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viewpoint

A DETERRENT TO CRIME

The LAKELAND LEDGER believes in giving its readers all sides of controversial issues so when the paper editorially stated its opposition to capital punishment, Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen was asked to submit an article favoring reinstatement of the death penalty.

In both my duties as Sheriff of Polk County and as a taxpaying citizen, I favor the use of capital punishment as a deterrent to crime.

Crime statistics kept by all law enforcement agencies in Florida clearly show the crime rate has continued to increase faster than the population since the early 1960's when the last prisoner was executed in the state. Serious crimes of violence such as rape and first degree murder were lower in the days when the death penalty could be given to a man convicted of such crimes.

Almost all persons who commit criminal acts are interested in two things. First, what are the risks they will face in committing the crime, and second, what is the profit they stand to make from their criminal activity. When the risk is low enough and the profit is high enough, it is certain the crime will be committed.

The possibility of having to face the electric chair or the gas chamber used to be a big risk to a man thinking about committing a serious crime. That risk is no longer there. A man can get just as long a sentence for murdering the clerk of a store he is robbing as he can for simply going in and robbing the store. And when the clerk is killed, there is no witness to testify against him.

Anyone who is placed in fear of losing his own life after being convicted of a serious crime and sentenced to death

would certainly think twice before committing that crime.

A bad thing about crime statistics before and after the abolition of capital punishment is that there is no way of knowing how many people were prevented from committing serious crimes because of the threat of the death penalty. I do not think there is anyone who would gladly place his life on the line in return for what he might get out of committing a crime.

Actions of the courts and the legislature over the past few years have primarily been directed at making it more difficult for the law enforcement officer to arrest an individual and for the state attorney to prosecute him. With all the interest in protecting the individual who commits a crime, we have forgotten about protecting the individuals who are the victims of the crimes. They have no protection under the law.

The reinstatement of capital punishment would be one way to give some protection to the prospective victims of serious crime.

I think a man should be given a chance. But when he has time to get a gun, find ammunition for it, and then use it to commit a crime, he does not deserve a second chance.

If we are going to be successful in our battle against crime, we have to increase the risks by whatever means are available to us. Capital punishment is one of these means and I am in favor of it.



There Are Other Ways To Handle Insubordination

FT. LAUDERDALE — This is not the way Broward County Sheriff Ed Stack (left) disciplines Dan Sullivan, his Executive Assistant. A photographer just happened to catch the Sheriff taking aim along the barrel of an anti-tank gun confiscated in connection with the arrest of a local man identified as a Ku Klux Klan leader, and Dan just happened to be standing in the line of fire.

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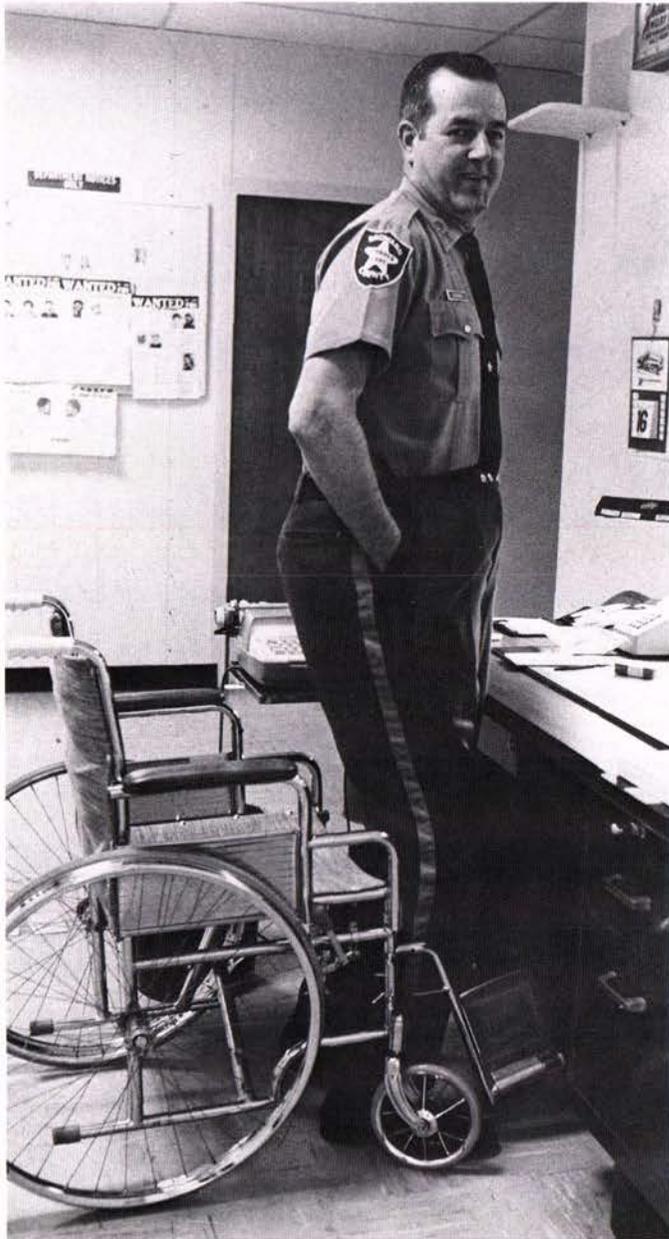


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Information Officer William Rhyan

He Walks In Awe of Acupuncture

By *COURTLAND MILLOY*
Miami Herald Staff Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE—William Rhyan sits in a wheelchair behind the Broward County Sheriff's Department information desk eight hours a day, answering phone calls, snapping his fingers, patting his feet, and meticulously stroking a butane lighter.

It might sound dull; but he is delighted with each snap, each pat, the louder the better. "Hey, did you hear that? Man, oh, man did you hear that. Hey, let me light your cigaret."

Rhyan has manned the information post for the past five

years, answering the phone. But it wasn't long ago that he couldn't pat, snap, or light with the right side of his body.

He has multiple sclerosis. He has been confined to a wheelchair for the past six years and has lived on a diet consisting largely of pain killers, muscle relaxers and sleeping pills for the past 15.

The pills are gone now. He says he sleeps like a baby without them. He can shower and dress himself and stick his hands in his pockets without tilting over. He's taking a few steps around home now but he uses a wheelchair at work where the halls are long and wide. His first steps, several months ago now, were the first his wife had ever seen him take. They both cried.

Acupuncture. He does not know how it works. He does not care. All Rhyan knows is that before he began treatment, "it could be difficult at times to smile."

He laughs now, heartily. And his wife of four years, Betty, shares it all. "I remember we were just sitting around the house after his first treatment," she said. "He was already saying that the pain was gone. I asked him how he really felt about acupuncture.

"He said it was a snap, and when he said that, he just snapped his fingers. I'd never seen him do that before. So he just sat there, teary-eyed and said, 'It may not seem like much to you, but to me, it's beautiful.'"

A friend told him about acupuncture. And since none of the experimental surgery, or the "magic pink pills" worked, he decided to give the Oriental art of needle pricking a try.

"I was a little apprehensive about the needles being inserted in my body," say the 45 year-old, 6 foot 4 inch Rhyan. I don't know much about that, and I still don't. The doctor just put about 28 needles all over and around my waist. Soon the pain went away," he said.

"All I want is to let other people know that acupuncture can work. . .MS can be discouraging at times, but maybe if people know what happened to me, they'll have hope," Rhyan said.

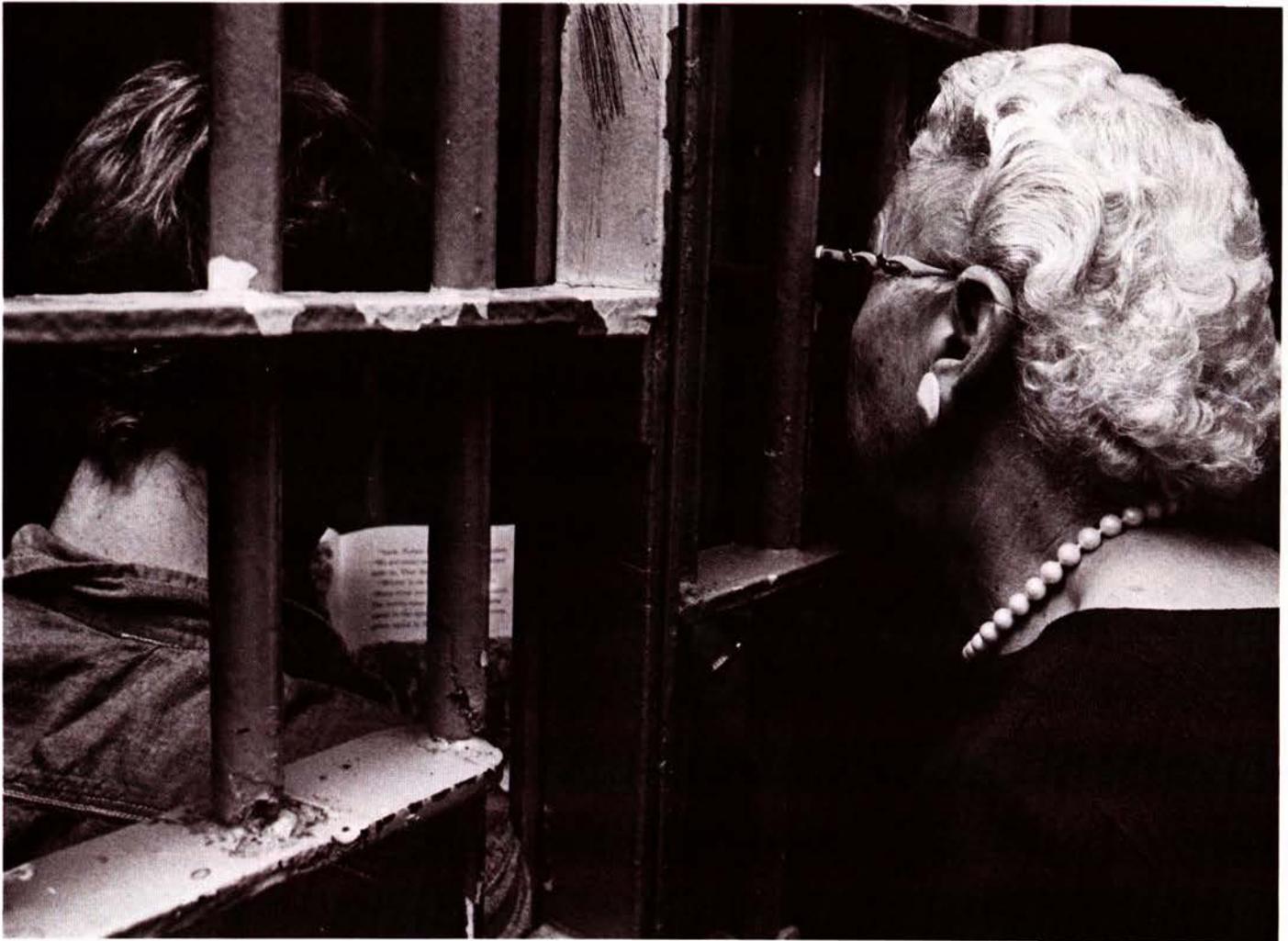
It was 15 years ago that Rhyan left his job as a sporting goods salesman to enter the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Three weeks later, as he lay in bed, a group of doctors gathered around him. By process of elimination, he said, they had determined he either had multiple sclerosis or a brain tumor.

"A short while later, a doctor came back sort of smiling and said it was MS. I didn't even know what it was. But what I found out frightened me. It was incurable, the doctors told me. My wife of fourteen years stood by my side while the doctors explained. When they finished, she looked down at me and said, "I want a divorce."

Over the years, Rhyan said he first began to feel numb in certain parts of his body, first an arm, then a leg, until six years ago, his whole body went limp. He was placed in a wheelchair.

"There's no way to predict the end result of acupuncture treatment. There is no set amount of treatment, and everything depends on the progress that is made," Rhyan said. He returns periodically to the Broward Pain and Rehabilitation Center for acupuncture treatments.

"From the beginning, I've always followed my motto: rest if you must, but never quit. And I've never quit. I've always looked for that magic pill, this might be it. Now, I'm not saying I'm cured, but I'm getting better," he said assuredly. "Everyday I awaken with the anticipation of rejuvenated life."



Dr. S. G. Gilbreath teaches a young inmate to read. He went from a non-reader to forth grade level in four months. (Photo by Carson Baldwin, BRADENTON HERALD)

No Bars To Human Compassion

COVER STORY

BRADENTON—"Father, we thank You for the privilege to serve you in this way and for the opportunity to be your hands and voice to these people who so need your love, as we all do. Enter into our minds and hearts, give us the strength and direction to be what you would have us be, to say what you would have us say. . . Amen."

This is the prayer of the Jail Visitors as they bow their heads before getting into the elevator at the Manatee County Jail.

Three times a week small groups of men and women are permitted to work with the inmates. They distribute approved reading materials and toilet articles.

The prisoners say they couldn't get along without the visitors. It gives them something to look forward to and makes them feel that someone cares. They have a strong need for contact with outsiders whom they can begin to trust.

The work of these people has been going on for over two years now, and Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld says he is not sorry he let Mrs. Junior Avers get her foot in the door. "The first step in rehabilitation is to catch criminals," he says. "Many of them don't even realize they are breaking the law. Once you've got them, you have to offer them a challenge to improve their lives. That's what this group is doing. And they're doing a good job."

It is agonizingly slow working through the bars, but they are determined to teach reading to those who want to learn. Mrs. William Pedrick, who is president of the Retired Teachers Association this year, has one student with a high IQ who was a non-reader. It took him four months to learn reading on a fourth grade level. This, she says, is not unusual. She finds the inmates very willing to learn, anxious about what will become of them when they are released. And very receptive to being taught. One young man worked on his own and taught himself to write almost 300 new vocabulary words.

"One reason they have been underachievers is due to the

fact they may have lacked encouragement and positive rewards in their early life." Mrs. Betty Jo Riblet studied criminology in school. She teaches children with learning disabilities in Bradenton. Once a teacher at Sunland Training Center, a school for retarded delinquents, Mrs. Riblet understands what causes abnormal behavior. "If children aren't given rewards for positive behavior, they will resort to negative behavior to get attention," she explained.

A number of the inmates have found God during their stay in the jail. The Visitors have a modern version of the Bible—"The Way"—which they introduce to inmates who are interested.

One young man, very quiet for two weeks when the Visitors were there came up to Mrs. Avers one day. He handed her some tightly folded bills and asked her to buy him "one of those books." There is only one copy in each cell block, and he wanted a copy of his own.

"God is getting to them through this book," Mrs. Avers said. She has been a missionary all her life, but she doesn't teach hard-line religion to prisoners who have a hard time trusting authority and don't understand God. She lets them

come to Him in their own time and way. "The Way" is helping her to speak to them.

Not all are receptive, but a hundred percent are attentive. She is prepared for a long tedious siege. Surprisingly enough she was not prepared for such good behavior when she began.

"I was prepared for ostracizing, slurs, bad words," she says. "Never have I heard one word or look that wasn't gentlemanly. It's miraculous."

Some of the biggest miracles are accomplished in the humblest ways. A phone call from St. Louis was received by Mrs. Avers recently from a girl she had helped. She was happy now and "getting it together."

Another girl, who had to pay off a debt before she could go home and make a new start, sends Mrs. Avers a letter and a dollar every week to repay the money she borrowed.

Trusting people is not an easy thing to do. Especially with money. It is not a standard practice with the Visitors, but when they do it, they are gratified with the response of people who are not accustomed to being trusted with anything by anyone.

Should We Copy The Japanese?

The following editorial is reprinted from the TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT.

From day to day, fresh evidence of the failure of the nation's war against crime can be found in the news reports. Streets still are unsafe in some cities, even our own in certain areas.

Some cities have stepped up law enforcement to the point where the rate of increase in crime has been slowed. But for every bright spot, there seems to be twice as many dark spots around the country.

Statistics indicate that the crime rate in New York City has gone up 300 per cent in the last 10 years. Other American cities have records just about as bad or worse.

Cities in other countries also have experienced increases in crime. The rate went up 200 per cent in West Berlin and 160 per cent in London during that same decade that New York experienced such a jump in criminal activity.

But there is a bright spot, and Americans would do well to study the means by which Tokyo, Japan, actually achieved a 10 per cent decrease in crime in this same decade.

Despite overcrowding, inadequate housing and sanitation, dimly lighted streets and alleys and an enormous influx of people from the farms and rural areas, Tokyo remains one of the world's safest cities. Tokyo suffers from all the drawbacks which are listed in this country as reasons for the sharp increase in criminal activity.

A number of reasons are given for the low crime rate in Tokyo as well as the rest of Japan. The nation has little poverty and no unemployment. It is not beset by serious racial, religious or cultural divisions. Its size and geographic isolation make law enforcement easy.

And, too, Japanese families are relatively stable and tight-knit. That certainly must be a prime factor in holding down crime. But the manner in which the Japanese deal with crime should not be overlooked as an important factor in keeping crime under control.

Criminals can expect swift and stern punishment. For instance, a citizen who violates the strict prohibition against possession of handguns can get up to five years in prison. Put that down as a deterrent to crime.

Possession and use of drugs are severely punished. The important thing is that punishment is certain. There are no wishy-washy court and lenient judges to let the culprits go free. Japanese judges deal harshly with crimes of violence, yet the stress remains on rehabilitation rather than punishment.

There are so many factors involved that it is difficult to suggest that one is more important than another in keeping down crime. It could be that the two hours set aside in the Japanese schools each week for moral and ethical education, stressing respect for others and good social conduct, have an impact.

We do not suggest that Japan has the perfect approach to law and order, but its methods are worthy of more consideration and study on our part.



Just Call Me Jerry

CLEARWATER — When he was still Vice President, Gerald Ford visited Pinellas County accompanied by U. S. Congressman Bill Young (center) and paused at the airport to thank Sheriff Don Genung for his support and cooperation. The Sheriff was involved in security arrangements and Ford was impressed with how smoothly they were coordinated. "I can appreciate the amount of hard work and planning that had to go into it," he said.

Deputies Learning to Drive - Better

DELAND—Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff plans to make a driving course for all deputies mandatory. He decided to take this course of action after a number of accidents—some minor, some serious, but all detrimental to the efficiency of staff operations. Nine patrol vehicles have been damaged so far this year, with a total cost of \$9,300.

Duff is currently making arrangements with the Daytona Beach International Speedway, which he hopes to use as a training ground for deputies in the hows and whys of high speed chase techniques. Sheriff Duff expects to have the course operating on a mandatory basis by the first of the year.

The Florida Highway Patrol and the Volusia County Police Chiefs have expressed interest in the course, and indicated they would like to have their officers participate in the course on a fee paying basis when it becomes operational.

Volusia County would be one of the first law enforcement agencies in the United States to offer such training.



Tight Maneuvering

SANFORD—The Orange County Sheriff's Department helicopter, Rescue 1, rushed to the aid of 16-year-old Anthony Lupo, injured while diving into a shallow clay pit near Sanford. Shown at the controls is Corporal Michael Curtis, while Corporal William Rausher leans from the helicopter to give assistance.

Heroic Deputy

TAMPA—James E. Rowell was named Hillsborough County Deputy of the Year by the Tampa Kiwanis Club for his part in single-handedly attempting the capture of three armed robbery suspects. He was jumped and severely beaten when he began to handcuff one of the suspects. When other deputies arrived on the scene, they managed to apprehend two of the men, but the injured Rowell managed to prevent the escape of the third suspect by crawling to his patrol car and ramming the getaway vehicle.

Double Honor for Garrett

ST. AUGUSTINE—Dudley Garrett, St. Johns County Sheriff, was named chairman of the Criminal Justice Advisory Council to the Jacksonville Area Planning Board. Governor Reubin Askew based his appointment on Garrett's "outstanding qualifications and his interests in criminal justice improvements." In addition to this honor, Garrett has been named Outstanding Law Officer by the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency.

FBI Graduates Honored

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Graduates who completed the 98th Session of the FBI Academy included Lt. Gerald David Hotopp, Dade County Public Safety Department, Miami, and Captain Edward K. Humphrey, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, West Palm Beach. New York City Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd was the featured speaker at graduation rites.

Lion Runs Rampant

ZEYPHERHILLS—Pasco County Deputy Sheriff Greg Devlin had an unusual task. Instead of the typical armed robber or thief, he was called to capture a 200 pound lion. Tuffy, luckily de-clawed and de-toothed, had jumped the fence of his enclosure and was prancing around the yard of his new owner. He refused capture. It took teamwork with a vet, and a double dose of tranquilizers with a tranquilizer gun, to subdue the big cat.

Officer Devlin, with the aid of a Florida Wildlife Officer, roped Tuffy and took him and his cage to the Sheriff's Office in Dade City. The lion is now making his new home as the mascot for St. Leo's College in a specially constructed cage.

Something Extra

JACKSONVILLE—As part of a safety campaign sponsored by the Jacksonville Safety Council, Sheriff Dale Carson (right) and Lt. C. E. Arnold (left) saw to it that 20,000 pamphlets, entitled "Because I Care" were passed out to motorists stopped for traffic violations. The leaflet contained photographs of fatal car crashes, focused attention on the rising rate of automobile fatalities and suggested traffic violators sign up for a defensive driving course. Safety Council President Jim Martin said, "We feel this pamphlet will help change the trend of rising fatalities." (Photo by Dan McCormack, FLORIDA TIMES UNION)



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A front view of the new Orange County Sheriff's Department Operations Center, with the Heliport in the top left.

Department Gets Praise and New Building

ORLANDO—Governor Reubin Askew opened the Orange County Sheriff's Department Operations Center with praise for the department, saying it is "one of the most progressive law enforcement agencies in the United States." Sheriff Mel Colman expressed his feelings about the event, saying, "anyone who attended or participated in this dedication ceremony should be left with a great sense of pride, fulfillment, and accomplishment."

The impressive tan and white structure will house the sheriff's patrol, as well as the criminal and vice investigation departments. The \$1.5 million facility includes a heliport for the department's three helicopters, and a gymnasium. It is located at Interstate 4 and 33rd Street, adjacent to the county's maintenance center.

The Center is dedicated to the memory of the late Maj. Eugene Columbus and all the members of the department who died in the line of duty, as well as those officers who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of law enforcement. Mrs. Columbus, widow of Maj. Columbus, shared the opening ceremonies with Governor Askew. Together, they "uncuffed" the new building with a pair of wire cutters.

After the opening ceremonies, the Orange County Sheriff's Department hosted an open house.

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Sheriff Mel Colman (left) with special dedication guests, Mrs. Eugene Columbus and Governor Reubin Askew.

The Myers Act (Florida's Comprehensive Alcoholism Prevention Control and Treatment Act sired by State Senator Kenneth Myers) which made drunks a health problem rather than a law enforcement problem was one of those good ideas with unfortunate timing. Lack of detoxification facilities in many areas, plus an absence of clear cut operating procedures created many problems and frustrations. At one point, in fact, there was a suspicion that while it might get

drunks off the streets and out of jails into treatment centers, the resulting snafus were likely to drive law enforcement officers to drink. Time seems to have healed all that, and when the Myers Act goes into full effect state-wide January 1, 1975, a relatively smooth transition is anticipated. Support for this prediction comes from Duval County where a Detoxification Program complying with all phases of the new law is already in effect --- and working well. Here's what's happening there:

The problem drinker can get the proper medical assistance needed to break the tragic cycle of bottle to jail, back to bottle.

Let's drink to the MYERS

On February 21st of this year, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the City's Mental Health Agencies joined together in an action that changed the City's traditional methods of dealing with problem drinkers.

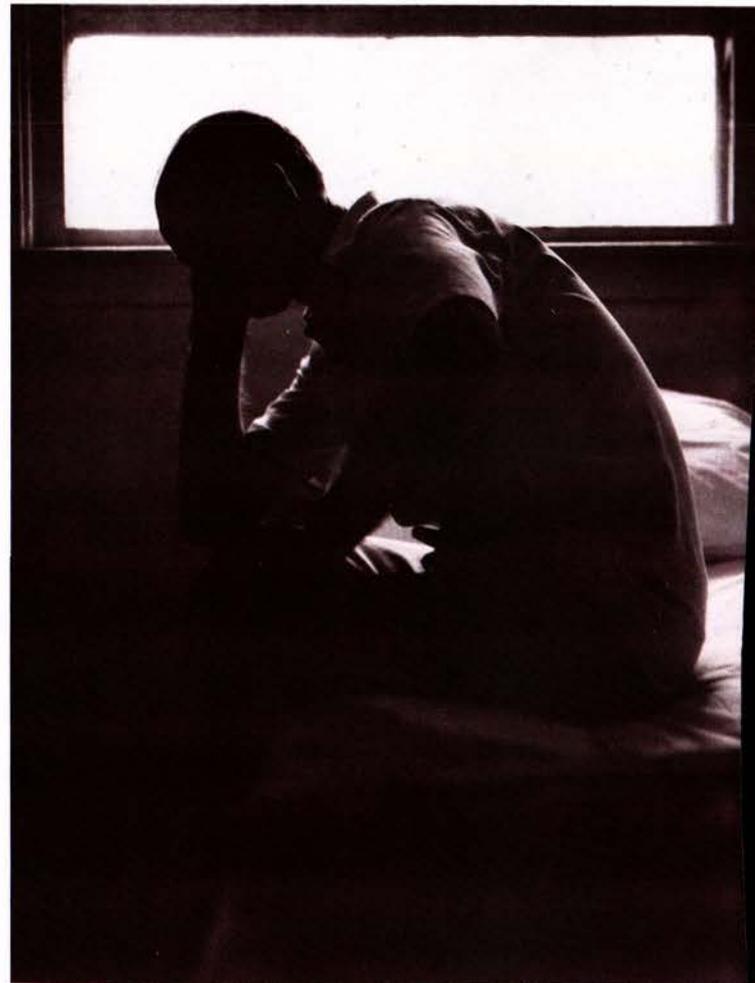
There is an old saying that a confirmed alcoholic can spend more time in jail than a convicted murderer. The new program instituted in the state's second largest county has changed that.

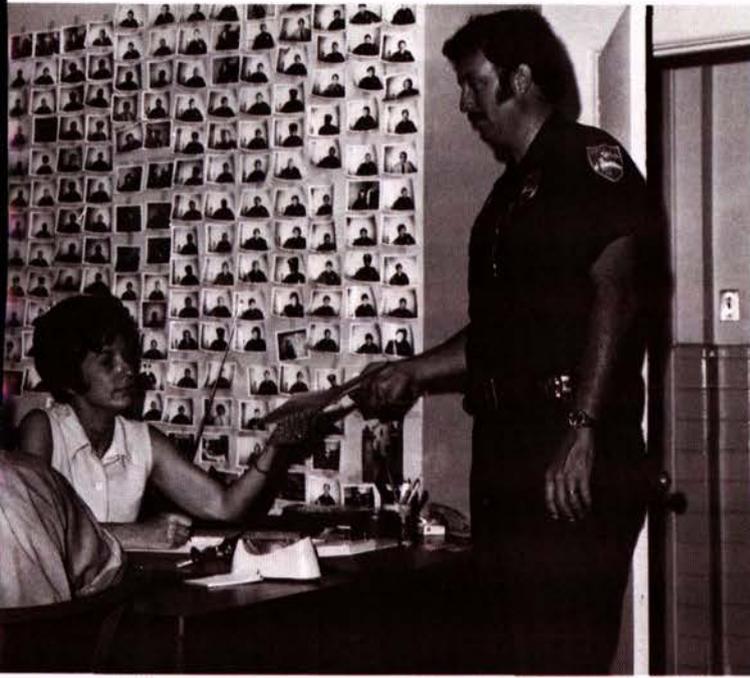
Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson said, "Persons taken into custody for public intoxication in Jacksonville are no longer arrested and placed in jail to sleep it off on the cold concrete floor of a drunk tank. Instead, they are placed in protective custody and taken to a Detoxification Center where they can be sobered up in a clean bed under constant medical supervision."

Jacksonville's treatment of its problem drinkers will be duplicated throughout the State of Florida when the Myers Act becomes fully implemented. This Act, in effect, changes the problem of the common drunk from a police matter to a public health problem.

However, Sheriff Carson said, "For alcoholics who commit crimes such as driving while intoxicated, prosecution will still be the answer. This program lets us separate the drunks who are a police problem from those who are a medical problem."

Jacksonville Police Officers have found that the change has worked to their advantage and made their job much easier. Sheriff Carson said that under the new system the Patrol Officer simply takes the drunk to the treatment center, fills out a modified





There is still the problem of the chronic drunk who refuses to be helped and center personnel have set up a screening process for these people. If they are brought to the Detoxification Center more than twice in one week, or four times in one month, they are not accepted for treatment. Instead, they are booked into the Duval County Jail charged with Disorderly Intoxication (Florida Statutes 856.011) and face the Judge the following day. Most of these repeaters receive the maximum 30-day sentence at the County Prison Farm.

Communication systems are being improved so the Patrol Officer can check with the Detoxification Center by radio to see if the subject should be taken there for treatment or if he should be transported directly to jail.

Sheriff Carson said there have been only minor problems with the system since it went into operation in February and these are being rapidly ironed out. He added the program has already demonstrated its value.

Carson said, "In the Detoxification Program the problem drinker can get the proper medical assistance needed to break the tragic cycle of bottle to jail, back to the bottle." He added that the alcoholic can be changed from a burden on the criminal justice system to a productive member of society.

In Jacksonville, the common drunk no longer has to serve a life sentence in jail on the installment plan. Soon this will be true throughout the rest of the state as well.

ACT - it seems to be working

arrest sheet and turns the subject over to mental health personnel for treatment. They, in turn, give the Officer a signed, time-stamped receipt and the Officer quickly returns to his normal duties.

In the event the subject has suffered an injury that requires medical treatment, the Officer takes him directly to University Hospital where he is turned over to Detoxification Center personnel stationed there. They see that he receives the required treatment; then provide transportation to the Detoxification Center. Again, says Sheriff Carson, "The Officer's time away from his regular patrol duties is slashed dramatically."

At the 60-bed Detoxification Center a check on the subject's condition is made and he is given proper medical treatment. If the supervisor on duty at the center feels that the patient is in an acute state, or needs medical attention other than is usually provided by the center, the person is transferred to University Hospital for further treatment. At the hospital, he may receive vitamin injections, fluids for dehydration and sedatives to lessen the D. T.'s.

Center personnel say that the patient's stay can range from just hours for sobering up the party-goer with "a few too many" to a week for a confirmed alcoholic who needs counseling and antabus treatments before he can be phased into a long term rehabilitation program.

The Detoxification Center has been handling approximately 800 patients a month since the program went into effect; and anticipates 10,000 cases in a year's time.



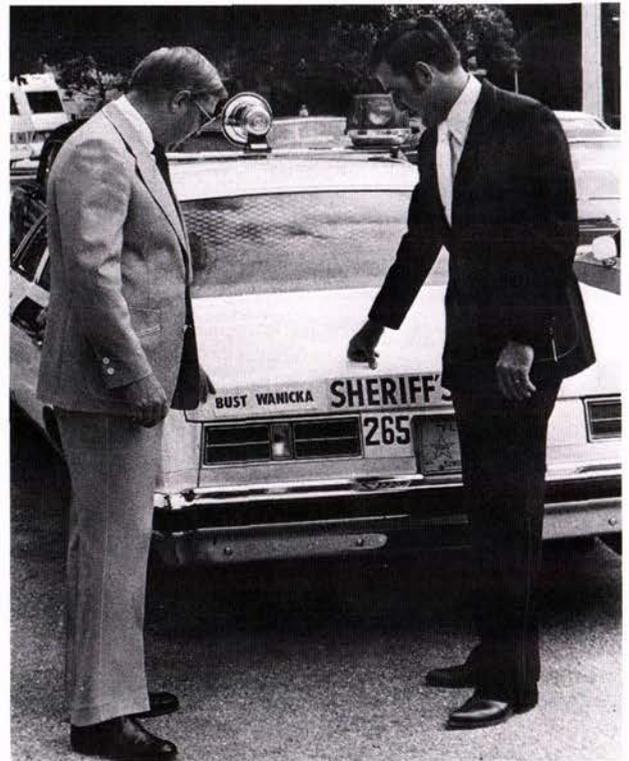
Juvenile Crime Rates Soar

CLEARWATER—Juvenile crime rates have soared 264.2 percent in Pinellas County over the past five years, says Sheriff Don Genung. Among other things, he reports that juvenile crime is growing faster than adult crime, and crime among young women is growing faster than among young men. Drug violations and drug related offences are the most common arrests. Juveniles turn to theft and mugging to obtain money for the purchase of illicit drugs.

Drug problems are occurring among the very young; the youngest marijuana smoker known to Genung's department is only eight years old. Twelve-year-old children have been discovered to be dealing drugs to their classmates, and Genung knows of one sixteen-year-old youth who introduced his three younger brothers and sisters to drugs.

One group of juveniles had organized an effective scheme for shoplifting. Two of the young people would stage a fight, and while store personnel was occupied with the disturbance other members of the group would flee with the merchandise. They concentrated on easily sold items like toasters, radios, and tapes.

While Genung is not optimistic about juvenile crime in Pinellas County, he hopes it is at least leveling off. His major concern is to stop the flow of drugs into Pinellas County, and he hopes to do so by concentrating his efforts on the higher-ups in the drug business—the pushers. "I hope the tide is turning, that our young are beginning to turn off drugs," Genung said.



Sheriff Is Target

FT. MYERS—After Sheriff Frank Wanicka's "Raiders" logged 642 narcotics arrests in less than seven months, "Bust Wanicka" stickers began appearing on the bumpers of motorists sympathetic to drug pushers. Wanicka (right) and Chief deputy David Wilson got a chuckle when one of the stickers appeared on a Lee County deputy's car.

Parents Rest Easier When Kids Dial 1-800-231-6946

Florida has been a haven for runaways. Its beaches, climate and university towns, like magnets, attract children from within and outside the state. Last year alone an estimated 27,000 runaways came into contact with law enforcement officials in Florida. This figure approximates only one-quarter of the actual number of kids on the run, and it conjures up an alarming picture of some 100,000 young drifters in our state exposing themselves to frightening hazards.

Within the last year the runaway problem has been written up in every major newspaper, discussed in the U.S. Congress and presented on television programs. The major concern was forcefully brought into national focus following the discovery in Houston of 27 bodies, all young males, involved in a homosexual mass murder scheme. As this incident illustrates, runaways are often victims of crimes—fairly easy targets, in fact, for murder, rape, robbery and assault. And we cannot begin to accurately estimate the extent to which these kids are victimized, because runaways, afraid they will be apprehended by police, simply fail to report crime.

Nationally about six per cent of all children under 18 leave home each year; that's one million or more children! And as law enforcement officials know, runaways are not only victims of crimes, but often they also involve themselves in crimes. Sometimes this may be the only channel through which they can sustain themselves—stealing food, turning to prostitution for support, shoplifting, and breaking and entering.

Quite clearly, runaways are troubled youth who must be

helped. While the Congress in Washington debated the Runaway Youth Act, and other Federal agencies did little, Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe initiated "Operation Peace of Mind", a hotline for runaway children.

This service is designed to act as a "go-between" for the runaway and his parents. Any child can call the toll free number, 1 - 800 - 231-6946, and relay a message through a Peace of Mind volunteer to at least let the home folks know he is alive and well. This does much to relieve the anxiety of parents who may not have seen their child for weeks. In addition, Peace of Mind is able to refer a needy child to over 7,000 community resources across the nation.

After the 1974 Florida Legislature allocated \$20,000 to publicize Operation Peace of Mind, the Information Office of the Division of Youth Services contacted every newspaper, radio and television station in the state. Information Director Bill Paddon also sent information about the services to all Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police.

The result of this campaign will hopefully be a reduction in the apprehension of runaways and crime committed by them. This should save law enforcement officials many valuable hours and tax dollars.

"Peace of Mind," said Paddon, "provides the child with a channel through which he can gain access to medical services, food, and temporary shelter if he is in need. If he doesn't have to 'rip off' someone to meet his needs, this is an effective deterrent of crime."

LAWMEN

LAWMEN was written by Sally Goll, wife of Lee County
Deputy Sheriff Ron Goll



'Tis in the south, in this County of Lee,
There is a Sheriff, as tough as need be.
He's quite young and handsome, strong and tall,
And to his job he devotes his all.
He goes under the alias of Frank,
For enforcing the laws we owe him our thanks.
All of the County he has under his care.
He attempts to treat everyone equal and fair.
He's had to work hard to remain at the top,
Sunrise through sunset, his day never stops.
It's in him and his men that we've put our trust,
To obey the laws, yes, to them is a must.
There's lack of respect from plenty of folks,
Who think uniformed men are degenerate blokes.
They're nothing to laugh at, sneer at, nor fear,
They're willing to be there when you need them near.
They try to be pleasant, not mean and not rude,
You'll seldom find them in an unfriendly mood.
We all have feelings, and these men as well,
They're perfectly normal, they get angry and yell.
But, then, wouldn't we all get a little distressed,
If a criminal subject resisted arrest?
Each day while on duty they get plenty of strife,
But how many "Thank You's" for saving a life?
They're constantly called when murder or fight,
Disorder or robbery occurs every night.
Think of the danger involved while driving a car,
When rushing to an accident to see how you are.
One day they're consoling a little lost child,
Next night controlling a drunk that is wild.
They're spit at, and kicked at and called dirty names,
That kind of job is not "fun and games."
They are tender but tough, a special kind of man,
Enforcing the laws whenever they can.
So beware if you're caught committing a crime,
For it's off you'll go for a "stretch" of time.
You'll have to raise the money for bail,
Or sit it out in the Lee County Jail.
That big ol' brick building's no Holiday Inn,
But what can be expected for committing a sin?
Then it's into court you'll have to go,
How that'll turn out, you'll never know!
Cause some lawyers have twisted what used to be rules,
And changed them around and use them for tools.
Case upon case where the laws had been broken,
Thrown out of court 'cause "Your Honor" has spoken.
All has been quiet, the court's been in session,
If we'd been there, we'd perhaps learned a lesson.
We'd know all the facts behind such cases,
And realize the problems a law man faces.
Who broke the law? Who's on trial?
The deputies, not the man with the record on file.
What would we do if he weren't around?
The crime rate would soar all over town.
These men have been chosen for the enforcement of rules,
They've been through the training and attended the schools.
That's what their job is, protecting you and me,
So let's back them up and assist if need be.
Instead of criticizing time after time,
Let's appreciate them putting their lives on the line.
They're all good men and they're doing their best,
They work long hours and make many arrests.
Give them due credit, respect, even praise,
You might need their help one of these days.
No, they are not perfect, I say with a sigh,
But then again, are you or I?

Sally Goll



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WINTERHAVEN—For their generous support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Strom recieved a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque from Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen.



RAINBOW SPRINGS—Sheriff Don Moreland (left) of Marion County presented a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Rainbow Springs manager, Lowell Smallridge, in appreciation of his corporation's generosity to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



TAMPA—Sheriff Malcolm E. Beard, (left) of Hillsborough County, presented a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Mr. & Mrs. K. E. Miller for their generous contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

FSA Honorary Lifetime Members



WINTER HAVEN—Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen (left) presented Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to Mrs. Edna Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson for their support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



INVERNESS—On behalf of the Continental Land Company, Kenneth Wentland accepted a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque from Citrus County Sheriff Burton R. Quinn. Continental, developer of Inverness Villiage, is a strong booster of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



FLORAL CITY—The Lions Club of Floral City recieved a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque for its support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa. Sheriff Burton R. Quinn (left) presented the award to club President Arthur Garrecht (center) and Vice-President William Murasso.



BRADENTON—Col. P. H. Brownfield (left) recieved a Builder Certificate and a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque for his unstinting support of the Florida Sheriffs youth projects. The presentation was by Sheriff R. W. Weitzenfeld, of Manatee County.

For Services Rendered To Sheriffs and Their Deputies

Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Awards have been presented to...



Joseph D. Hill (right) by Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland, of Ocala.



Attorney Larry Byrd (left) by Manatee County Sheriff R. W. Weitzenfeld, of Bradenton.



Former judge Kenneth G. Bailey (left) by St. Johns County Sheriff Dudley Garrett, of St. Augustine.

Sex Crimes Seminar

SANFORD — The Criminal Justice Department of Seminole Junior College will sponsor a "Sex Crimes Seminar and Morals Squad Course" to aid law enforcement officers in working more effectively in this sensitive area.

Walter McLaughlin, former FBI police training coordinator and noted lecturer on these subjects, will conduct five 6-hour sessions on January 27 - 31, 1975, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration fee is \$20 for the complete course and although

registration will be conducted from 8 to 9 a.m. on January 27, pre-registration is recommended since the class will be limited to 300 participants.

Interested law enforcement officers wishing to pre-register should send a check for \$20, payable to Seminole Junior College, to the attention of Dr. John P. Linehan, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Seminole Junior College, Sanford, Florida 32771.

Sheriff's Officers Learn How To Relax

FT. MYERS — Det. Roy Yahl walked into his commanding officer's cubicle at the Lee County Sheriff's Department, pulled a huge automatic pistol out of the waistband of his pants, kicked off his shoes, sat down and in a few minutes had very nearly drifted off to sleep.

Yahl wasn't being insubordinate. His boss, Chief Deputy Dave Wilson, was also leaning back in his chair — eyes closed and muscles limp.

It's part of a new program for sheriff's officers who found themselves getting so tense in their work that they were wasting energy.

With the aid of a professional hypnotherapist, the men are undergoing training in "tension relaxation."

Each week, a group of men troop into Wilson's office where Robert C. Ward, a Lincolnesque Fort Myers hypnotist, teaches the men how to relax.

At the end of the sessions, Yahl breathes easier — literally. Wilson is able to concentrate better on his paperwork and Lt. Tony DeLacey finds it easier to get to sleep at night.

The program got started when Ward "volunteered my services to these men who do so much for us."

Ward had been working with the sheriff's department for years. The department uses the hypnotherapist to get crime information from witnesses who may have forgotten or victims who can't remember.

"We've been able to gather information with Bob's help that we had never been able to get before," Wilson said. In some cases an emotionally disturbed victim "has buried the information in the archives of his mind," Ward said. He helps the victim bring the information back.

Ward teaches the men that they normally function somewhere on a scale of tension-relaxation. Total relaxation is impossible for a man working because he won't be able to concentrate.

But great amounts of tension "waste energy," Ward said. "Your body should be your servant. If you are tense, you are wasting energy you could be using somewhere else."

He insists he does not put the officers into a hypnotic trance but that they do all the "tension relaxation" on their own. He merely suggests ways of relaxing.

Pigs Guard Pot Patch

TITUSVILLE — "This story ought to be headlined 'Pig bites pigs,'" said Sheriff Leigh Wilson after Deputies Theo York and Mike Robinson had an encounter with a large pig guarding a marijuana patch. "The pig tried to take a couple of nips out of Robinson's leg, but he was too fast and got away," said the Sheriff. "Then the pig went after York and got kicked in the snoot."



A Long Night For Canoeists

GREEN COVE SPRINGS—Members of the Clay County Sheriff's Department averted tragedy on Black Creek when they located two young men who became lost while canoeing. The boys spent a long night along the creek banks and waited for help to come. (Photo by CLAY COUNTY CRESCENT.)

On Duty – By Land and Sea

DELAND—The Sheriff's Department has taken steps to increase its own efficiency when dealing with drownings, stolen property, and drug traffic on the waterways -- it has instituted a force of men trained in scuba diving. Previously, the department depended on local diving clubs and a few deputies who were trained in scuba diving, but a spokesman said, "Sheriff Ed Duff saw the need for having our own men and equipment." Eight officers serving West Volusia County and 15 from East Volusia have recently completed the training.

Between Laughter and Tears

SANFORD — There's not much laughter in the Region 4 Crime Lab — perhaps at most a wry smile when suspected hard drugs turn out to be just a harmless headache remedy — but tragedy lurks behind every test tube and stalks across the microscope slides. No one was laughing when lab evidence proved that a drug-using mother had put animal tranquilizer (PCP) in her 18-month-old baby's bottle to stop her crying — and stopped it for all eternity. Sordidness aside, however, there have also been occasions generating professional pride when for instance a single dog hair found at the scene of a crime helped to solve a murder — or when lab work proved cattle rustlers were using bows and arrows to kill their victims.

A Deal From Detroit

FT. LAUDERDALE — Thirty of Sheriff Ed Stack's new patrol cars are among the most advanced in the nation. Under a special arrangement with General Motors, the Chevrolet cruisers will come equipped with \$50,000 worth of special parts and testing equipment. Unlimited maintenance is also a part of the package put together by GM's design division to field test new parts and components. According to news reports, a similar program with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (Titusville, Fla.) tested parts in 1971 that were used in 1972 Chevrolets.

Prone to Suicide; Heart Attacks

William Kroes, chief of stress research for the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, was quoted in the press as saying that law enforcement officers, working under stress created by superiors, the public and family, are more prone to suicide and heart problems than people in other occupational fields.

Because of job selection through testing, lawmen are likely to be more normal than the people going into most professions, but the stress on the job is so great it leads to breakdowns, Kroes said, according to news reports.

Four areas of stress were listed as peculiar to police officers:

- The courts, where policemen face criticism from defense attorneys or judges, and see cases dismissed on technicalities.
- The community, where policemen are called dirty names and routinely obstructed in the performance of their duties.
- The negative values of law and order held by groups with which the officer must deal.
- The regular exposure to danger.
- Reaction to inhuman treatment suffered by victims of crime.

This stress adversely affects job performance and home life. It also becomes evident when officers choose assignments in low crime areas or refuse to respond to citizens' calls for help, the news reports said.

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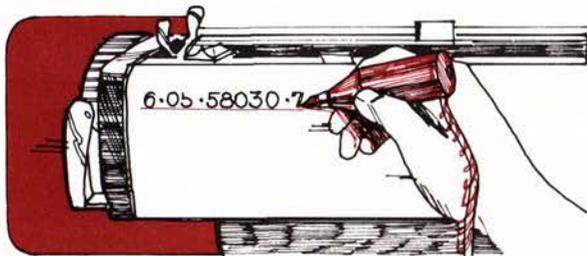
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Putting the burglar out of business. Your business.

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In marking your valuables for "Operation Identification", there are two basic tools you may employ: an electric engraver and a diamond-tipped pen. Some electric engraving tools are being provided by community-minded organizations cooperating in this Business Burglary Prevention Program. Call your Police or Sheriff's Department to find out where these tools are available. However, you may choose to purchase an electric engraver for your own use, since they are relatively inexpensive. They are available at many hardware and department stores. The diamond-tipped pens are also readily available through many hardware, department and variety stores. Whichever method you choose, check with your Police or Sheriff's Department to find out where you can get "Operation Identification" stickers to display near the front and rear entries of your business.

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