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A LIFT FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

(see inside cover)

Cover Story

GETTING A LIFT FROM

ORLANDO — If you're trapped on a high building, or stranded in the middle of an inaccessible swamp, Sheriff Mel Colman's deputies are trained to rescue you by aerial rappelling — a rope trick used effectively in the Viet Nam war. The pictures here and on the cover show training sessions during which FBI agents taught extraction/rappelling to deputies as well as policemen from Orlando and Winter Park, utilizing the Sheriff's helicopter. In photo No. 1, a deputy rappels from chopper to roof. In No. 2, deputies and victims are being lifted from the roof. No. 3 shows the "ride to safety", and No. 4 shows the landing. (Photos by Art McGraw, Orange County Sheriff's Office)



Photo No. 1

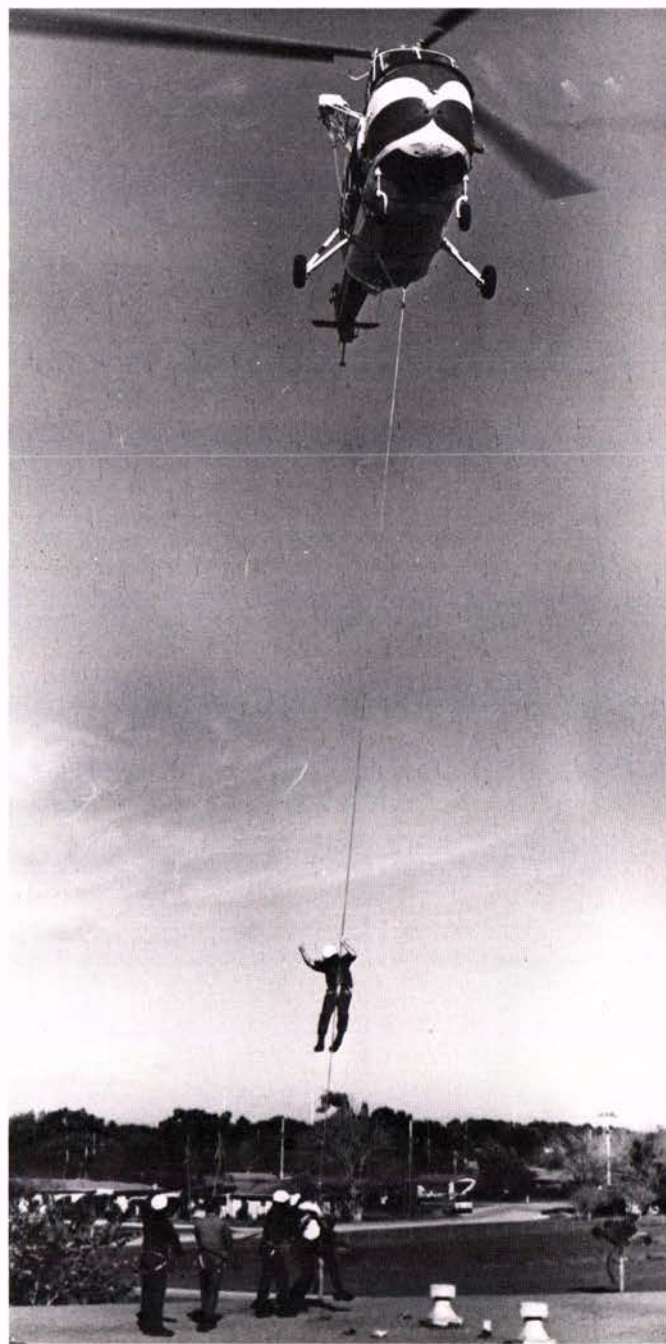


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LAW ENFORCEMENT



Photo No. 3



Photo No. 4



Built in 1910 at a cost of \$7,440, the 65-year-old Baker County Jail is now "retired".

NO TEARS SHED AT RETIREMENT of 65-year-old county jail

MACCLENNY — The old Baker County jail was a crime against nature — or, at least, against humanity. It was in such sad shape that the jailers who worked there took almost as much punishment as the prisoners.

The plumbing leaked. In some areas, one candle would have improved the lighting. There was no air conditioning. The steam boiler used for heating died of old age, and the gas-fired space heater without duct work was a poor substitute.

Security was weak, and so was the 65-year-old building. Everyone agreed the old hoosegow was ready for retirement, and no one shed any tears when it was recently replaced by a new one.

Built at a cost of over \$300,000, the brightly lighted and completely air conditioned new building brings Baker County up to modern correctional standards, and provides greatly expanded office space so that the jail and the Sheriff's office can be housed under one roof. Prisoner capacity has also been increased from 16 in the old jail to 40 in the new.

Before the new building was built, Sheriff Joe Newmans and his staff were jammed into three rooms — two in the Baker County Court House and one in the old jail building. Now, they have room to operate efficiently without bumping into each other.

Deputies for the first time have a squad room of their own where they can fill out reports, make phone calls in privacy and question witnesses. There's also a small squad room for officers from the Macclenny Police Department. This is a welcome convenience for the police officers because city prisoners are housed in the county jail. It also encourages closer cooperation between deputies and police officers.

In the new building, there is ample space for a greatly expanded communications system. It handles a wide variety of emergency calls, and serves as a dispatching center, not only for the Sheriff's Department, but also for the local fire department, the local rescue service and the Macclenny Police Department.

The contrast from the old jail is spectacular. The net result is bound to be better and more efficient law enforcement.

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Sheriff Newmans demonstrates controls that allow jailers to open and close cell doors without entering the cell block.



Jail business and other Sheriff's Office business funnels through the front lobby.



A spacious communications room with its battery of telephones, a teletype terminal, linking Baker County with law enforcement agencies nation-wide, and an improved radio communications system, is one of the important features of the new jail building. Pictured are Charles Burnsed, dispatcher, (right) and Deputy G. W. Rhoden.



Sheriff Joe Newmans explains to Deputies G. W. Rhoden (left) and Joe Dobson (right) that escapes are unlikely through the reinforced concrete ceiling.



Deputy Sheriff Joe Dobson points out a feature of the old jail that was not duplicated in the new jail — a trap door to be used for hangings. At the time the old jail was built, death sentence hangings were held in the county in which the crime was committed and the Sheriff was the executioner.



A well-equipped kitchen meets modern correctional standards.



Hendry County's Honor Guard

LABELLE — For parades, funerals of important dignitaries, and other ceremonial events, Sheriff Earl Dyess calls out his special honor guard composed of Deputies Frank Perry, Rick Farmer, Carlos Sloan and Ray Swafford. (Photo from The Caloosa Belle)

Hamburger giveaway

NAPLES — When McDonald's restaurant offered free hamburgers to Sheriff Doug Hendry's Junior Deputies during a series of weekend campouts, the proprietor learned something about teen-age appetites.

The hamburgers were consumed at the rate of some 600 per weekend, and the total for five weekends was expected to reach 3,000.

"I don't think they (McDonald's) knew what they were getting into when they made the offer," said Sgt. Russ Davis. Nevertheless, the Sheriff and his young campers were sincerely grateful.

Audit report pleases sheriff

TITUSVILLE — The state auditor general's audit of the Brevard County Sheriff's Department was so good that the auditor has suggested other departments should follow Brevard's procedures, according to Sheriff Leigh Wilson.

"The auditor said that in front of me and two other witnesses," a smiling Wilson said. "There were some criticisms, but show me an audit that doesn't have some."



Will Record 10 Messages Simultaneously

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Recording equipment purchased by Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murree with state, county and federal funds will record simultaneously as many as 10 telephone and radio messages. It will also add a new dimension to the progressiveness of the Clay County Sheriff's Office. (Photo by Pete Peterson)

"For Dedication And Perseverance"

CLEARWATER — Deputy Peter A. Bragdon of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, right, receives the third annual Ruth and Tim Johnson Award in recognition of outstanding service in the line of duty. Presenting the plaque is Timothy A. Johnson, Sr., while Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bragdon observe. The award, which included a check for \$500, was made at the Clearwater Kiwanis Club noon luncheon, May 1, as part of the observance of Law Day. Bragdon was cited for his successful handling of several prominent cases last year, one involving George Costiel, who has been charged with first degree murder in the death of his wife and son in Inkster, Mich.



Sheriff Holt is all smiles

STUART — Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt ordinarily has the smile of a winner, but he was going around looking like a loser.

In growing Martin County, his bulging criminal files had become a problem. The old "alpha" system had worked for many years, but now it was too slow and too cumbersome.

"There must be a better way," Sheriff Holt muttered glumly to himself and to his staff. This went on for weeks until he said it to E. J. Lasek, and Lasek responded, "There is."

Widely known as an author, teacher and researcher, Lasek is a professional fixer of sick files, and he quickly solved Sheriff Holt's problem by installing his "189 System".

This system translates names into index numbers and integrates data in such a way that all information relating to a criminal — his arrests, convictions, photographs, fingerprints, traffic accidents, complaints, gun and bike registrations, even dog tag license number — is contained in one comprehensive dossier.

When a file is established, an electronic "translator" assigns a file reference number which remains in effect for the life of the file. After that, it takes an average of 20 seconds to retrieve the file to obtain information or add data.

The 189 System provides "one step" filing, with no need



Nothing but miles of smiles from Sheriff Jim Holt (left) and Mrs. Joyce L'Heureux, his secretary, now that E. J. Lasek (right) has installed his 189 filing system.

for cross-references.

It's fast, it's efficient and it was responsible for resurrecting Sheriff Jim Holt's winning smile.

Unhappy, but consoled

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson isn't happy with the rising crime rate, but he found some consolation in the fact that his deputies solved one out of four serious crimes in 1974, which was an improvement over the national rate of one out of five. The crime rate increase for Jacksonville was also reported to be the lowest among major cities in Florida.

National recognition

TAMPA — Official Detective Stories magazine gave national recognition to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office for solving the Arnold E. Tresch murder. The handling of the case, the magazine said, represented "the highest traditions of law enforcement".

Ten Miles For Charity

PUNTA GORDA — Sheriff Jack Bent (left) and State Representative Fred Burrall participated in "Superwalk 75", a 10-mile stroll to raise funds for the annual March of Dimes. (Punta Gorda Herald News Photo)



Rally Meant Checks For Ranch And Villa

JACKSONVILLE — Robert F. Snodgrass, Jr. (second from left), President of Brumos Porsche, wanted to make a worthwhile donation in a different way and contribute to better police-community relations at the same time. So he got together 30 Porsche sports car owners who served as navigators in their own cars while Jacksonville police officers drove from here to Daytona Beach to attend an International race. The winning team was the one which followed directions best and arrived at the destination in the right amount of time. Afterwards, Snodgrass presented \$600 in prize money to Sheriff Dale Carson for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa. Helping to organize the rally were Officer Michael Taft (left) and Detective John A. Bradley (right).



AIRBORNE LAWMEN ORGANIZE

BARTOW — Pilots and observers from 14 Florida law enforcement agencies landed at the Bartow Airport April 9 to organize the Florida State Law Enforcement Pilots Association.

Sponsored by the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the organizational meeting was the brainchild of two deputy sheriffs, Pilot Frank Kendall and Capt. Ray Willis.

"Law enforcement pilots had been getting together informally from time to time to share information and discuss mutual problems," said Kendall, "and it seemed like a good idea to organize formally on a state-wide basis."

Apparently, other airborne lawmen agreed. Over 40 of them flew in for the Bartow meeting. They represented the Manatee, Volusia, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Broward, Escambia, Marion and Polk County Sheriffs' Departments; the Tampa, St. Petersburg

and Orlando Police Departments; the Florida Highway Patrol, the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Florida Marine Patrol.

In addition to organizational matters, there was the usual "shop talk". Many of the pilots learned for the first time that sophisticated aerial surveillance equipment is available on loan from the Drug Enforcement Administration office in Miami. Quite a few were interested in the special communications equipment used on the Polk County "Sky Sentinel", a fixed wing craft with STOL capability; and there were the usual debates regarding the relative merits of fixed wing versus rotor wing aircraft.

Plans were made for another fly-in to be held in about six weeks.

Lt. George McNally, standing, who is a member of the National Law Enforcement Pilots Association, described the organization and suggested that the Florida group investigate the possibility of affiliating as a state chapter with the national association.

*Photos by Dan Taylor
Community Relations Officer
Polk County Sheriff's Office*





Polk County Sheriff's Department Pilot Frank Kendall, second from right, points out some of the advantages of his Cessna Sky Sentinel to deputies from Marion County, Escambia County and Hillsborough County.



Deputies Don Harman and Wayne Johnson from the Marion County Sheriff's Department look over a helicopter from the Orlando Police Department.



Capt. Ray Willis (right) welcomes Broward County Sheriff's Department deputies.



"We come because we care, and we care because of Christ," Mrs. Joe E. (Jody) Moxley.

WOMEN BEHIND BARS

A ministry of listening

Photos provided by

The Titusville Star-Advocate

TITUSVILLE — "Jackie was a woman about 48 years old. She was in jail for bad checks. She was an alcoholic, very much overweight, not a tooth in her mouth, three children under six, a son she had not seen since she left him when he was twelve.... didn't even know where he was. A woman with long, black hair, unkempt, stringing down her back.

"She was loud and rude, and, for the first few weeks, did not accept our visits very well. But, she loved to read, and, when we began to bring her books, she began to warm up to us.

"One day she asked me to talk to her privately. She asked me: 'Jody, why do you come here to the jail each week?'

"I reached out and took her hand and said, 'Jackie, I come

because I care, and I care because of Christ.'

"She was in jail here four months, and received Christ before she was sent to the state prison at Lowell.

"Eventually, she finished high school at Lowell, took junior college courses, became the editor of the paper there, and was released early because of good attitude and behavior.

"She has been restored to her family and is presently working as a secretary. Oh, yes, and I might add that, because of the dignity of dentures, losing weight, keeping up her personal appearance all of these things played a part in her rehabilitation after she came to accept God's forgiveness and His love through Christ."

Thus did Mrs. Joe Moxley describe one of many "success stories" that have resulted from "The Ministry of Listening" churchwomen have successfully carried out in the Brevard County Jail.

This ministry was started over seven years ago by a small group of women from First United Methodist Church, Titusville, with Mrs. Moxley as the leader, and, according to Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson, "They have had outstanding results and acceptance."

Each Thursday morning four or five women, sometimes including women from other churches, visit the female inmates in the Brevard County Jail bringing personal toiletries, stationery, stamps, books, magazines and other gifts purchased with



Mrs. Grace Hammond sets up a game of checkers for jail inmates.



Mrs. Joan Page installs draperies in the inmates' lounge.



Mrs. Treva Blalock tests television set provided for the inmates.

the help of donations from a number of churches.

"We are all willing to verbally share Christ when asked to do so," Mrs. Moxley explained, "but this is not a 'push' type religious program. We go to listen. We go to let these inmates know we care about them as persons, and, when they ask us why we come, we simply say: 'We come because we care, and we care because of Christ.'"

Sometimes the helping hand is something as simple as getting information to relieve the anxieties of women behind bars. "Is my son all right?He's in the juvenile detention center." "My sister is in the hospital, please check on her for me."

Other times, it's things like helping a woman to qualify for work release (holding a daytime job and staying in jail at night); making certain that a female inmate is properly dressed for her court appearances; finding jobs for women about to be released from jail; purchasing books and supplies for women who have qualified for study release (similar to work release except the inmates go to school instead of to work).

"We were told by jail officials that discipline has improved tremendously since our program started," Mrs. Moxley said.

When this became apparent, the churchwomen were given approval to convert one of the cells into a lounge area with carpeting, drapes, books, magazines, games and a television set.

Once a year, the Ministry of Listening schedules a trip to Florida Correctional Institution for Women, at Lowell, the

place where some of the women inmates go when they leave the Brevard County Jail.

This enables the churchwomen to become familiar with the facilities and routines at Lowell, and they can use their knowledge to relieve the apprehension of female inmates awaiting transfer to the state prison system.

Trips to Lowell also produce touching letters from the inmates there. "Just wish you were here to talk to me. You seem to understand me more than other people dopray for me."

"Tell the ladies that I sure did enjoy their visit here. You were the first people that I knew that I have seen since I have been here"

"I was sure glad to see you all the other day. It made me feel so good when I saw you. I just had to cry. I did not know what to do but cry and what made me feel good again was when you cried with me, and that made me feel much better too"

After over seven years of faithful service to jail inmates, there have been many dividends. "We have had successes in our relationships with female inmates," said Mrs. Moxley. "We have seen them come in so depressed, so fearful, and as we shared with them our care and our concern, and, eventually, God's care and God's concern, we have seen lives changed. We have seen women beginning to pick up the pieces and make plans — sometimes for the very first time in their lives."



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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J. Scott O'Hara (left), of Orlando, by Orange
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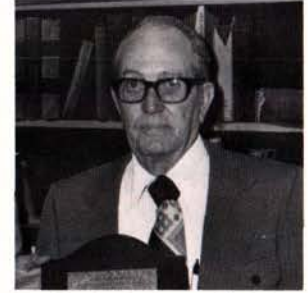
To Dr. Albert W. Ford (right) by Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse.



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To Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Bolton of Eagle Lake.



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To D. Cooper, Winn Dixie, Bartow.



To Ernest M. Zadesky (right), of Lakeland, by Sheriff Monroe Brannen of Polk County.

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To Mr. & Mrs. Jack Buford, Jr., of Tallahassee, by Leon County Sheriff Raymond Hamlin (left).



To M. W. Anderson (left) and Donald House (center), Punta Gorda Boat Club, by Charlotte County Sheriff J. P. Bent.



To Judge William T. Swigert (right) by Sheriff Don Moreland of Marion County.



To Mrs. Inez Miller, Clearwater-Largo Board of Realtors, by Boys Ranch and Girls Villa Trustee, Doris Hough.



To Lindsey Mann (left), Assistant Manager, and Charlie Boyden (right), Manager of Publix No. 31, Orlando, by Ed Pickerill, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trustee.



Balona and Beard



Cameron and Beard



Rudy, Williams and Beard

Involvement yardstick

TAMPA — These pictures testify to Sheriff Malcolm Beard's involvement in a wide variety of worthwhile activities. They show him receiving a U.S. Savings Bond Campaign Award from Bernie Balona, area manager for U.S. Savings Bond sales; accepting Disney World tickets worth \$1,059 from Peninsula Motor Club, represented by F. Harvey Cameron, for the benefit of youngsters at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa; and receiving an Explorer Scout Patron Membership Plaque from Don Williams (center) and John Rudy, Boy Scout officials.

Forgers unemployed

BARTOW — A state-wide forgery gang which passed more than 500 checks, stolen from at least a dozen Florida corporations, has been broken up by the Polk County Sheriff's Department in cooperation with numerous other police agencies. Nine persons were arrested.

Det. Lt. Buddy Crews and Det. Sgt. Larry Fuchs began their investigation of the so-called Jessie Neal Williams gang over 11 months ago and coordinated the efforts of police agencies along the entire east coast of the state, in central Florida, and in cities on the west coast, from Tampa south to Fort Myers.

According to Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen, the modus operandi of the group was to break into businesses, steal the company checkbook, and also checkwriter, if one was available. The stolen checks were then filled out with a typewriter, run through the check protector machine and given to other individuals to pass — usually at small grocery stores and gas stations in areas where the store proprietors did not ask for good identification. The group used stolen drivers' licenses as identification in the fraud scheme.

In Polk County alone, about 90 stolen and forged checks

were passed and area businessmen lost more than \$13,500 as a result of the gang's activities. The checks were usually for about \$150 and were made out to look like payroll checks.

Jessie Neal Williams, 37, was allegedly the mastermind of the gang. He has a lengthy arrest record for forgery, passing worthless checks and narcotics violations which dates back to 1957.

Sheriff Brannen said extensive cooperation was received from the Document and Fingerprint Section of the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement in Tallahassee, Asst. State Attorney Dale Jacobs, Sgt. George Elliott of the Polk County Sheriff's Department and the Police Departments of Orlando, Winter Haven, Bartow, Lakeland and Dade City.

Judge to the rescue

PORT SALERNO — When Deputy Sheriff Hal Enders got into a rough and tumble tussle with a man who was resisting arrest, Circuit Judge C. Pfeiffer Trowbridge happened to be passing by and stopped to render assistance. Other citizens also came to the deputy's aid, and the suspect was soon on his way to jail. Deputy Enders acquired some cuts on his face, and a new respect for the judiciary.



Sheriff Dale Carson
will be your host ...
when the
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Speedy action

NAPLES — Because he was responsible for capturing a suspected bank robber within about 10 minutes after the robbery, Deputy Sheriff Dan Bowen was honored as the "Lawman of the Month".

When the Sheriff's Office received a report that Barnett Bank of Collier County had been robbed by a man who was making his getaway on a motorcycle, Bowen spotted the holdup man and pursued him.

The suspect left the highway and headed for a wooded area, but Bowen continued to follow until his patrol car became bogged down in sand. Then Bowen fired several warning shots which caused the suspect to turn around. At that moment, the motorcycle hit a log and dumped the suspect, who ran into the woods, with Bowen in pursuit.

Bowen spotted the suspect crouched behind bushes, and ordered him to raise his hands. One hand went up and the other stayed at his side. Bowen yelled at the man again, ordering him to raise the other hand.

As the hand came up, it was holding a 38 pistol, and Bowen fired, knocking the suspect down. When the suspect's gun was retrieved, it was found to be loaded and the hammer cocked.

95% said good job

OCALA — Sheriff Don Moreland was sticking his neck out when he mailed post cards to hundreds of Marion County citizens inviting them to express their opinions about the kind of job the Sheriff's Office is doing.

However, the results pleased him. In two months, he received 420 replies, with 95 per cent favorable, three per cent unfavorable, and two per cent expressing no opinion.

"This has proved to be a good management tool," said the Sheriff.

JUNE 1975



"Chopper" Is A Life Saver

WEST PALM BEACH — Records at the Palm Beach County Blood Bank show that Sheriff Bill Heidtman's helicopter has saved 149 lives by transporting blood in emergencies. To commemorate this milestone, Miss Carmen Runco, director of the blood bank, put a special decal on the tail section of the helicopter while pilot Andrew Hutchens watched.

Eyeballing private eyes

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson is serving on a national task force appointed to study the private security business and suggest standards and goals. The task force is made up of law enforcement and security executives from 11 states, with Arthur J. Bilek, an official of Pinkerton's, Inc., as chairman.

Rape.

A Crime Against Women

Rape is the most serious, frightening and violent of all crimes against women. Victims find the experience painful, debasing and emotionally disturbing. The most important thing to remember is that the rapist frequently plans his crime by looking for the right chance and the easiest victim. Your best defense is to eliminate his opportunity to attack you.

Play it safe. Follow these precautions suggested by the HELP STOP CRIME program, which is sponsored by the Governor's Crime Prevention Committee. (For more information about the program, write to HELP STOP CRIME, Suite 314, 620 S. Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Fla. 32304.)

REPORT THE ATTACK.

Always report any rape or attempted rape to prevent this man victimizing other women in the future.

While waiting for the police . . .

- DO NOT change your clothing,
- DO NOT clean your clothing or person,
- DO NOT apply medication.

Although this would be your natural reaction, don't do it. The physical evidence will be important in the prosecution of the attacker.

WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE.

In conducting a thorough investigation, the officers ask the victim many questions and will go over details of the crime. This is necessary because the victim frequently recalls additional information and details during subsequent interviews.

PLEASE . . . COOPERATE IN PROSECUTION

When the suspect is arrested, you will have to cooperate in the prosecution, and testify in open court. A lawyer trying to defend the accused rapist will explore every possible means to help his client, and he will attempt to discredit your testimony. **Stand firm.** Only your testimony can convict the rapist.

Social attitudes tend to discourage women from testifying—the attitude of the husband, the boyfriend, the family.

However, this is the only way you can reduce the chances of another woman being raped.

RAPE CAN BE PREVENTED!



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