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# Heidtman Raps Plea Bargaining

STUART — Plea bargaining in the courts is undermining the judicial system in this country and putting the criminal back on the streets, Palm Beach County Sheriff William Heidtman said.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting of the Martin County Republican Woman's Club, Heidtman attributed the high crime rate in the United States to criminals going unpunished.

"We aren't punishing anyone anymore for violating the laws," he said.

Because of the crime situation, people don't feel safe — they

don't feel safe in their homes or on the street, he said.

The whole philosophy of no one should be punished for committing a crime, especially in this state, is causing the crime rate to rise, Heidtman said.

"If you check the records, we keep arresting the same people over and over again," he said.

"Plea bargaining is erasing everything out of justice that the people want in it."

"You people should be screaming bloody murder about the courts allowing plea bargaining," Heidtman said.

Other countries don't allow appeals and when a person is sentenced to six months or a year, he is required to serve the entire sentence, he said.

Heidtman said that in this country, seven years is the average time served in prison for a life sentence.

Many criminals who should be in maximum security are in a country club atmosphere in minimum security.

During the last three years in Palm Beach County there were 800 narcotic felony cases each year and only two judges to hear them. The most a judge can hear in a year is 60 jury cases, he said.

"We just are not getting very good justice in this country," Heidtman said.

Citizens should ask the legislators what they can do about getting the criminal punished, he said.

Citizens can set up watch dog groups in the courts and check on the criminal who was sentenced a year ago to see if he is serving his sentence.

"Start insisting that more justice be done on your part," he said.

### Over Here Governor

TALLAHASSEE — Explorer Scout Jerome Heiker points out to Governor Reubin Askew where he will be going to take part in "Lifeline USA: A Scouting Odyssey". Just one scout from every state and the District of Columbia has been selected to attend the new program in Philmont, Arizona, where they will have nine days of physical conditioning, survival training and 14 days of backpacking in groups and solo. Jerome is a member of Law Enforcement Explorer Post 104 sponsored by Leon County Sheriff Raymond Hamlin (second from left) and supervised by Deputy Art Golden (left).



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**RIVIERA BEACH** — In our catalogue of “good guys”, Dom Colangelo rates special mention. He’s an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, a past member of the Sheriff’s Auxiliary in Port Chester, N. Y., an honorary Deputy Sheriff in Palm Beach County, and we’re proud of him for many reasons:

- ...for his friendly attitude;
- ...for the way he has surmounted physical handicaps;
- ...for changing the commonplace into something special;
- ...for saving (and sometimes changing) the lives of numerous people.

Yes, Dom is quite a guy, and what he has managed to accomplish with a coil of rope, a knowledge of emergency techniques, a first aid kit, a cheery smile and a helpful attitude demonstrates that he really gives a damn about his fellow man.

Unofficially Dom is a sort of self-appointed sentinel at the

## Dom gives a damn about his fellow man

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little bridge on the Blue Heron Causeway — a congregating place for swimmers, fishermen, boaters, sunbathers and just plain loafers. If you saw Dom there you’d be likely to assume he was merely one of the loafers. But, wherever he goes there’s that ever-present coil of rope to set him apart — and thereby hang several tales.

Here’s one for openers:

It was November 13, 1969. An 81-year-old man lost control of his car, ran off the bridge and plunged into the channel. Dom, although he couldn’t swim due to disabilities resulting from a childhood bone disease, quickly organized rescue efforts and sent two young swimmers toward the still floating car.

Shouting instructions, Dom warned the swimmers not to open the car door or it would sink. “Get the driver to roll down the window, grab him and pull him out,” Dom yelled. The two young men followed his instructions, and were barely able to extricate the driver before the car sank. A passing boatman brought the trio to shore. The rescued man was unconscious, but resuscitation efforts were begun, and an ambulance which Dom had summoned took him to the hospital where he recovered. As the excitement died down, out came Dom’s first aid kit and he treated one of the rescuers for a jellyfish bite.

This was just one of a string of rescues in which Dom was involved. About a year later he and four other fishermen received citations from President Nixon for rescuing a 70-year-old woman who had been caught in a rip tide while swimming near the bridge.

On January 6, 1974, another emergency developed when a young boy who couldn’t swim fell from a seawall into the water, and his father jumped in to save him. The father and son were in serious trouble, drifting out with the tide, but Dom was there with his trusty rope and used it to pull them back to the seawall. For this he received commendations from Riviera Beach Police Chief W. Boon Darden, the Palm Beach County Commission, and the Riviera Beach City Council.

And then there was another kind of rescue involving one of the rescuers who assisted Dom — a “hippie” who later turned



out to be a drug user, U. S. Army deserter, and a convicted burglar sentenced to serve time in the Florida prison system. When Dom learned about the young man’s background, he wrote to Governor Askew to inform him about the rescue incident. Governor Askew passed the information along to the Florida Parole Commission, and the young man was eventually paroled.

“After that,” said Dom, “I talked to him almost daily, urging him to get away from his old friends . . . the ‘hippies’ on grass, and so on. I did all I could to rehabilitate him into a life of usefulness. I succeeded, thank God!! He is now married to a nice girl and lives and works in Chalfont, N.J.”

So now you see some of the reasons we have developed such a strong liking for this 57-year-old barrel-chested guy with the coil of rope and the red baseball cap. Standing near the bridge, he told a reporter, “I’m here every day from 1 to 4, seven days a week . . . except Friday. That’s the day I go to Rotary, and then I don’t get here until 2.”

He gives directions to winter tourists who are lost; waves to special friends such as City Attorney Allen Everard or Dick Williams, former manager of the Oakland A’s baseball team; and treats fishhook gashes in fishermen’s fingers. “Some guys got golf,” Dom said. “Others got boats, but I got the bridge.” Then with a big grin, “yeah, I guess that’s how it is.”

# 1974 Report

Once again the Florida Legislature was good to law enforcement in this state. During the 1974 session some old laws were tightened up, there was a get-tough attitude toward some continuing law enforcement problems, reorganization was accomplished in search of better solutions for old problems and some much needed new programs were approved and funded.

*The last day of the 1974 Legislative Session found many members of the House of Representatives trying to work out compromises so they could secure final passage of legislation they were anxious to see become law.*

## CORRECTIONS

### **Chapter 74-107 (House Bill 2580)**

Creates a Correctional Standards Council within the Dept. of Health and Rehabilitative Services. Requires that state, county and municipal correctional officers meet minimum qualifications; establishes a correctional officer training program; outlines basic qualifications as to age, health, education, citizenship and moral character. Exempts correctional officers already employed from provisions of this act. Effective July 1, 1974.

### **Chapter 74-112 (Senate Bill 215)**

Florida Corrections Reform Act of 1974 — Provides for joint report to the legislature by the Dept. of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the Parole and Probation Commission on adult correctional system; provides a plan to be developed and implemented on the decentralization of classification and reception facilities for adult offenders; requires classification summaries within 30 days of commitment of offender to Division of Corrections; prescribes form and content of presentence investigation reports and mandates such reports on all adult felony

offenders; amends sections relating to reception and medical center, jurisdiction of Division of Corrections, commitment and classification of prisoners. Also authorizes two additional regional classification and reception centers; makes presentence investigation reports confidential; relates to probation hearings to mandate presentence investigation reports on all felony offenders; authorizes development of probation and parole community residential and nonresidential programs by the Parole and Probation Commission and provides for legislative review of agency rules and regulations adopted as directed by this act. Effective July 1, 1974.

### **Chapter 74-122 (Senate Bill 219)**

Permits the Dept. of Health and Rehabilitative Services to transfer inmates for purpose of rehabilitative treatment. Effective July 1, 1974.

### **Chapter 74-241 (Senate Bill 218)**

Gives to the Parole and Probation Commission subpoena power to compel the attendance of witnesses during parole revocation cases. Effective July 1, 1974.

# The Legislature and Law Enforcement





## CRIMINAL LAWS

### Chapter 74-77 (House Bill 3273)

Increases the penalty for practicing podiatry without a license from a misdemeanor of the 1st degree to a felony of the 3rd degree. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-6 (Senate Bill 61)

Provides that any person erasing, removing, defacing or otherwise altering serial numbers or identification marks on items of personal

property is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 1st degree. Further, that any person possessing property, knowing the identification was altered to prevent identification, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 1st degree. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-67 (House Bill 3957)

It was already illegal to shoot or throw a deadly missile into a home, public or private building, vessel, aircraft or bus and this law extends coverage to trains and cable, street or monorail cars. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-97 (Senate Bill 239)

Prohibits the publishing or broadcasting of the name of a person whose wire or oral communications have been intercepted, until said person has been indicted or charges filed by the appropriate prosecuting authority. Makes a violation a 3rd degree felony. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-111 (House Bill 3471)

Requires the covering of vehicles hauling sand, gravel, trash or garbage to prevent such materials from escaping. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-115 (House Bill 318)

Makes it illegal to smoke in an elevator and a violation is a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-116 (House Bill 2736)

Makes it a felony of the 3rd degree to maliciously kill, maim, poison, or disfigure livestock belonging to someone else. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-121 (Senate Bill 959)

Repeals present rape and crime against nature laws. Establishes crime of involuntary sexual battery, providing definitions, setting degrees of sexual battery and providing penalties. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-128 (House Bill 1289)

Provides a penalty (1st degree misdemeanor) for unauthorized practice of law. Effective upon becoming law.

### Chapter 74-136 (House Bill 2724)

Makes it unlawful to steal, embezzle or copy a trade secret. A violation is a misdemeanor of the 1st degree. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-137 (House Bill 2926)

Makes it illegal for any person to possess any electronic device capable of placing long distance calls. Violation is a felony of the 3rd degree. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-229 (House Bill 3903)

Makes it a felony of the 3rd degree to steal cattle or horses. (Supported by the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Cattleman's Association after livestock thefts in the first part of 1974 increased 415 percent over the same period in 1973.) Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-232 (House Bill 3955)

A clarification of the definition of a \$500,000 loan and method of calculating interest rate for purpose of determining usury. Effective upon becoming law.

*Pending bills, amendments, calendars, aspirin bottles, cameras, house plants, drinks, food and a good assortment of other items are to be found on Representatives desks any time the House is in session.*



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## **CRIMINAL LAWS**

### **Chapter 74-314 (House Bill 661)**

Anyone obtaining food, lodging or other accommodations at a motel, hotel or food service establishment, with intent to defraud, where cost of food or accommodations have a value of less than \$100 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree, but if the value is \$100 or more the person shall be guilty of a felony of the 3rd degree. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### **Chapter 74-318 (House Bill 2751)**

Relates to search warrants so as to include evidence relevant to proving a felony has been committed as grounds for issuance of a search warrant. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### **Chapter 74-344 (House Bill 3077)**

Defines "diver, underwater breathing apparatus" and "divers down flag." Requires display of flag and makes violation a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree. Effective upon becoming law.

### **Chapter 74-373 (House Bill 3412)**

Increases the penalty for failure to return a hired vehicle from a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree to a felony of the 3rd degree. Removes the provision that failure to return a vehicle in 72 hours is prima facie evidence of fraudulent intent. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### **Chapter 74-383 (House Bill 2179)**

A complete revision to Florida's Criminal Code, deleting old and conflicting language. Defines various crimes and attempts to relate the severity of the penalty to the severity of the crime. Effective July 1, 1975.

### **Chapter 74-385 (House Bill 2930)**

"Florida Uniform Contraband Transportation Act" provides standard procedures for confiscation of vessels, motor vehicles and aircraft containing contraband articles such as illegal drugs, gambling paraphernalia or equipment used in violation of the beverage or tobacco laws. Effective July 1, 1974.

## **JUDICIAL PROCEDURE**

### **Chapter 74-38 (Senate Bill 24)**

Attorneys were already exempt from jury duty and now, in the discretion of the presiding judge, any practicing physician may be exempted. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### **Chapter 74-125 (House Bill 544)**

When imposing sentences for felonies or misdemeanors involving property but not injury, courts must consider restitution a mitigation of the severity of an otherwise appropriate sentence. Effective upon becoming law.

### **Chapter 74-172 (Senate Bill 15)**

Provides for court ordered involuntary commitment of addicts or habitual drug users. Sets up procedures for petition, hearing, commitment, recommitment, discharge and penalties. Effective July 1, 1974.

### **Chapter 74-233 (House Bill 4000)**

Has to do with the Florida Mental Health Act. Relates to the rights of patients, providing exception in criminal cases to 5 day limitation on imprisonment, providing for commitment to Division of Mental Health of person found not guilty by reason of insanity, providing that mentally ill person charged with a misdemeanor be admitted for hospitalization and treatment. Effective upon becoming law.

### **Chapter 74-379 (Senate Bill 974)**

Provides for the calling of a special jury to consider question of appropriate penalty. Prohibits the dismissal of an employee because of jury service. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

## **JUVENILES**

### **Chapter 74-22 (House Bill 304)**

An amendment to the interstate compact on juveniles setting forth how they are to be confined and the duties and responsibilities of states entering into such compacts. Effective upon becoming law.

*His fellow representatives call him "Sheriff" because he is a former sheriff of Hillsborough County and because he is always interested in legislation which has to do with law enforcement. In the 1974 session, Ed Blackburn (seated in the middle) worked extra hard to win passage of a bill to set up a statewide system of crime laboratories. His efforts paid off when it passed in the final hours of the last day.*





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or county jails. Delays date that Myers Act goes into full effect from Oct. 1, 1974, to Jan. 1, 1975. Effective date July 1, 1974.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Chapter 74-260 (Senate Bill 973)

Provides that state attorney investigators are law enforcement officers with full powers of arrest in their own judicial circuits and must meet the requirements of the Police Standards Council. Effective July 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-327 (House Bill 3948)

Concerns regulation of motorboats — providing for registration of all motorboats, provides for additional safety equipment and a new classification of motorboats. Effective June 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-332 (House Bill 3198)

Provides that the solicitation of charitable funds shall be regulated by the Dept. of State; prohibiting telephone solicitation by professional solicitors; limits a charity to spending no more than 25 percent for fund raising. Effective upon becoming law.

### Chapter 74-357 (House Bill 3277 & 3340)

"The Florida Emergency Telephone Act of 1974" establishes the legislative intent to set up statewide, a three-digit emergency telephone number so emergency services can be obtained. Requires the Div. of Communications of the Dept. of General Services to develop a statewide "911" plan tailored to meet specific local government requirements. Makes the Div. responsible for implemen-

tation and coordination of the plan. Law allows formation of regional systems, encourages coin free dialing of 911 from phone booths and appropriates \$95,000 to the Div. to carry out plan. The 911 system will provide access to law enforcement agencies, fire fighters, medical services and other emergency services. Effective July 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-362 (Senate Bill 284)

Establishes a statewide system of crime laboratories to supplement work of one present state lab in Tallahassee and various local labs. Places the system under the jurisdiction of the Florida Dept. of Criminal Law Enforcement and mandates new labs in Jacksonville, Pensacola and Tampa. Provides 75 percent matching funds for the operation of local labs in Broward, Dade, Palm Beach, Indian River, and Seminole Counties. Gives the local labs the option to become state labs at a later date. Law establishes a Crime Laboratory Council made up of two sheriffs, three police chiefs, three laboratory directors, an educator in the field of forensic science or criminology and a state attorney — all appointed by the Governor. The Council is to act in an advisory capacity to improve the operation of labs. Effective July 1, 1974, except the section relating to matching funds takes effect Jan. 1, 1975.

### Chapter 74-386 (House Bill 3740)

Changes the name of the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement to the Florida Dept. of Criminal Law Enforcement with the head appointed by the Governor and Cabinet. Creates divisions of Law Enforcement, Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Criminal Justice Information Systems, Standards and Training and Staff Services. Creates a Criminal Justice Information Systems Council to be composed of six members, appointed by the Governor, including two sheriffs, two police chiefs, one public defender and one state attorney. Transfers to the DCLE, from

the Dept. of Community Affairs, the Bureau of Police Standards, and the Police Standards Council. Effective Aug. 1, 1974.

## POLICE OFFICER BENEFITS

### Chapter 74-100 (House Bill 2028)

Guarantees to all state, county and municipal employees (including law enforcement officers) the right to bargain collectively over the terms and conditions of employment. Establishes the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission within the Dept. of Commerce. Prohibits strikes and provides for penalties; provides for payroll dues deduction; defines rights of public employees and employers; provides rules and procedures for registration, recognition and certification of employee organizations; and establishes unfair labor practices by employers and unions. Effective Jan. 1, 1975.

### Chapter 74-274 (Senate Bill 84)

Provides certain rights and privileges to law enforcement officers under investigation by members of their own department. Gives to officers the right to sue persons or groups for damages suffered as a result of the performance of the officers' official duties. Protects officers from dismissal without notice. Provides for the orderly receipt and processing of complaints against officers. Directs the Florida Attorney General to enforce provisions of the law. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

### Chapter 74-302 (House Bill 3909)

Converts the Florida Retirement System (of which sheriffs and deputies are members) to a noncontributory system. It will become fully effective for employees of the state,

*The floor of the House of Representatives is so cramped that members have to turn sideways in order to lean back in their chairs.*



local community colleges and school districts after Jan. 1, 1975, and for employees of all other units of government (including sheriffs and deputies) on Oct. 1, 1975. The basic law became effective July 1, 1975.

**Chapter 74-376  
(Senate Bill 81)**

Increases the contributions of special risk (law enforcement) members to the Florida Retirement System. Also makes a change in the calculation of retirement benefits. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

## TRAFFIC

**Chapter 74-63  
(House Bill 3536)**

Provides that all flags, belts, apparel and devices supplied to school safety patrols and school crossing guards be visible both day and night. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

**Chapter 74-201  
(House Bill 98)**

Provides that law enforcement officers shall require the exchange of certain information at the scene of an accident. Information to be exchanged includes name and address of owner and driver of car, license number and name of the liability carrier. Accident report forms shall provide a space for the policy numbers of liability insurance carriers. Effective upon becoming law.

**Chapter 74-248  
(Senate Bill 392)**

Provides that a licensed driver found guilty of a 1st offense DWI may receive a court order for reinstatement of driving privilege if the defendant is required to enroll in a driver improvement course. Can only be used for business or employment purposes. Effective Oct. 1, 1974.

**Chapter 74-335  
(Senate Bill 105)**

Provides that the final disposition of all moving traffic violations must be reported to the Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 10 days of sentencing. Effective July 1, 1974.

**Chapter 74-366  
(Senate Bill 267)**

Requires the Dept. of Transportation to develop a uniform system of traffic and pedestrian control devices to be used in school zones around the state. Provides that the Dept. publish and distribute a manual on such devices and regulations. Effective July 1, 1974.

**Chapter 74-377  
(Senate Bill 171)**

"The Florida Uniform Disposition of Traffic Infractions Act" provides for decriminalization of certain traffic violations and establishes standard statewide civil penalties for infractions. Law sets a schedule of civil penalties for most minor traffic infractions and civil penalties can go up to \$500 and mandatory attendance at driver training schools. More serious traffic offenses such as fleeing police, leaving the scene of an accident, driving while intoxicated etc., are not covered by the provisions of this law. Effective Jan. 1, 1975.

**Chapter 74-384  
(House Bill 2922)**

Provides penalties for person driving with an unlawful blood alcohol level of .10 percent. Allows a prearrest breath test with driver's consent but does not allow results to be used in any criminal or civil proceeding. Prohibits a judge from withholding adjudication of guilt in DWI cases and prohibits judges from accepting a guilty plea to a lesser offense where blood alcohol content was shown to be .20 percent. Effective Jan. 1, 1975.



*Representative Van Poole of Ft. Lauderdale listens intently to debate on a bill.*



*Representative Wayne Mixson of Marianna makes a point.*

*Senator George Firestone of Miami answers a fellow senator's question while other senators concentrate on matters of more concern to them.*



## AI Has What It Takes

TALLAHASSEE — It was one of those real life situations that inspire the script writers of crime television shows. A cornered armed robber was shooting it out with deputy sheriffs, and, as he drew a bead on one of the officers, another officer took careful aim and shot the gun out of his hand. The sharpshooter in this instance was Lt. Al McDermid of the Leon County Sheriff's Department, the man selected by Optimist Clubs as Leon County's "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" for 1974. Calm, capable Al was not selected for this incident alone, but for the qualities that are basic to every good lawman — the possession of skills and the ability to use them effectively. Artistry with firearms is only one of Al's assets. He's also chief diving officer of Sheriff Raymond Hamlin's Underwater Rescue Team, and goes about the business of recovering bodies and stolen goods from murky depths with calm control. His other major skill is in the handling of trail dogs to track down wanted criminals and lost children. This tracking expertise has gained him a widespread reputation — and calls for assistance from law enforcement agencies within a 100-mile radius of Tallahassee. "His response is always unselfish and immediate . . . far beyond the call of duty," said Sheriff Hamlin.



# NO BRICKBATS HERE

Law enforcement isn't all brickbats. Sometimes there are bouquets too — awards, honors, special recognition — and that's what these pages are all about.



## Governor Appoints Crevasse

GAINESVILLE — Many honors have come to Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Jr., and one of the latest was his appointment as chairman of the District III LEAA Advisory Council representing 22 counties in this area of the state. He is also a member of the Governor's Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals.

## Gary Pajcic Revisited

JACKSONVILLE — Those who remember Gary Pajcic as a quarterback on Florida State University's football team, will be interested to learn he's still making headlines — this time as an Assistant State Attorney who received an unusual honor from detectives in the Sheriff's Department here. The detectives presented him with a plaque honoring him for "dedicated and personal concern for the people, and for law enforcement."

## Officers Tapped

GAINESVILLE — The University City Lions Club named as "Officers of the Year" from their respective departments: Sam Shoemaker, Alachua County Sheriff's Department; Robert Pearson, Gainesville Police Department; and Edward Miles, University of Florida Police Department.

## It Wasn't Easy

BARTOW — Congratulated upon receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, Capt. John A. (Al) Brady, of the Polk County Sheriff's Department, admitted it hadn't been easy. Al, who was graduated from high school ten years ago, and has had a successful career in law enforcement, decided he was going to get a college degree and he got it the hard way. He continued to work full time and went to night classes at Rollins College, Winter Park, for four years.

## "Lawman of the Month"

FT. MYERS — Lt. Gerald Edwards, chief investigator for the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office received the Ft. Myers News-Press "Lawman of the Month" award after he was instrumental in the arrest of two murder suspects. He was selected from six nominees representing law enforcement agencies in Southwest Florida.

## Life Saver

DADE CITY — Pasco County Deputy Sheriff Morris Worsley won deserving praise after he saved the life of an eight-month-old baby. The baby had swallowed its tongue, had stopped breathing and was turning blue when Worsley arrived on the scene. En route to a hospital he revived it with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage. At the hospital the child was treated and released.

## Tense Situation

HOLLYWOOD — Sheriff Ed Stack's "Officer of the Month" award went to Sgt. Robert Baton and Deputy William Adams after their joint efforts thwarted an armed robbery. They caught two suspects and persuaded one of them to release a hostage.

## "Any Black Can Move Up"

TAMPA — "I certainly believe any black can move up in grade if he or she applies himself or herself to the needs of the job," said Lt. Arnie Myers after Sheriff Malcolm Beard announced he was going to promote him to Captain and put him in charge of the 103-man Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Bureau. Capt. Myers is president of the Florida Deputy Sheriffs Association.

### "Deputy of the Month"

FT. LAUDERDALE — Deputy Sheriff William R. Lifer was selected "Deputy of the Month" by The Ft. Lauderdale Tribune after his speedy application of life saving techniques saved the life of a three-year-old missing child found unconscious in a washer-dryer. This incident, said The Tribune, reflects great credit on Deputy Lifer and the Broward County Sheriff's Office.

### "Nothing But Admiration . . ."

TAMPA — When a visiting Canadian, Stanley Bock, died suddenly, Deputy Sheriff Ralph Springer came to the aid of his widow by calling an ambulance and staying with Mrs. Bock until the ambulance arrived. Later, in a letter to the Tampa Times, Mrs. Bock praised Deputy Springer for making her feel she had friends here even though she was far from home. "Believe me," she said, "I have nothing but admiration and respect for the men in the Sheriff's Office."



### Boss of the Year

TAMPA — Flashing a big smile, Sheriff Malcolm Beard, the happy recipient of "The Boss of the Year," award presented recently by the Legal Secretaries of Hillsborough County.

### A Bouquet the Hard Way

TITUSVILLE — The Exceptional Award for Bravery four deputy sheriffs received from Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson didn't come easy. William Johnson and W. M. "Buck" Arnold received theirs for taking into custody a deranged man who had held three hostages at gun point for two hours on a Greyhound bus. Jimmy Fielding's award was for taking into custody a mentally unbalanced person who had twice attacked him with a knife; and Larry Cooper's was for apprehending and disarming three holdup suspects who were toting a sawed-off shotgun and two pistols.

### "Fine Professional Attitude"

NAPLES — The Collier County Sheriff's Office gave a helping hand to the family of Kenneth Duckworth, Hialeah attorney, when the family car broke down, and Duckworth later expressed his gratitude in a letter. "Your officers provided them (his wife and three children) with food, shelter and moral support until I arrived with a tow truck about three hours later," he said, adding that deputies then found a motel and took them there. "I know this was an inconvenience for the deputies, but surely a godsend for us. I can only return their kindness by always telling of the fine professional attitude of your department at my every opportunity."



### Man of the Year

FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County's Council of Italian-American Clubs presented their annual "Man of the Year" award to Sheriff Ed Stack at a dinner-dance which featured Florida Senate President Mallory Horne as the principal speaker. Sheriff Stack, who was cited primarily for his work in the field of drug rehabilitation, received congratulatory letters from President Richard Nixon, Congressman J. Herbert Burke and many others.

### Beyond The Call

FORT PIERCE — The alacrity with which the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office launched a search and rescue mission after a local man was reported missing drew praise in the Fort Pierce News-Tribune. Special mention was extended to Deputy Sheriff John Tucker who piloted a helicopter over the ocean most of one night and the following day; and to Deputy Sheriff Dick Danielson who logged more than 14 hours aboard a private boat in the search operation.



### Congratulations, Plaque and Check

CLEARWATER — Winner of the second annual Ruth and Tim Johnson Award, Deputy Roland J. Hazzard (left) receives congratulations from Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung. Timothy A. Johnson, Sr., (center) presented the plaque and \$500 in recognition of outstanding service, after Hazzard successfully conducted an 11-week murder investigation which resulted in a conviction. He also arrested a suspected rapist who had terrorized the county for six months.



Organizations and individuals who have given large gifts to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa become members of the Builders Club by giving \$100 or more. They qualify as Lifetime Honorary Members by giving \$1,000 or more.

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## FSA LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBERS



Mrs. George Daugherty

TAMPA — Sheriff Malcolm Beard of Hillsborough County has been busy presenting Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Fund.

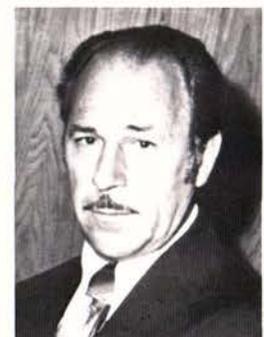
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**INVERNESS** — Citrus County Sheriff Burton R. Quinn (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Twentymon for their generous support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



**BRADENTON** — J. Edward Artz (left) has donated generously to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa and is seen receiving a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque from Manatee County Sheriff R. W. Weitzenfeld.

**OCALA** — Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland dispatched Deputy Dan Henry to present a Florida Sheriffs Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Irene Furrow for her help to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Deputy Taylor is the Sheriff's Community Relations Officer.



**ORLANDO** — Even a hard working Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch trustee and supporter like Ed Pickerill (right) needs help raising money. According to Pickerill, one of his best helpers is W. O. "Bud" Sinns, seen receiving a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque for his services.



### Not Exactly a Dull Day

OCALA — It wasn't exactly a routine day for Capt. Calvin Dyals. One of the bullets (circled) was from fleeing armed robbers. The others were fired by Capt. Dyals through the windshield while in pursuit. And, unfortunately, the culprits got away. (OCALA STAR-BANNER photo by Ray Price.)

### Bradford Deputies Rewarded

STARKE — The reward check of \$500 held by Bradford County Sheriff Dolph Reddish was split by Deputies John Dempsey (left) and Glenn A. Moore who arrested two men for cattle theft while investigating and solving a convenience store robbery. The reward came from the Florida Cattleman's Association. (GAINESVILLE SUN photo)



### Burglars Caught

BRADENTON — Mrs. Florence W. Unsworth thought something suspicious was going on at her neighbor's house so she called the Manatee County Sheriff's Department. Officers came out and arrested two burglars. For her alert action, Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld presented Mrs. Unsworth with a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award.

## Crestview hanging was an example "of the great power of God in dealing with the guilty"

After our November-December issue carried an article about a 1921 hanging in Crestview, Florida, we received the following interesting letter from an eye-witness, Thomas R. Waddell, Sr., of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

Gentlemen,

My son, Judge Thomas R. Waddell, Jr., of Melbourne brought me a copy of your Nov.-Dec. edition of your magazine. There was a story on page 6 which he had heard me talk about which was the Martin-Ponsell hanging in Sept. 1921.

At that time I was a traveling salesman for the Calumet Baking Powder Company. I had stayed at Chipley and there was much conversation at the hotel about the murder of John Tuggle and the conviction of Martin and Ponsell who were to be hanged the next week in Crestview. I also heard that one of those men was a veteran of the Canadian Army from World War I. This, too, had been my record so when I got over to Crestview and stayed at the Webb Hotel I thought I'd go to the jail and talk with them.

When I was permitted to see them Martin was yelling out — "There's going to be a big show here and they're building a big platform for my pal and I to put on the big act. Come next week and see us perform. It will be the greatest show ever in Florida."

One would never think from his humorous shouting it was going to be a criminal hanging. Then I met Ponsell who came to talk with me when he was told I was also a Canadian Veteran. He held out his hand and greeted me with the words "The Wages of Sin are Death."

He then told me of a preacher who had called on him and

after his confession he prayed with him and convinced him to put his confession in his heart and trust in the Lord for strength.

After our talk he asked me to do one thing. He said there would be no one there to pray with him at the time of execution and because of our service together would I please come back the next week at that time.

Believe me, the people of West Florida were never aroused by any crime more than this murder. These two men had been picked up by John Tuggle when he was driving his car to Milton. They were also going to Milton to seek work in a lumber operation. They asked him if when he was returning to Chipley would he pick them up if they were unsuccessful in getting jobs, if they were out on the road. He agreed to do so and that's how they got in his car and en route east they committed murder.

The day of the double hanging it looked that there were present a thousand people to witness it. The people were going to be pleased to see Martin and Ponsell executed. At the execution Martin still was talking about the big show. But when Ponsell was taken out he addressed the public and preached a sermon on the "Wages of Sin are Death." The people had never listened to a finer evangelist and he touched the hearts of all those present. Really, as I watched it was evident that to begin with, all were full of hate for the guilty, but from the expression of the faces, and from some oral prayers, there was a change and many prayers were made for him.

This occasion has always been a recollection of the great power of God in dealing with the guilty.

# .....A Human Being After All !!

*Correctional Officers are the "forgotten men" and women in the criminal justice system – the lowest paid, the least publicized (until they make a "boo boo"), and the least respected.*

*Fortunately there are signs this is changing. Professional standards are being established, working conditions are being improved, and pay checks are beginning to look a little less anemic.*

*We welcome this trend, and we extend congratulations to the many concerned, capable and dedicated people within the ranks of the state's "jailkeepers" who have done so much to improve the status of*

"For a long time most people called him a guard, turn key, hack, screw, jailer, and many other names that were not fitting or fair to the officer. What most people do not know is, that a correctional officer, who works at the Duval County Jail, the City Prison Farm, and the Fairfield House, is the one who sees the young first offender in his moments of fear, as he is placed in a cell with the door closed and locked behind him. It is the correctional officer who must try to assure the young first offender that the jails and prisons of today are not what society believes them to be, due to the theatrical entertainment of television and the movies.

"It is the correctional officer who must handle the common drunks and cope with their verbal abuse, not forgetting that these people are sick and need help, hoping that some day society will accept the fact that putting these people in jails and prisons is not a cure for the drunks' problems or for society. Drunks should be treated as people who are sick, not imprisoned like criminals.

"It is the correctional officer that must face the drug addict and try to show him understanding and help make the horror of withdrawals as easy as possible, even if this addict did create the problems that he may have, he is still a human being.

"It is the correctional officer who must, many times, be



**A Man Who Cared**

TAMPA – Concern for the needs of others was typical of the late Richard L. Cheney, Mayor of Tampa. This picture was taken when he presented a check for \$600 to Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard (right) for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa. This gift represented the proceeds from an appreciation dinner which was held during Mayor Cheney's political campaign, and it was presented shortly before he died of a heart attack.

*their trade.*

*What kind of people are they?*

*The best answer is found in an editorial by Lt. R.W. Thornton, a correctional officer in the Duval County Jail. This editorial appeared in a booklet entitled "Facts About Dangerous Drugs" which was published by the correctional officers in the Duval County Jail as a public service to fight drug abuse.*

*The book alone tells a lot about the kind of people who man our jails, but Lt. Thornton's editorial tells much more – and here it is:*

responsible for housing, caring for, and watching over the mentally ill. It is true that these people violated the law in one form or another, and because the due process of law demands that anyone who breaks the law be punished, they are placed in jails and prisons, when they should be in treatment institutions.

"It is the correctional officer who works in the jails and prisons, that carry out the working schedule of 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As it is said many times around the Duval County Jail, "WE NEVER CLOSE," and during this time he comes in contact with many types of people, each with a different problem and need. The correctional officer must deal with thousands of people charged with many different crimes, such as, murder, arson, rape, hijacking, robbery, child torture, homosexual, or illegal sex acts, not to mention the fact that many of those charged with these crimes, sometimes have one or more of the previously mentioned problems.

"To conclude a story untold: Never have so few, done so much, for so long, for so little! Yes, a correctional officer is a human being, after all!"

## New Columbia Sheriff



LAKE CITY – The longest Sheriff's election on record ended July 10, 1974, when J. Glenn Bailey was sworn in as Sheriff of Columbia County. This was some 20 months after voters had cast their ballots in the 1972 general election for Bailey and incumbent Sheriff Harry Spradley. Precinct voting gave Bailey a victory margin of 36 votes, but counting of the absentee ballots made Spradley the winner by a margin of 50 votes. Bailey challenged the validity of the absentee votes and a long court battle

that went all the way to the Florida Supreme Court finally upheld his challenge. Born October 22, 1926, Sheriff Bailey is a native of Columbia County and a product of the Columbia County Schools. His educational background also includes a number of law enforcement courses. He began his law enforcement career in 1955 as a jailer in the Columbia County Jail; became a uniformed deputy sheriff in 1957; and was appointed Chief Deputy Sheriff when Spradley took office in 1969. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. His wife's name is Helen, and they have two children, a boy and a girl. His church affiliation is Methodist.

# HELP STOP CRIME

## Putting the burglar out of business.

### Your business.

*Burglars are looking for a chance, any chance, to break and enter your business. Don't give it to them. Follow these suggestions from the HELP STOP CRIME program, sponsored by the Governor's Crime Prevention Committee. (For more information about the program, contact Stewart Price, P. O. Box 3893, Tallahassee, Fla. 32303.)*

#### Skylights or Ventilation System

Roof entries are rare in burglaries, but they do happen. If you have a skylight, see that it's protected by strong metal mesh.

Nearly all businesses have some kind of ventilation system, either fans or air-conditioning units. Make sure they cannot be used as entries into your business. If the fan or air ducts are large enough for a man to crawl through, cover them with bars or 16-gauge metal mesh.



#### Outside your business

Do not make it easy for a burglar to get inside your business by leaving "ladders" (which includes actual ladders, and lattice-work, shelving, lumber or anything that can be used as a ladder) or places to hide outside your business.

Park company cars and trucks away from the walls. A burglar can easily climb on them or hide behind them.

If there are any utility poles right next to your business that have rings or spikes for climbing, call the utility company and ask to have them remove at least the lower rings.



#### Appoint a Security Executive

This is extremely important. As a businessman, you should know that unless responsibility is delegated specifically to someone, no one takes responsibility. Security is an every day part of business and must be handled in an efficient, business-like manner.

Appoint someone you trust as your Security Executive. It will be his or her job to check the store every night to make sure the business is secure before closing. Do not leave anything to memory.

#### Your employees

There is a singular fact about burglaries: many are committed by unreliable employees.

It is therefore imperative that you check out the employment records and references of each and every prospective employee.

Check out credit references also.

Let time prove that you can trust an employee before you allow him to have a key to your business.

#### Crime. It's your business

It is up to each and every businessman to protect his own business. The steps recommended here will greatly increase the security of your business. It is up to you to follow them.

There is, of course, no such thing as a burglar-proof business. But the harder you make it for a burglar to enter your business, the greater the probability that he won't try at all.

Review the basic security measures discussed previously. Contact a good locksmith to check your locks and get a contractor for the doors and windows if necessary.