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## **WE'RE HUNG UP**

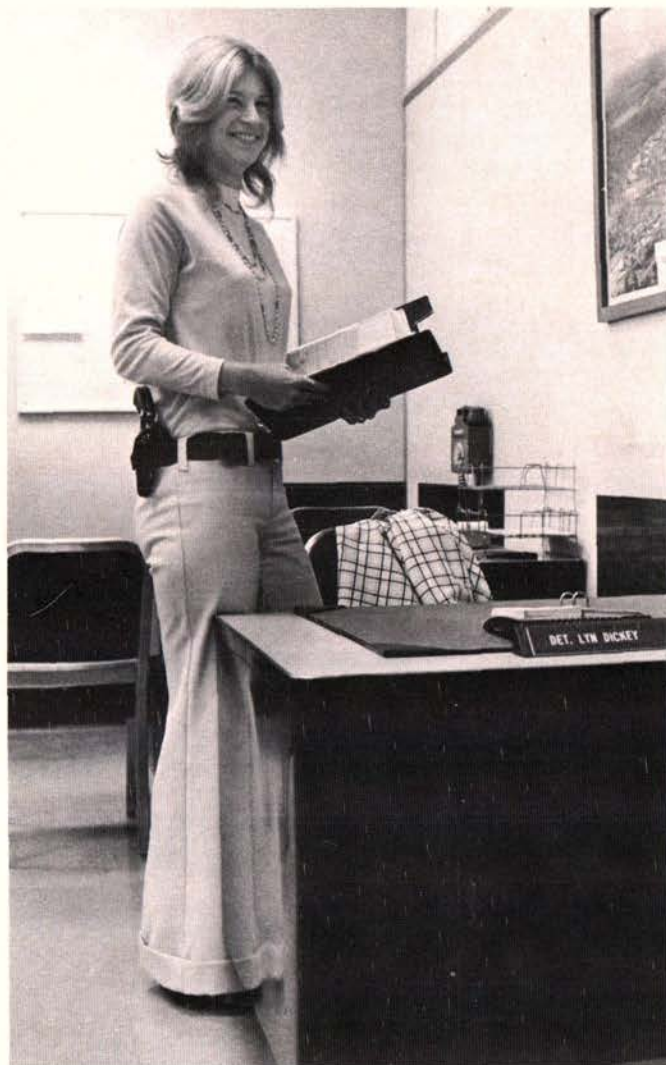
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# "So Who Said I'm a NICE GIRL?"

Det. Lyn Dickey,  
Broward County  
Deputy Sheriff



**F**T. LAUDERDALE — What's a

nice girl like you doing working for the Broward County Sheriff's Department?

If they don't put it in words, that's what a lot of men must think the first time they meet Detective J. L. "Lyn" Dickey. But give the lady some room!

"So who said I'm a nice girl," Lyn retorts with a soft (or is it sly?) smile. "I shoot straighter than most men." Det. Dickey, 24, may have been putting you on with the first statement but doubting males had best take heed of her warning.

Sheriff Edward Stack had some special qualities in mind when he was looking for a juvenile and community relations specialist. He found them in Miss Dickey, a graduate of Florida State University with a degree in Criminology, experience in police work and looks that won't scare kids she's trying to help.

Lyn didn't set out to be a deputy sheriff. She first studied retailing and fashion design, "but I did really bad. So I took a course in juvenile delinquency and got an 'A'. That prompted me to go into criminology."

After graduation she landed a job with the Lawton, Okla., Police Department working with juveniles. From there it was back to Florida and the Palm Beach Police Department working general assignment.

"It was interesting," Lyn said. "I got a chance to work some robberies, burglaries, you know, whatever came in." She stayed with the police department two and a half years before joining the Broward County Sheriff's Department to work with juveniles.

"I love the work. I'm a career-minded female and with me my career comes first. I like working with kids. It's a challenge. I feel like I'm really doing something of importance."

The lady detective spends much of her time working with the juvenile court following up cases brought in by road patrol officers. She interviews victims, the juvenile offenders and their parents. Often there are tough decisions that may effect the life of a youngster for years to come.

"Do I file the case or not? Not every case is a court case, but at the same time, it's nothing you can brush off and forget about. We get them because there are problems and problems have to be handled — the right way."

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Rain sent the audience running for shelter, but failed to completely dampen dedication rites at the Girls Villa. These pictures show Circuit Court Judge Oliver Green delivering the dedication address, while his audience huddles under umbrellas and the eaves of Buena Vista Villa.



## Good News For Needy and Worthy Girls

BARTOW — The Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa on August 26 dedicated a new residence building that will double its capacity from 8 to 16 girls. Built at a cost of over \$100,000, the new facility is a gift of the Peebles Foundation of Vero Beach, and it has been named Buena Vista Villa. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jones, president and secretary of the Foundation, not only provided financing for the building itself, but also established a \$25,000 maintenance fund to keep it in tip-top shape. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Middleditch, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Bradenton,

Florida, chipped in \$10,000 for the furnishings. Planned as a kick-off event for Bartow's third annual Girls Villa Week, the dedication rites featured an address by Circuit Court Judge Oliver Green, of Bartow. Supported entirely by voluntary contributions, Girls Villa is the "little sister" of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. It was founded in 1967 by the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce, and chartered as a project of the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1970. Ground was broken for the first building in 1971, and the first girls were admitted in 1972.

### "BOOTS AND SADDLES" ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch will celebrate its 16th anniversary with a "boots and saddles" birthday party October 6 and 7, and the public is invited.

Featured event will be a horse show which is expected to attract hundreds of riders from a wide area of Florida and neighboring states. It will begin at 10 a.m., October 6, and wind up around Noon, October 7.

Another anniversary highlight will be an "open house" on October 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will give visitors an

opportunity to inspect Ranch facilities valued at over \$2 million, with special emphasis on the expanded Cameron Automotive Center where boys receive vocational training while repairing and servicing the large Ranch fleet of trucks, buses, tractors and cars.

The traditional birthday barbecue will be served on the banks of the Suwannee River at Noon, October 6, and a worship service will be held at the arena at 9 a.m. October 7.

### WE'RE HUNG UP ON THIS PICTURE

#### COVER STORY

Our cover picture of a public hanging has intrigued us for many months — ever since Pete Miller, of Green Cove Springs, gave it to Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murree, and the Sheriff passed it on to THE SHERIFF'S STAR. It has frustrated us too because we have been unable to get any background information other than that it was taken at Vernon, Florida, former county seat of Washington County, some time prior to 1927. Can anyone help us? Is there anyone out there who remembers that rainy day in Florida's panhandle when spectators dressed in their "Sunday best" huddled under umbrellas to witness the execution of a convicted man? We would like very much to identify the group on the scaffold. Apparently the man on the left is the Sheriff, the gun-toter on the right is a deputy, the man next to the Sheriff clutching a bible is the condemned man, and the man with the cross on his coat is a clergyman, but we're just guessing. Public hangings with Sheriffs as executioners were common in Florida, prior to the use of the electric chair. This we know, but we're hung up on the possibility of getting more details about this particular hanging.







Before the raids — a briefing by Sheriff Monroe Brannen.



It's after midnight, and the round-up begins.

## THE STORY BEHIND THE NEWS STORY

LAKELAND LEDGER photos by BRUCE HOSKING and DAN TAYLOR.

**B**ARTOW — When massive raids smashed a big illegal drug business in Central Florida, took thousands of dollars worth of harmful drugs out of circulation, and produced some 40 arrests, news media covered the fast-breaking story in great detail.

But there was a story behind the August 4 raids, and to let it slip by untold would be like playing only one movement of a long symphony.

The raids themselves were over in a few hours, but the story behind the raids goes back to 1971 when Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen's vice squad began receiving tips about a narcotics distribution network based in this area.

The tips came with increasing frequency in 1972; and by January 1973 there was sufficient solid information for Sheriff Brannen to order a full-scale investigation.

The pace continued to accelerate, and by mid-June widespread surveillance and undercover work was going on around the clock, seven days a week.

As details of the narcotics network began to unfold, Sheriff Brannen's vicemen discovered that the tentacles reached out into other counties, and they also found that other law enforcement agencies were investigating leads that seemed to tie in with the Polk County operation.

To avoid a duplication of effort, the various agencies got together and agreed upon their respective areas of responsibility.

Because Polk County seemed to be the hub of the illegal operation, Sheriff Brannen continued to provide the basic man-

power. He put Capt. Melton E. Godwin in charge, and, to avoid arousing suspicion, established an operational center away from the Sheriff's Office.

As the night-and-day investigation continued, additional manpower was needed and it came from many sources such as the Orlando and Lakeland Police Departments; the Hillsborough and Orange County Sheriffs' Departments, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration; the Polk and Orange County State Attorney's Offices; the Bartow and Tampa Police Departments; the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department; and the Dade County Public Safety Department.

Piece by piece the jigsaw puzzle began to fit together. It became evident that the big Central Florida drug network was dealing primarily in marijuana, but was also distributing cocaine, LSD, THC, Qualudes, Hashish and other illegal substances.

Sources of supply were pinpointed in Florida and other states, as well as in foreign countries.

Lakeland was found to be the central distribution point, and the distribution lines fanned out from there to markets in Bartow, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lake Wales, Miami, Orlando, Tampa, St. Petersburg and Winter Haven.

Evidence was turned up that the drug network was also involved in international smuggling, gun running and possibly the sale of stolen property.

It involved some 100 or more persons operating as many





Sheriff Brannen (foreground) examines marijuana seized in Lakeland.

as 15 sub-distribution points.

It was handling close to 500 pounds of marijuana a week, and generating a cash flow approaching \$600,000 a month.

Over 9,000 man hours and thousands of dollars were invested in the long, careful investigation before the climax arrived on Friday night, August 3.

As inconspicuously as possible 115 officers from various law enforcement agencies assembled in Polk County's Hall of Justice for a briefing under the direction of Sheriff Monroe Brannen.

"I appreciate your being here," said Brannen. "We are going to get started about 11:30 p.m. with everyone going to their respective towns. The first arrests will be made simultaneously at midnight.

"Some of these people might be armed," he added, "so fellows, be careful."

Officers were instructed not to make any phone calls after the briefing. They were also asked to bring all evidence to Capt. Godwin after the raids.

Godwin told them: "Stay close to the suspects. The majority of them have guns. If they want to go into a bedroom to change clothes, go with them. Watch them at all times. Also take the phone off the hook when you walk into each house."

The men filed out, and at midnight the raids began. They were highly successful — primarily because of the painstaking, professional police work that preceded them — and their impact will be felt for a long time along the shadowy alleys of



Capt. Al Brady, Polk County Sheriff's Office, reads search warrant to suspects, and later checks confiscated evidence.



the drug scene.

Evidence collected in the raids has been carefully scrutinized by the Internal Revenue Service and other agencies, and repercussions are expected to be showing up in court rooms for many months to come.





As Sheriff of Collier County, Doug Hendry at one time or another drives, flies or steers all the means of transportation seen in the background.

## BOY SCOUT

## MOTTO APPLIES HERE

NAPLES — When you're Sheriff of a big county covering 2,050 square miles and within that area are to be found modern cities, migrant labor camps, Everglades swamps, dense forests, miles of coastline and waterways — you just have to be prepared for almost anything.

Collier County Sheriff Doug Hendry's department is

equipped with polygraphs (lie detectors), computer terminals, sophisticated communications equipment, special cameras and other equipment associated with modern law enforcement.

He also has a few non-standard items such as a four-wheel drive station wagon, a swamp buggy, airboat, airplane and patrol boat. Tracking dogs and snake bite kits are also necessary when searching for lost hunters in the Everglades.

The Sheriff's office in Naples is not convenient for everyone in a large county, so there are sub-stations in Immokalee and Marco. All three are equipped to hold prisoners and in Immokalee there is also a stockade. Hard to believe that back in 1956 the Sheriff's Department consisted of four people. Today there are 112.

Sometimes the problems seem as large as the county. In 1972 Sheriff Hendry's narcotics squad arrested 150 persons and seized more than \$2 million worth of drugs in a county of some 40,000 people.

And when you set out to solve a problem such as juvenile delinquency you had better plan on a big operation, perhaps making every fourth and fifth grade boy in the county a Junior Deputy. Officers from half a dozen law enforcement agencies are involved in monthly meetings with the youngsters hoping they will develop more respect for the law.

Just talking is not enough. Weekend camping trips into the Everglades with the Sheriff and off-duty deputies give Junior Deputies a chance to get to know law enforcement officers as friends and not just as people in uniforms. To finance the Junior Deputy program the Sheriff and his deputies put on many barbecues for different groups in the county who turn over proceeds to the Sheriff.

In a big county, there are apparently no small problems or small solutions.

## THERE ARE BURGLARS WHO PREY WHILE THE BEREAVED ARE AWAY

Beware of the burglar who reads the obituary columns. He looks for persons of affluence who have just passed away, notes the time of the funeral services, visits the home of the deceased a few minutes after time for the funeral to start.

He rings the doorbell. If anyone answers, he identifies himself as an old friend of the deceased, pretends surprise and disappointment when he learns he has missed the funeral service. Nine times out of ten he will be invited in for some coffee, cake and sandwiches. While munching these goodies, he cases the place, picks up a few valuables that are not nailed down, and leaves before the family returns from the cemetery.

If he rings and there is no one at home, he walks in, loots at leisure; and, if someone shows up, he merely identifies himself as an old friend of the deceased who is waiting for the family to return.

This technique has been used and could have originated

from a television show based upon a similar m.o. (modus operandi). Same technique works for church weddings. The moral: keep your house locked or guarded during funerals and weddings.

## SCHEDULE SET FOR DRUG TRAINING SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Drug Enforcement Administration of the U. S. Department of Justice has announced its 1974 training schedule for the Ten-Week Police Training School. The school is conducted here in Washington and the dates are as follows: Oct. 9 — Dec. 14, 1973; Jan. 14 — March 22, 1974; April 15 — June 21, 1974.

Enrollment is available to all police supervisors and potential supervisors who specialize in narcotic and dangerous drug law enforcement. There is no tuition fee for the school, however, travel and subsistence allowances must be covered by the candidate's department.



The following editorial appeared in the  
MIAMI HERALD on July 12, 1973.

## A BETTER WAY TO RUN A JAIL

George Bernard Shaw wrapped it up in a sentence: "The first prison I ever saw had inscribed on it 'Cease to Do Evil: Learn to Do Well'; but as the inscription was on the outside, the prisoners could not read it."

Even today, many prisons keep inmates in a virtual vacuum, operating merely as warehouses for society's untouchables. Happily, Broward County is among the minority trying to change that.

Sheriff Edward Stack's rehabilitation program still is developing after its first full year, but some results are evident. More than 100 county jail inmates have graduated from high school classes and earned diplomas. Scores have earned college credits.

Stack's staff as yet can offer no meaningful figures on the reduction in repeat offenders, but detention chief Vincent Miro feels the drop is substantial. Numbers are for statisticians, however.

We prefer the flesh-and-blood story of Jonathan Gould, the young man whose face and comments appeared in the Broward section of The Herald this week. Gould has just finished a year of straight "A" grades in the jail college program and earned a scholarship.

"It's kind of a cliché, I guess," he said, "but a whole new world has opened up to me that I would never have found before." Unfortunately, one thing about the statement was not a cliché: the place it was made. Few jails produce such rebirths of spirit, because few do anything to help the inmates.

Broward County's rehabilitation program is far from perfect but it is equally as far from the do-nothing stance taken by most political bodies. Past efforts at reform have often been dropped in the face of knee-jerk criticisms that inmates are being "coddled."

We're please to note that Sheriff Stack has ignored such comments — some from within his own department — and begun a program in keeping with the 20th Century. A single Jonathan Gould would be enough of a reward to make the effort worthwhile.

If the statistics are correct there are many less dramatic cases past, present and to come which will prove the program to be one of the soundest investments the county has ever made.

## TAXPAYER LIKES WHAT HE PAYS FOR

FT. MYERS — Roy E. Ladd wrote the editor of the FT. MYERS NEWS-PRESS with words of praise for Deputies in the Charlotte and Lee County Sheriffs' Departments after they recovered his 1965 Corvette which had been broken into and stolen from a lighted, underground garage.

The officers "are worthy of being commended for their prompt action, logical decisions and excellent detective work in recovering my car, in locating and notifying me it had been stolen, and in apprehending the suspected culprit," Ladd said.

"As a result of this incident I had occasion to visit the departments and was much impressed by the appearance, actions and dedication to duty displayed by all of the considerable number of persons with whom I came in contact. As a property owner in both counties I am pleased that my tax money helps to support two such fine and essential organizations."



Iven Lamb instructs Civil Process Seminar in Punta Gorda, one of five held in various areas of the state during recent months.

## A SHERIFF WHO DOESN'T KNOW HIS DUCES TECUM COULD GET KICKED OUT ON HIS MANDAMUS

Duces tecum is not poker player's slang. Nisi is not a native-born American of Japanese parentage. Scire facias has nothing to do with Halloween goblins.

These are just a few of the many Latin words sprinkled liberally within the working vocabulary of "Civil Process"; and the Sheriff who is not familiar with them is likely to find himself in a heap of trouble.

Civil Process is a subject of great importance to everyone of Florida's Sheriffs. It involves the serving and processing of a variety of court papers such as jury summonses, notices of hearing, restraining orders, witness subpoenas and writs of garnishment. It must be handled properly to assure the proper and efficient operation of Florida's court system.

Every Sheriff's Office should have employees who speak the language of civil process, and are skilled in its procedures. And yet, there are no comprehensive civil process textbooks; there are no civil process courses in public or private schools; and there are few recognized experts.

"E pluribus mandamus bonum certiorari!!" In other words, something ought to be done about this. And something is being done. During recent months the Florida Sheriffs Association covered the entire state with a series of five one-day civil process seminars developed by Iven Lamb, Editor of the Florida Sheriffs Manual.

These training sessions were held in Chipley, Gainesville, Lakeland, Punta Gorda and Palm Beach, with Capt. John Coogan, from the Dade County Sheriff's Office assisting Lamb on the lecture podium.

A total of 169 Sheriffs and deputies from 63 counties participated, and expressed much enthusiasm. During the coming year another series of training sessions will be presented by the Sheriffs Association under Lamb's direction. Each session will be scheduled for three days, and in addition to civil process will cover accounts and records and jail procedures.

The Auditor General and the State Division of Corrections have agreed to assist in this training effort. Details will be mailed to all Sheriffs when dates and locations have been determined.





Trustees of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch listen carefully to status report confirming the continuing success of this nationally famous home for needy and worthy boys.

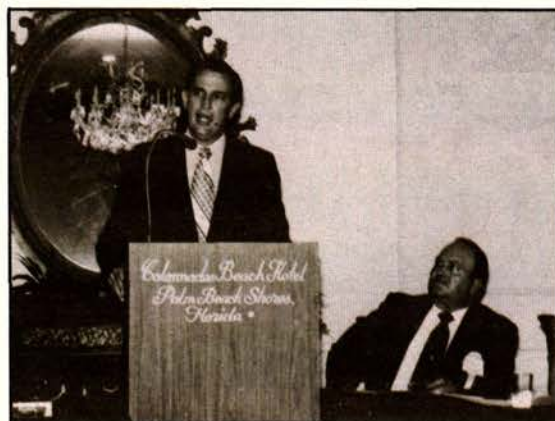
The conference also included a meeting of the trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa, "little sister" of the Ranch.

## *Palm Beach In*

On these and following pages are some of the highlights of the Florida Sheriffs Association's 60th Annual Conference which was held at the Colonnades Beach Hotel, Palm Beach Shores, July 25, 26 and 27. Palm Beach County Sheriff Bill Heidtman was the Conference host.

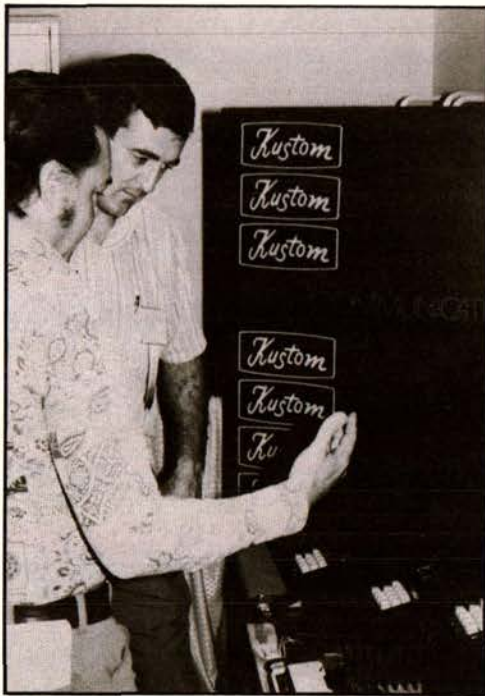


Washington, D. C. Chief of Police Jerry V. Wilson was the featured speaker at a luncheon and described effective solutions applied to crime problems in the nation's capital.



State Representative Jack Shreve spoke to Sheriffs and thanked them for helping the Criminal Justice Committee of the House of Representatives, of which he is chairman. Sheriffs Association President Sam Joyce, Sheriff of Indian River County (seated), presided at all business meetings.





A representative of Kustom Electronics explains to Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka the many advantages of having a computer terminal in every patrol car.



Sheriff John Polk (R) of Seminole County was in the market for a brighter light and louder siren when he talked to Gus Patterson (C) and Martin I. Pilka of Signal-Stat.



Salesman Don Smith (L) lets Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Scott get the feel of an electronic speed gun while pointing out this model is hand held and very accurate.

# Focus

(CONTINUED)



A panel discussion got into the technical area of "probable cause" with (L to R) Jack Skelding, Tallahassee attorney; George Georgeiff, Assistant Florida Attorney General; William Kittle, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (moderator); and Sheriff Raymond Hamlin of Leon County, all discussing the problem from the perspective of defense attorney, prosecuting attorney and law enforcement officer.





Sheriff Sam Joyce of Indian River County presided as President of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

(Upper Right) Jerry Thomas (R), former President of the Florida Senate, was master of ceremonies for the final conference banquet and introduced the newlyweds of one week, Host Sheriff William R. Heidtman and Jean Marie. (Upper Left) Not only did golf champion Jack Nicklaus take a bow while seated at the head table, he also passed out awards to sheriffs and others who won prizes in a golf tournament. Seated next to Nicklaus were Fourth District Appellate Judge and Mrs. Gerald Mager of West Palm Beach.

## CONTINUED *Palm Beach In Focus*



William H. Bevis (C), a member of the Florida Public Service Commission, had an opportunity to eat with home folks from Polk County when he was seated at the head table next to Sheriff and Mrs. Monroe Brannen. Sheriff Brannen is Chairman of the Sheriffs Association Board of Directors.



Capt. Claude Tindall of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department is a well known and highly respected law enforcement officer but on the evening of the outdoor barbecue, his talents as a charcoaler of thick, juicy steaks were appreciated much more.





A panel discussion of collective bargaining for law enforcement officers captured the intent interest of Sheriffs attending the 60th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



On the panel were (L to R) Don Slesnick, Director of Personnel and Labor Relations, Dade County Sheriff's Office; Charles W. Maddox, President, Florida Police Benevolent Association; John A. Madigan, Jr., attorney for the Florida Sheriffs Association (moderator); and John Riley Smith, Director of Police Services, Sheriff's Dept., Consolidated City of Jacksonville.

## *Sheriffs Say "Hell No"* *To Collective Bargaining*

PALM BEACH SHORES — Sheriffs attending the Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here July 27 passed unanimously a resolution strongly opposing collective bargaining for deputy sheriffs. The resolution, which is printed below, details a number of reasons why the unique status of deputy sheriffs makes collective bargaining neither acceptable nor necessary.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Florida Sheriffs Association in meeting assembled in Palm Beach Shores, Florida, the 27th day of July, 1973, did consider the question of collective bargaining for public employees and in particularly for deputy sheriffs, and

WHEREAS, deputy sheriffs are not public employees but are public officers empowered to implement the sovereign police power of the state, thus bringing them within the realm of management rather than labor, and

WHEREAS, sheriffs are personally responsible for the improper acts of their deputies because the common law of the state recognizes sheriff and deputy as one and the same person, and

WHEREAS, this relationship between sheriff and deputy makes it imperative that sheriffs maintain independence and autonomy when dealing with deputies, and

WHEREAS, the time and effort necessary to bargain collectively and the inevitable differences of opinion that would result would seriously impair the cooperative and harmonious atmosphere necessary to control the criminal element in our society, and

WHEREAS, the authority and ability of duly elected sheriffs to pursue the goals for which they were elected would be weakened by the ability of deputy sheriffs to dictate terms and policy, thus resulting in a partial surrender of authority which would frustrate the wishes of the voters who voted for a sheriff and his policies, and

WHEREAS, collective bargaining by deputy sheriffs would weaken the first line of defense of local self-government; frustrate efforts to protect the public and provide for the common welfare; and throw into chaos centuries of law interpreting and defining the public duty of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the unanimous opinion of the Sheriffs of Florida that law enforcement officers, and particularly deputy sheriffs, are not public employees for the purpose of collective bargaining, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the unanimous opinion of the sheriffs of Florida that law enforcement officers, and particularly deputy sheriffs, should not be granted the right of collective bargaining under any theory or on any basis, regardless of whether such officers or deputies obtain the status of public employees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Governor, to the members of the Cabinet, the members of the Legislature, the news media, and the sheriffs of Florida.

### FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

Sheriff Sam T. Joyce  
President

Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Jr.  
Secretary



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Youth Choir, First United Methodist Church  
of Dunedin.



**Villa Benefit Tourney**

LARGO — Actor Forrest Tucker (second from right) won a television at a golf tournament benefiting the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa then donated the set to the Villa. Left to right are Ralph Simeone, Bardmoor Country Club representative; Girls Villa Resident Director Bob Haag; Tucker; and Mike Balton of radio station WQXM.





BRADENTON — Col. and Mrs. Henderson Brock (l) receive a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch — Girls Villa Builder certificate and Florida Sheriffs Association Honorary Lifetime Membership plaque from Manatee County Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld (c). George R. Greene also received an Honorary Lifetime Membership plaque.

### Honorary Lifetime Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association

GAINESVILLE — Rolf K. Buckley (l) has been a supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch since the very beginning, almost 15 years ago, and he is seen receiving his Florida Sheriffs Association Honorary Lifetime Membership plaque from Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse.



## About your will.....

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Harry K. Weaver, Executive Director  
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...a home for dependent, neglected and homeless boys sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association. It is not an institution for delinquents.

LOCATED — nine miles north of Live Oak, Florida

FOUNDED — in 1957

FINANCING — supported entirely by voluntary gifts

SIZE — 2,800 acres

ENROLLMENT — 125 boys are under care at the present time

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GIRLS  
VILLA **IS..**

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YOUTH  
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...a newly-chartered convenience for donors. Its purpose is to generate, receive and disburse funds for the Ranch, the Villa, and any other youth programs that may be developed by the Florida Sheriffs Association. Donors who do not want to make a choice between supporting the Ranch or Villa can give their gifts to the Youth Fund and the money will go where it is most needed. This makes budgeting and bookkeeping more economical and more efficient.

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### Emergency Service Manned By Volunteers

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — With funeral homes and other private ambulance operators going out of business, counties all over Florida are looking for ways and means to provide good emergency service. The answer here is the Clay County Rescue Unit. It's manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by volunteers like Reed Wager, who is pictured above with Sheriff Jennings Murree. Well equipped emergency vehicles are stationed in four Clay County communities. The county pays the bills, and the Sheriff's Office dispatches the ambulances by radio in response to emergency messages.

### SHERIFF HAS SINGLE GOAL; BUT MANY ANTI-CRIME PROPOSALS

FT. LAUDERDALE — To some people it might seem a bit inconsistent for a sheriff to be using innovative rehabilitation methods in his jail (page 5 of this issue) and at the same time be advocating stiffer penalties for armed robbers. It doesn't seem inconsistent to Broward County Sheriff Edward Stack because he is trying to do just one thing — keep people out of trouble and out of jail.

If he can rehabilitate them, they won't be back in jail and if would-be criminals face a mandatory two years in prison for committing armed robbery, perhaps they will decide the risk is not worth it.

A surge of violent crimes prompted Sheriff Stack to advance several other suggestions for discouraging the potential law breaker. He recommended the outlawing of hitchhiking or the picking up of hitchhikers because there has been an increase in rapes, attempted rapes and petty assaults on females thumbing rides.

Another suggestion would be the creation of a single court of appeals to speed up the "interminable period of appeal that contributes to the crime rate." Installation of vapor lights — bright street lights that increase visibility — in warehouse districts and other high crime areas would help to discourage criminals, Stack said.

He also suggested that a model security code be developed, as an amendment to the South Florida Building Code, which would require new buildings to be equipped with break-in preventing measures such as ample outside lighting, alarm systems and approved locks.

Sheriff Stack placed top priority on stopping armed robberies because each one represents a potential murder. In addition to a mandatory two-year sentence for the first conviction, he suggested perhaps five years upon a second conviction for armed robbery. "After the third conviction I'd throw the key away. I know that sounds harsh, but by that time, the criminal has proven himself to be beyond reclamation," Stack said.

### LADIES IN DISTRESS GOT MORE THAN A HELPING HAND

SARASOTA — The experience described to Sarasota County Sheriff Jim Hardcastle, in the following letter by Ms. Anne Watson, is certainly not unique but it does represent the best ideals for which all law enforcement officers strive.

Dear Sheriff Hardcastle:

*I want to apprise you of an occurrence in which two of your officers, specifically Deputy James Albritton and his auxiliary partner, participated.*

*On July 19, 1973, at approximately 9 p.m. the above mentioned officers responded to a telephone call informing your department of a stranded vehicle located seven miles outside of Venice, on Highway 41. The occupants of this vehicle were myself and my Mother.*

*Upon arriving, Deputy Albritton went out of his way to make us feel at ease. The first thing he did was check the car to see if he could start it; when it was apparent that the car would not start, he called a tow truck and waited with us until the man arrived. After making arrangements with the tower he transported us to your building where he took the time to locate a motel room for us. The next morning he picked us up at the motel and took us to the Chevrolet dealer where my car had been towed the previous night. He explained the difficulty we had with the car and waited with us until the car was taken into the repair shop. As we talked, we asked where a nearby restaurant was located. When he learned we had not eaten since noon the day before, he insisted on taking us to the nearest restaurant to have breakfast. When we returned to the dealer's lot he offered further assistance if we should require it.*

*During the whole time he was courteous and helpful. It is, therefore, with deep appreciation for both the kindness and concern that was extended to two tired, worried strangers that we are expressing our thanks. I would like to commend you, your department, and especially Deputy Albritton for services rendered above and beyond the call of duty. I hope the residents of Sarasota County are aware that they are being served by dedicated persons who are interested in their welfare.*

Sincerely,

Anne Watson  
Miami, Florida



# Jail was the Turning Point

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By: Susan Taylor

TITUSVILLE, June 5 — For Kenneth Young, 15 months in jail meant a diploma, a wife and a career in law enforcement.

Kenny, a convicted felon, the kid who "hated anyone with a badge," is back with the Brevard County Sheriff's Department. But this time it's as a property clerk, not as a prisoner.

Kenny is proud to be where he is. A lot of other people are proud of him, too. But his big regret is that he can't wear a badge, or carry a gun or sport brass on his collar.

Because he was convicted of a felony, Kenny can't be a deputy. He thinks it's unfair and so does Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson, a long-time proponent of fair breaks for felons.

"Don't punish them for the rest of their lives," is the way Wilson puts it. "Give them back their jobs, their voting privileges and their dignity when they've served their time."

Wilson hired 19-year-old Kenny right after he was released from jail in March. Some might have said Wilson was taking a chance, but they were people who never had talked to Kenny and seen his zeal for the Sheriff's department.

Kenny hasn't always liked cops. In fact, there were a lot of people he didn't like, including his parents. His dad was a NASA engineer and his mom a schoolteacher and they hassled him about his long hair and his cigaret smoking and the type of kids he hung around with as an organist for a rock band.

So when Kenny was about 15 or 16 he decided he could make it better on his own. He left school and drifted up north, selling magazines part of the time, just bumming the rest.

Soon after he returned to Titusville, he got 60 days in the county jail for stealing his landlord's coin collection. Jail bothered him, but the theft didn't.

"There was nothing to do and people talked me into it," he said. "I figured if I could get away with it, I'd be a big time crook."

Kenny didn't get away with it the second time either. That was back in November 1971 when he broke into a Titusville school and stole some stereo equipment. A few days later, he was arrested for selling part of it to a Sheriff's undercover agent he hitched a ride from.

Kenny originally was sentenced to 40 months in state prison for breaking and entering with intent to commit grand larceny. Then a Sheriff's inspector went to bat for Kenny and managed to get the sentence reduced to 15 months in the county jail. At first, Kenny didn't appreciate the favor.

"I hated everyone there," he said. "If somebody looked at me I'd slug him, that's how bad my attitude was." But, Kenny says, he began to realize the deputies, many of whom he already knew, weren't that bad.

"They knew I had been a good student in school and knew somewhere down inside there was something I could do," he said. "They never treated me as a prisoner, there was always someone I could talk to."



Kenny Young, the kid who "hated anyone with a badge" works in the Brevard County Sheriff's Department as a property clerk and hopes to someday become a deputy sheriff.

Two months into his sentence, Kenny was made a trusty. A short time after that he started night classes in Titusville High to complete his high school education. A deputy usually escorted him to and from school, but one night — stuck without a ride — he asked the teacher to take him home.

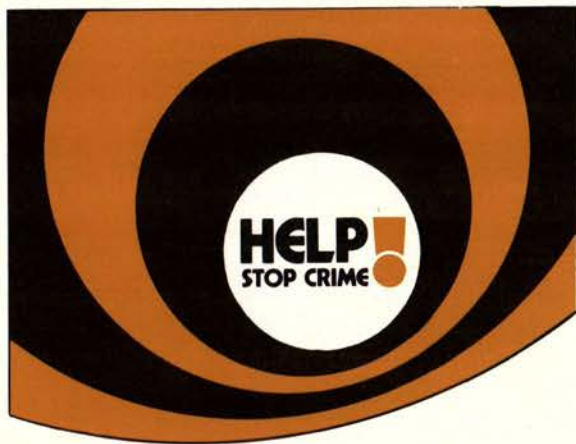
"The girl sitting next to me asked where I lived," Kenny said. "She practically cracked up when I told her the county jail." The girl's name was Jeanne. She was with Kenny last November when he graduated from high school and she was with him March 7 when he got out of jail. On March 10, they were married.

"When I was a kid, I ran away several times a week because I thought I had problems at home," Kenny said. "Now I realize I'll probably raise my own kids the way my parents raised me. It's hard to bring up children nowadays because they have so many opportunities to get into trouble. I had two, I took advantage of them, and they both cost me."

Kenny has filed to have his civil rights restored so he can become a full-fledged deputy and work with juveniles. "I'm young and I can get along easily with young people," he said. "I could sit down with a kid in trouble and say look I've done it too and see what happened to me. If I can keep just one child from doing what I did, that'll be a big achievement."

But whether Kenny can be a juvenile deputy, or any type of sworn law officer is up to the state Board of Pardons. "Even if I don't get my rights back, I'd like to see the laws changed so other people in the future can get theirs," he said. "Once you've done something wrong and fulfilled your debt to society, you should be able to vote, bear arms or work for the government. People don't know what it's like not to have your rights. It's not living, it's existing. What's to keep somebody from doing something wrong if he can't do the job he wants to?"





## It's your business to know about **COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY**

**"Gimme all the money you've got. Fast!"** demanded the "customer" as he pointed the awesome-looking revolver at the frightened cashier. "Put it in a bag. All of it. Move it!"

Dialogue from a late-night movie? Unfortunately, not always. That's often the way it happens in real life. Armed robbery. A major problem. And a frightening problem.

Commercial armed robbery—especially robbery from smaller retail operations—has become so widespread that it threatens every city and town regardless of size or population. You're a target . . . probably an easy target.



### **BEFORE THE ROBBERY** Call the authorities if you suspect someone.



Keep your local law enforcement agency telephone number handy. Be alert to any suspicious strangers loitering in or near your place of business. Be especially wary of the customer who is frequently seen lingering on the premises with no apparent intention of making a purchase; the customer who leaves the premises and sits outside in his car as if "casing the place"; the unfamiliar customer who asks what time you close, or who asks you to open before or after regular business hours. Watch for persons attempting to hide on your premises near closing time.

If the person you suspect arrives in, loiters in or departs in a car, try to get the license number.

Be tactful. Don't rush to accuse a customer of his motives. He might very well be innocent, and you can jeopardize the goodwill of your business. Use discretion.

But don't be afraid to call the authorities.

### **Maintain visibility into your place of business.**

Never block the view into your business by crowding display windows with merchandise, posters, signs. They might help to attract customers, but they'll also attract robbers and shield a robber's actions.



Use low display counters and cases to keep sight-lines free from both inside and outside. If, for reasons of physical layout, any part of the premises cannot be seen from your cashier area, install convex mirrors in strategic positions.

### **Fight crime with light.**

Keep all entrances, exits, and parking areas well lighted.