Resource Officers from the Sheriff's Office. High school and middle school students chosen for the award will also receive free food coupons from McDonald's and free movie passes. Gillum said the award is designed to "strengthen the rapport between deputies and students, and to reward students for displaying good citizenship."



Golf trophy presented as a memorial

Sheriff Jim Gillum (second from right) accepts a trophy donated in memory of the late Des Little by his family. It will be presented to the winner of the annual Sheriff's Office Employees Golf Tournament. Family members pictured are (from left) Gene Little (son of Des), Mickey Little (wife), Mary Frost (daughter) and Terry Little (son). Proceeds from the annual tournament benefit the Sheriff's Junior Deputy Program for elementary school students.



Before



After

Simple device keeps firearms from firing

Concerned about recent cases in which children were killed or wounded while playing with firearms, Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum asked his staff to research the problem. The solution was a plastic wire tie normally used for restraining arrested suspects. When one of these ties is inserted in the mechanism of a firearm, and put through a locking "eye," it cannot be removed except by cutting. Gillum dis-

tributed the ties to all members of the agency so they could secure firearms in their own households, and said he would like to make them available to all county residents if questions of liability can be settled. "It's not intended to be a locking device," said Gillum. "It will guarantee the gun's not loaded." Before and after photos show how the inexpensive ties can be used.



Before



After



KISSIMMEE — Sheriff Jon Lane presents "Employee of the Month" awards to Deputy Sheriffs John Haydel (left) and Joe Moore.



Osceola County deputies receive awards

KISSIMMEE — Osceola County Deputy Sheriffs John Haydel and Joe Moore recently attained "Employee of the Month" status for September and August respectively.

Sheriff Jon Lane said Haydel was honored for outstanding self-motivation after generating \$25,386 in traffic fines in June and \$37,894 in July while answering other calls and complaints and maintaining his normal workload.

Haydel was also cited for outstanding police work in a grand theft case. Investigating on and off duty, he not only located the stolen property but also arrested a

suspect and cleared 11 additional felony thefts.

Moore's handling of a fatal traffic accident at the end of a 12-hour shift was praised by Sheriff Lane. He said Moore found one vehicle occupant deceased and another mortally injured when he arrived at the scene, and he gave first aid and comfort for more than thirty minutes before the second victim died.

"Although the injuries were extreme," said Lane, "Deputy Moore did what he could for the victim and insured that she felt the soft touch of a human hand and the comforting sound of a human voice before she died."

Summer fun had a serious side

LARGO — In case anyone is wondering what three Pinellas County deputy sheriffs were doing at the Omni Center last summer, here's the deal:

Gary Wright, Michael Hughes and Robert Merson were involved in a summer enrichment program sponsored by the Sheriff's Office and the Pinellas County Urban League for youngsters six through 13.

Part of the time was devoted to basketball, softball, volleyball and other recreational activities, but the program also had a serious side that included educational games and talks on subjects such as community/law enforcement relations, self-esteem, becoming a responsible citizen and child abuse.



Deputies Gary Wright, Michael Hughes and Robert Merson (top row) with the youngsters they supervised at the Omni Center.

Bill Massey — a man with a message

By Robert Lucas

MONTICELLO — Deputy Sheriff Bill Massey, Jefferson County's first School Resource Officer, wants to be more than a token law enforcement figure mediating conflicts between students or faculty and students.

He said he recognizes a real need for taking the mystique out of law enforcement and bringing it down to a level that every student can understand and appreciate.

"How many students understand the laws which govern their very existence?" he asked. "And when they ask questions [about the law], the ordinary person, most probably, can't respond properly.

"I would like to explain to a student when he or she gets in trouble . . . does something illegal or bordering on the illegal . . . why they have done something wrong and the penalty and why they shouldn't do it again."

Massey said his new job will require patience and a willingness to listen to both sides — above all to be genuinely understanding. Too often, in his opinion, students are almost automatically considered guilty while the opinions of adults take precedence. He wants to give students equal opportunities to tell their side of any controversy and express their opinions.

Massey received on-the-job training in neighboring Leon County where a School Resource Officer Program has been in operation for many years.

"In my opinion," said Sheriff Ken Fortune, Massey's boss, "Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone has one of the premier programs in the State of Florida. Over the years I've watched their SRO program expand and provide a genuine service to the county. Noticeably improved campus conditions throughout the school district are evidence of how well the program is doing . . . how effective it has become."

Fortune said Massey is uniquely qualified to initiate Jefferson County's SRO program because he is certified in both corrections and law enforcement.

"It should be pointed out," he added, "that Deputy Massey is responsible to me — not to the principal, not to the superintendent, not to the school board, but to me. It will be his decision whether someone should be arrested, and he will carry out the letter of the law. However, he will not be responsible for discipline. That is still the principal's job."

Fortune said Massey will work with students at the school, after school or whenever it becomes necessary to turn them away from delinquent behavior.

"He will have to build trust between himself and the students, and I hope what has happened in other parts of the state will happen here. Youths have discovered that cops are human beings. I believe Deputy Massey will be able to bridge this gap and gain students' confi-



During on-the-job training Deputy Massey had opportunities to develop his counseling skills.

dence and trust. Counseling will be a big part of his job."

Jefferson County's SRO program is sponsored by the county commissioners, the school board, the school superintendent's office and the Sheriff's Office. The school board funds 90 percent of the program and the county the remainder.

When interviewed about the new program, Sheriff Fortune commented that he was disappointed in the minor role many parents play in the education and development of their children — distancing themselves from their responsibilities and allowing comparative strangers to raise their children.

Award nominations being accepted

Florida Citizens Against Crime, Inc. (FCAC) is now accepting nominations for the 1990 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

This statewide recognition program is conducted by FCAC in cooperation with the Florida Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General. It was originally established in 1978 by a former state legislator, Dr. Miley Miers, to recognize exemplary services and contributions within Florida's law enforcement community.

One individual will be named 1990 officer of the year, and nine others will be recognized as statewide finalists.

Nominations may be submitted in letter form explaining the contributions of the individual and providing a brief biographical sketch. They must be received by FCAC no later than March 1, 1990. To obtain additional information and nomination forms contact the Florida Citizens Against Crime office at 904/681-9781. The mailing address is P.O. Box 10504, Tallahassee, Florida 32302.



Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Honor Roll

Roster of Lifetime Honorary Members

Home towns eliminated

To protect our Lifetime Honorary Members from receiving unwanted solicitations and junk mail, we have discontinued printing their home towns when we print their names.

We decided this was necessary after we learned that certain organizations of questionable legitimacy were adding our Lifetimers to their mailing lists. Obtaining a complete mailing address was relatively easy for them as long as they had the Lifetimers' home towns. Without the home towns, it will be extremely difficult.

We have never permitted other organizations to use our membership lists, and we will continue to do everything possible to protect the privacy of our members.

Mrs. Lina J. Arduino
Mrs. James Baird, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Melford M. Baker
Mrs. Floretta Bartlett
Bay Area Air Conditioning
& Appliance, Inc.
Mrs. Raymond L. Blackburn
Brown's Chrysler-Dodge
Plymouth, Inc.
Mr. Wilbur Bush
Mr. Steve Calvert
Mrs. Gladys T. Campbell
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Citrus Paint & Wall
Covering, Inc.
City of Miami Police
Mounted Patrol
Ms. Rose C. Correale
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald F.
Coughenour
Mr. Orval R. Crabbe
Crystal Motor Car
Company, Inc.
Dixie Trailer Manufacturing
Company
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dowdy
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Dusold
Eli Witt Company
Elida Stephenson
Foundation, Inc.
Farm Service Store, Inc.
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Gaylord Auction Service
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Ms. Pam Krishart
Lake City Medical
Emergency Center
Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Lucas
Mr. Edward L. Magill
Mrs. Eva H. Martens
Mr. & Mrs. Francis K.
McCune
Methodist Men of First
U. M. Church
Col. & Mrs. John G. Metz

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a new regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over \$5,000 will receive additional gold stars on their plaques — one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

Presentations

We regret that photos of Lifetime Honorary Members are not always available when their names appear on the membership roster. Consequently, we often find it necessary to print the names in one issue of *The Sheriff's Star* and the photos in a subsequent issue.



FORT MYERS — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Campbell.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Michels
Mount Snow Ltd.
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph H.
Mourfield
Mrs. Lacey V. Murrow
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas T.
Nakahara
Mr. & Mrs. Alben C.
Navickas
New River Correctional
Institution
Mrs. Dixie L. Nicholson
Mr. Lester C. Nunnally
Palladeno Enterprises, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Pearson
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence H.
Prescott

Mr. James Purdy
Mrs. Jessie S. Roberts
Mr. Mark Rogers
Rotary Club of Ft. Pierce
Mr. Vjascheslav Schukof
Cmdr. & Mrs. John J. Scott
Mr. Lloyd Sessions
Seven Rivers Community
Hospital
Southern Citrus Nurseries,
Inc.
Mrs. Eliese M. Strahl
The Second Time Around
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tutone
Dr. Alvin C. Warnick
Watkins Motor Lines
Mr. & Mrs. William G. Wynn

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DELEON SPRINGS — Presented by Volusia County Sheriff Bob Vogel (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marpole.



PALATKA — Presented by Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (right) to George Compton and Al Gorbitt, representing Crescent City Moose Lodge No. 1641.



PORT RICHEY — Presented by Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker.



BIG PINE KEY — Presented by Monroe County Sheriff J. Allison DeFoor, II (center), to Art Morgan (left) and Bob Krahenbuel, representing Big Pine Key Moose Lodge No. 1585.



PUNTA GORDA — Presented by Charlotte County Sheriff Richard Worch (left) to the German-American Club of Charlotte County, represented by Ernest Kubisch, President.



BOYS RANCH — Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (left) to Hartford Life Insurance Company, represented by William J. Thomas (center). Scott Hunt, representing Hunt Insurance Group, Tallahassee, participated in the presentation. His firm introduced Hartford to the Youth Ranches and arranged for Mr. Thomas to visit the Boys Ranch.



Mrs. Wickens



Rispoli

LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett S. Rice to Mrs. Paul Wickens, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rispoli and Norman Sutherby. (The membership was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sutherby).



Sutherby

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff Dalton Bray (left) and Youth Ranches Regional Director David Kritzmacher (right) present a five-star Lifetime Honorary Membership to J. P. Hall, Jr., representing the Bank of Green Cove Springs. Mr. Hall's father was the Sheriff of Clay County for 36 years and one of the founders of the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch. His record-setting tenure in office ended at the beginning of 1965.



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Daniels



Young

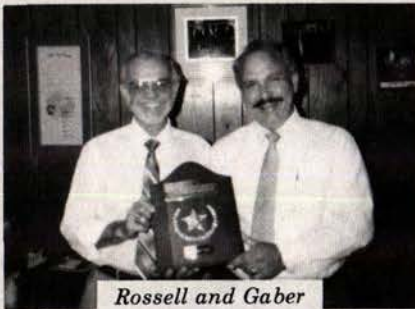


Eunice

LAKE CITY — Presented by Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel to Sharon Daniels; Tony Young, representing Lake City Medical Center; and Phil Eunice.



Higby



Rossell and Gaber



Taft

YOUTH VILLA — Presented by Bill Biebuyck, Youth Ranches Regional Director, to Edward Higby, representing Florida Citrus Safety Association, Lakeland; Roy Rossell and Ray Gaber, representing Paragon Cable Co., Lakeland; and Kathy Taft, representing Centel Cable Co., Winter Haven.



Arnott



Phillips



Vance

SOUTHEAST REGION — Presented by Bob Haag, Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving, to Otte Arnott, Hollywood; Donna Phillips (and her children), Coconut Creek; James Z. Vance, Coral Springs; and Kenneth Noe, Opa-Locka, representing Tropical Park.

Noe



Woodhams

McDaniel

SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Fred "Mac" Stones, Youth Ranches Regional Director, to Edgar Woodhams and Billie McDaniel.

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



Bulman



Hinton



D'Anna

BARTOW — Presented by Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr., to Lyle Bulman, President of Bulman Construction Co.; Brian Hinton, of Bagley Bait Co.; and Al D'Anna, representing Aristech Chemicals Corporation.



SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Joe Spenard, Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving, to Mrs. Ann Johnson.



ST. AUGUSTINE — Presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry (right) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Dave Kritzmacher (left) to Luis R. Arana.



TAMPA — Presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) to Mr. J. Hal Stallings.

B'nai Brith Honors Sheriff Navarro

FORT LAUDERDALE — To the many honors he has received in his long law enforcement career, Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro recently added the Great American Traditions Award which was presented to him by B'nai Brith.

"It was particularly rewarding for me, as a Cuban-American, to be once again honored by such a highly-respected Jewish organization," he said. "During my five years as Sheriff of Broward County I have also been privileged to receive the Distinguished Public Service Award of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, and the Man of the Year Award from Jewish War Veterans. In 1987 I was among several law enforcement officials nationwide to be selected for the Anti-Defamation League's Mission to Israel."

During the Great American Traditions Award ceremony Navarro and his wife Sharron shared the podium with Leon Uris, author of "Exodus," "Trinity," and many other literary works. Uris had recently visited the Soviet Union and Hungary, and shared his impressions with the audience.

"Our evening at the Pier 66 ballroom was one Mrs. Navarro and I will never forget," the Sheriff said.



Sheriff Navarro (right), accompanied by his wife Sharron, accepts the Great American Traditions Award from Thomas Neumann, Executive Vice President of B'nai Brith International.



Sheriff's crew attacks underwater trash

KEY LARGO — Armed with diving gear and trash bags, Monroe County Sheriff Allison DeFoor and members of his staff mounted an attack on underwater trash at John Pennekamp State Park. They collected hundreds of pounds of cans, bottles, fishing line and similar items left behind by careless boaters. One photo shows the Sheriff in diving gear. The other was taken when he was topside helping to bag the trash. The project was part of a county-wide beach clean up.