

THE SHERIFFS'S STAR





Christmas is ...

What is Christmas?
 Tell us if you know.
 Is it trimming trees,
 Or hanging mistletoe?
 Is it silver bells,
 Ringing in the night —
 Or is it carols
 Sung by candlelight?
 Is it simply
 A state of mind —
 Or a special time
 To be good and kind?
 Is it tinsel
 And all the usual fuss?
 Well — not exactly,
 According to us.
 We prefer to believe,
 And we're fully aware,
 That Christmas is knowing
 Our friends really care.



And we do know it!!!

A very blessed and joyous
 Christmas to all of you from
 the Florida Sheriffs Youth
 Fund, Boys Ranch, Girls Vil-
 la and Youth Ranch.

May your kindness to us bring
 you many blessings through-
 out the coming year.



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You might call them:

“Crime fighting commandos”

OCALA — What has ten legs, operates day or night, on land, on water or under water, serves search warrants, makes raids, rescues hostages, disarms barricaded desperadoes, stages stakeouts, stalks suspected criminals and handles search and rescue assignments?

Answer: Sheriff Don Moreland’s Task Force, a highly trained five-man unit which can be mobilized quickly for almost any kind of tough assignment.

In addition to handling a mixed bag of emergencies, the Task Force also relieves patrol shift deputies attending monthly in-service training classes, and helps detectives on criminal investigations.

The Underwater Recovery Team (URT) pictured on this page is an offshoot of the Task Force. It consists of Task Force members, plus two deputies from the Salt Springs Substation which is located in a remote area encompassing over half of the water surface in Marion County.

Sheriff Moreland said he decided to have his full-time deputies trained for underwater assignments so that his department could respond to emergencies faster. However, he expects to



Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (left) with members of his Underwater Recovery Team.

continue to use volunteer divers to assist the URT.

It takes a good man to qualify for the Task Force. Members chosen by the Patrol Commander must show aggressiveness and must be in good physical condition.

They are kept in shape by twice-a-week workouts which include a mile run, weight lifting and 45 minutes of continuous exercise.

They also are required to sharpen their skills by attending special courses on anti-sniper tactics and other tactical subjects.

For the sake of a headline, you might call them “crime fighting commandos.”

Learned a lot

CHIPLEY — “I learned a lot of things that will benefit Washington County,” said Sheriff Fred Peel after he returned from a National Sheriffs Association Law Enforcement Management School which was held on the University of Southern California campus.

He was one of 26 Sheriffs from 14 states enrolled in an intensive two-week course which placed special emphasis on administrative problems, personnel supervision and budgeting.

After each day of classroom work, he spent part of the night riding with a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff on patrol. “I saw more there in those two weeks than I hope to see here for a long period of time,” he said.

The size of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department with its 7,177 employees, and its broad scope of law enforcement activities amazed him. He said the Department handles an average of one murder every 34 hours, a robbery every two hours and a burglary every 15 minutes.

He said he saw on the streets of Los Angeles, “The bad results which occur in a climate of permissiveness.

“I observed some of the trends which may surface in our



own county in years to come, and hopefully, we will be able to do something about them before they happen here.”

“Best Sheriff”

VERO BEACH — “This is for the best Sheriff any county in Florida has ever had,” said Circuit Judge D. C. Smith as he presented Sheriff Sam Joyce with a framed color portrait.

It was a photograph of Sheriff Joyce, given to him by a group of friends honoring him for his outstanding 33-year career in law enforcement and 23 years as Indian River County Sheriff.

During the presentation at a county commission meeting attended by top county officials, Judge Smith cited Sheriff Joyce for many honors, including a term as President of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and receiving an Exchange Club award for courageous service.

He is currently Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Board of Directors and a member, by appointment of the Governor, of the Florida Local Law Enforcement Advisory Council.





Sheriff Bill Roberts (left) and Lt. Everett Rice, director of his Stolen Property Unit, examine merchandise recovered in recent undercover "sting" projects. The Stolen Property Unit headed by Lt. Rice has recovered stolen property valued at nearly \$500,000 since 1973 and has been expanded to include five detectives, an investigative accountant, and two secretaries in addition to the project director.



Sheriff Dale Carson with stolen outboard motors recovered in fencing operation.

Look who's *getting stung* now!

■ A "sting" is a trick used to cheat someone; and a "fence" is a man who buys and sells stolen property.

From almost prehistoric days "stinging" and "fencing" have been profitable pursuits for criminals who have made careers out of victimizing the public.

But, lately the tables have been turned by law enforcement officers using undercover "fencing" operations to "sting" criminals.

And the results have been fantastic.

Here's how a typical undercover fencing operation works: Undercover police officers spend months working their way into the criminal underground and winning the confidence of burglars and thieves.

Then they rent an old house or storefront in a high crime area, and lend authenticity to the "cover" by paying business license fees and sales taxes. Next they begin "fencing" stolen television sets, typewriters, stereos, tape players, automobiles, trucks, tractors and trailers, diamond rings, rifles, fur coats, credit cards, boat motors — you name it!

They actually pay cash for the stolen items they purchase, but it's a good investment because statistics nation-wide show they recover stolen property valued at almost 40 times the money they spend. Law enforcement sting operations in eight states recovered stolen property valued at \$26,241,403 through purchases totaling \$734,334. In one instance, officers paid \$200 for a \$10,000 computer.

Officers posing as "fences" also get tips about crimes and criminals that lead to wholesale arrests.

Undercover anti-fencing storefront projects currently operating in all parts of the nation can be traced back to Pinellas County, Florida, where Sheriff Bill Roberts, in 1973, assigned two detectives to set up an undercover operation in a rented house.

Through contacts with an informant, they nurtured the confidence of the criminal element, and in seven months re-

covered more than \$40,000 worth of stolen property. They also arrested 49 persons.

The success of this pioneering effort prompted Sheriff Roberts to develop an ongoing program in cooperation with the State Attorney's office and the St. Petersburg and Clearwater Police Departments. He applied for and received a federal grant of \$292,700 from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). This sum was combined with local resources to give the project a total budget of \$325,223 which financed four swap shops. Officers also established an undercover car lot which resulted in a number of arrests — including a case in which a man was accused of illegally turning back the odometers on some 20,000 cars and trucks. A second federal grant produced two more storefront operations.

Sheriff Roberts said the undercover "sting" projects resulted in recovery of stolen property valued at almost \$500,000 and 187 arrests. The "hot merchandise" purchased under cover ranged from citizen band radio units to a tractor-trailer rig loaded with four farm tractors.

There is a strong conviction within the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office that the "sting" projects have had a favorable effect on the crime rate. Property crimes in the unincorporated area of the county decreased nine percent in 1976, and burglaries dropped 19 percent.

After Sheriff Roberts' experiment proved to be successful as a crime fighting tool, "sting fever" spread to other Florida cities, and throughout the nation — to Georgia, Nevada, Tennessee, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Indiana and points between.

Across Tampa Bay from Pinellas County, Sheriff Malcolm Beard was one of the prime movers in a swap shop operation that was so successful one "customer" offered to buy the business for cash.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office combined forces

In defense of "The Sting"

■ Do undercover "sting" projects operated by law enforcement officers cause increases in crime or lure normally law abiding citizens into committing crimes?

A few critics have suggested they do, but James M. H. Gregg, who heads a federal agency that has poured millions of dollars into false front fencing in 23 cities across the nation, said they definitely do not.

Gregg, who is Acting Administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), cited a report that property crimes such as larceny and burglary dropped dramatically in areas where officers were doing their thing with "the sting."

The report was compiled by Westinghouse Corporation's National Issues Center following a study of 12 projects where LEAA provided funds for undercover officers to buy stolen goods in fake fencing operations. It revealed property crime rate drops as high as 26 percent.

The decrease ranged from 1 to 25 percent within two or three months after undercover "sting" operations went out of business. Over a 4 to 15-month period, the decrease ranged

from 5 to 26 percent when compared with the previous year.

"This is an indication that the operations act as a deterrent to crime," Gregg said, "but we will have to study this area more carefully to prove it conclusively."

There was evidence in the Westinghouse report that undercover "stings" have a long term deterrent effect because they cause thieves to become uncertain and insecure.

In one instance, jittery thieves began concentrating on hard to trace merchandise. In another, a grocery store owner who was buying stolen property on the side suddenly decided to sell his business and retire.

According to the Westinghouse report, undercover "stings" not only enable officers to recover stolen property and arrest thieves, but they also produce information that leads to the solving of murders, assaults, rapes and other serious crimes.

Tips triggered by "sting" operations were credited with helping to solve a murder in Las Vegas, Nevada, and a triple homicide in South Bend, Indiana.

The Westinghouse report said 12 "sting" operations resulted in 2,482 criminal charges against 1,043 persons.



Undercover fencing operations in the Tampa area included G & R Swap Shop ("We Buy Anything") and George's Trading Post.

with the State Attorney's Office and the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement to establish two swap shops that netted \$110,000 worth of stolen property and 63 arrests.

Many of the items were returned to the lawful owners, but in some instances the ownership was never established.

Recovered loot included five automobiles, fourteen motorcycles, one dune buggy, 11 outboard motors, 16 guns, 17 CB radios, uncut heroin and decks of cocaine.

While negotiating to purchase a stolen car, undercover officers discovered it had been taken by force. Investigation revealed the driver, a high school student, had been kidnapped at gunpoint and literally thrown out of the car prior to its being offered for sale to undercover deputies. Fortunately, the student was not seriously injured and the Sheriff's Office cleared this car theft and kidnapping case with a speedy arrest.

In Jacksonville, Florida, bumbling burglars were not smart enough to figure out that the C & N Swap Shop was an undercover fencing project developed through the combined efforts of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; the FBI; U.S. Se-

cret Service; U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; U.S. Marshals; and U.S. Postal Inspectors. If they had been more alert, they would have figured out that the title, C & N, stood for Carson and Nehrass. Dale Carson is the Sheriff of Jacksonville and Arthur Nehrass is the special agent in charge of the Jacksonville FBI office.

Sheriff Carson reported undercover officers spent \$96,000 to purchase stolen goods valued at \$1,200,000. They also logged 82 arrests and estimated they would be able to make at least 15 more.

In Washington, D.C., "operation sting" was so successful that police officials gave the criminal element act two. They called it "Gotcha Again."

Across the nation, anti-fencing projects have gathered considerable information which has been helpful in averting major thefts and in breaking up large gangs of thieves.

A joint operation of the Memphis Police Department and the FBI netted 224 indictments and uncovered a luxury car theft ring. Undercover officers spent \$27,000 for stolen goods, but their activities resulted in recovery of property valued at \$700,000.

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Look who's getting stung now!

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A similar project in Atlanta recovered 1,700 items of stolen property worth more than a million dollars in a six-month period, and culminated in hundreds of arrests. Most of those arrested were charged with burglary and theft. However, drug charges were also filed against 50 people.

During 1976, LEAA spent more than \$5.2 million to support 18 anti-fencing projects throughout the nation, and LEAA officials have indicated it was an exceptionally good investment. They're convinced the sting is a good thing, in the hands of law enforcement officers.

Burglars, however, view it with great apprehension. "If you can't trust your fence," one of them grumbled, "who can you trust?"

Parents ripped off

TAMPA — Police operating an undercover swap shop were amazed to discover many of their "customers" were youngsters trying to sell merchandise they had stolen from their parents or their parents' close friends and neighbors.

Officers said most of the parents were shocked when they were told what had happened. Others simply said: "Well, you got him again."

One of the officers involved in the undercover sting said the funniest episode involved two guys who tried to steal a two-way radio from a van. "They couldn't just take the radio because it was attached to the engine cover, so they stole the whole engine cover."

Off-duty officers saved man's life

GAINESVILLE — Deputy Sheriff Gregory C. Greco, from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, and Officer Alan Morrow, from the Gainesville Police Department, were credited with saving the life of Leonard Borowski of Jacksonville.

Alachua County Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery said Greco and Morrow were off duty at the Ocala Jai Alai Fronton when Borowski keeled over in the aisle from an apparent heart attack.

"Greco and Morrow immediately responded and began initiating Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)," Hindery said.

"A registered nurse who was in attendance along with a physician also came forward. While CPR was continued, the physician administered cardiac drugs which the nurse was authorized to possess.

"The rescue unit took about 25 minutes to arrive, and during that time the physician stated he felt further resuscitation efforts would be futile. Five minutes later the physician left and went back into the Fronton. However, CPR was continued by the two officers.

"Since the rescue unit had no defibrillator, CPR had to be continued during transportation to Shands Teaching Hospital, Gainesville, which was the closest medical facility from the Fronton — that being 30 minutes away.

"Mr. Borowski was administered CPR for over an hour and, upon being connected to an EKG machine in Shands emergency room, was found to have a fine ventricular fibrillation (heart rhythm).

"Mr. Borowski is now alive and doing fine, in Jacksonville,

Awarded Fellowship

GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Deputy Sheriff John Raines was awarded a World Book Fellowship to attend the 65th session of the Delinquency Control Institute which was held at the University of Southern California. The Fellowship was awarded by Field Enterprises Educational Corp., Chicago, Ill., publishers of World Book Encyclopedia and Child Craft Books.

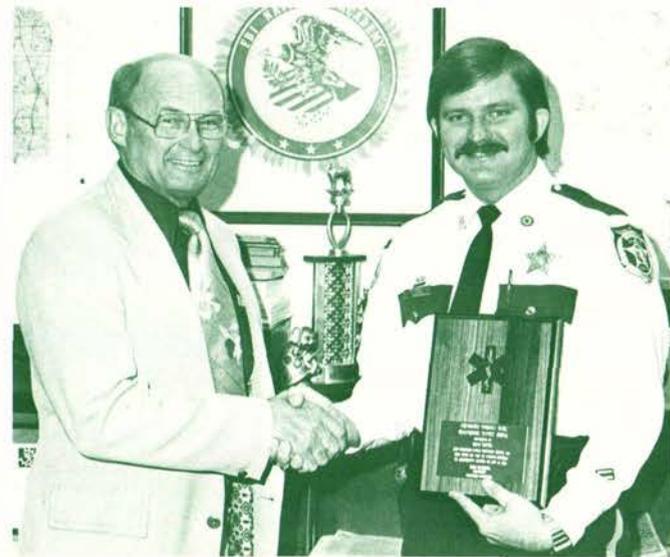
Pellicer reappointed to Boating Council

PALATKA — Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer has been reappointed to the Florida Boating Council by the Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Executive Board of the Florida Department of Natural Resources.



The Boating Council serves in an advisory capacity in matters relating to boating safety and boating regulations. It works closely with Harmon W. Shields, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, who expressed his appreciation to Sheriff Pellicer for his past service on the Council and stated he was looking forward to working with him in the future.

Sheriff Pellicer is Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors; Fifth Vice President of the National Sheriffs Association; and a past President of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery (left) congratulated Deputy Sheriff Gregory C. Greco after Greco received lifesaving awards.

and for their humanitarian efforts above and beyond the call of duty, Deputy Greco and Officer Morrow were presented a meritorious award from Dyna-Graphics Publisher, a national organization located in Carlsbad, California. In addition, both officers received the Alachua County Safety Council's annual law enforcement award."

Deputy Greco is in charge of the Special Services Section in the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. He is a registered Emergency Medical Technician and a certified CPR instructor. He has certified the entire Alachua County Sheriff's Department in CPR.

Sheriff says pot damages health, grades, family ties

CRESTVIEW — Okaloosa County Sheriff Frank Mills has an interesting collection of marijuana pipes used by drug abusers, and a depressing collection of case histories about young people who have been harmed by the use of drugs.

He told the press recently that young people on drugs tend to have less respect for their parents, teachers and law enforcement officers, and fall under the influence of other youngsters who are drug users. He said pot hurts their health, grades and family relationships.

"There was this young fellow," the Sheriff said, "who was a good scholar and athlete. He seemed to have the talents and personality to become a leader. For several years he had held part-time jobs which he had found on his own initiative.

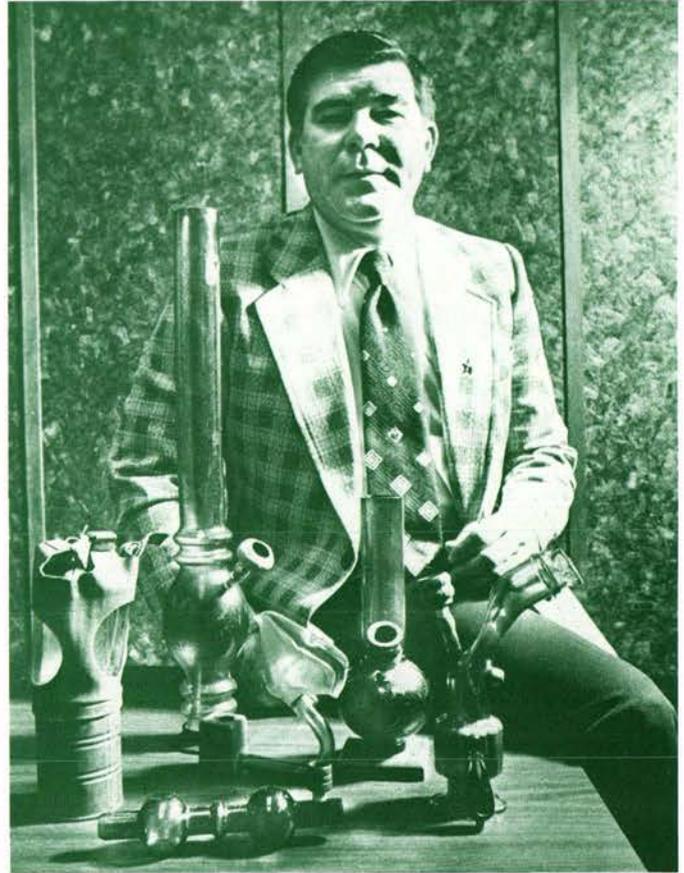
"The first warning to his parents came through his inclination to deviate from his physical training. Then his report cards began to indicate poor classroom performance. The boy's teachers were contacted and they replied he seemed to have lost interest in his work.

"He continually bickered with his parents until a physical confrontation occurred. The parents signed criminal allegations and the boy was expelled from his home. Up to now, neither counselors nor Sheriff's Department personnel have been able to reach him. He is unemployed and without a regular home."

Sheriff Mills said drug experimenters and abusers range in age from 12 to 25.

"There are more males than females using narcotics with frequency," he said, "but when it comes to experimenting with drugs, this category is almost evenly divided between boys and girls.

"The drug abuse tragedy has hit white, black and other races throughout the county. The prevalence seems to follow the ratio of population, and those arrested as dealers in hard drugs include both black and white."



Sheriff Frank Mills with confiscated marijuana pipes. (Pensacola News-Journal photo by Tom Gilroy)

He cited two sad experiences involving young parents. In one case, a young couple with two small children gave first priority to drugs, and the children had to go without adequate food and clothing.

In the other case, a young mother who continued use of LSD and marijuana during pregnancy gave birth to a deformed baby.



Hard Hitting Anti-Crime Project

QUINCY — Gadsden County Sheriff W. A. Woodham (left) gives some free advice to Gadsden County Farm Bureau President Tommy Smith about how to properly mark farm implements so they can be identified if stolen. Putting identification numbers on farm equipment is a state-wide anti-theft project co-sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Farm Bureau. (Gadsden County Times photo)



Academy Grad For Volusia

WASHINGTON, D. C. — When Lt. Edward L. Carroll (left), of the Volusia County (Florida) Sheriff's Department, recently received his FBI National Academy diploma from FBI Director Clarence Kelley, Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff pointed out that Lt. Carroll was the fifth member of the Department to complete the intensive schooling in advanced law enforcement techniques offered at the Academy. Sheriff Duff is a former FBI agent and a strong advocate of FBI Academy training.



Substantial Gift

CLEARWATER — A cash gift of \$5,000, presented to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund by Thomas E. Rogers, President of Metal Industries Foundation, Inc., was accepted by Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts (left).

THIS MAY BE THE SOLUTION TO CRIME FILES

■ In this string saver's heyday when it is once again fashionable to park one's chewing gum on the bedpost overnight — when the mark of a patriot is to recycle water, beer cans, glass, clothing and newspapers — doesn't it make sense to try to recycle some of those old unsolved crimes that are polluting the filing cabinets of Sheriffs and police chiefs?

It certainly does . . . especially since there are bound to be valuable nuggets of evidence still waiting around to be mined, if someone can come up with an effective method of bringing them to the surface.

Apparently someone has.

It's called "Crimewatch" and it is being tried out by Sheriffs and police chiefs in central Florida as a creative approach to the business of dredging up elusive clues.

Implemented by the Orlando Police Department in cooperation with law enforcement agencies in a seven-county area, "Crimewatch" is attempting to reawaken public interest in serious crimes that are at least one year old and still unsolved.

The crimes are being reenacted on four television stations and 44 radio stations. Forty newspapers are also cooperating by printing articles describing the crimes, and the total media effort already shows favorable signs of paying off.

Citizens are being encouraged to come forth with information that has not been disclosed heretofore. This may consist of clues that were withheld for various reasons at the time the crimes were originally in the headlines, fragments of overheard conversations, or recalled incidents that did not seem important when they happened.

A police official said there are many reasons why citizens fail to come forward with valuable clues that would solve serious crimes.

Sometimes they observe portions of a criminal action without realizing they have witnessed a crime. Sometimes they fear retaliation from criminals and have to be reassured of complete anonymity. Sometimes they need to be reminded of their civic duty to help the police, or they need to be made aware that they have important information which could put a dangerous criminal behind bars.

There are many barriers that prevent a free flow of information from the public to the police. It's a problem as old as the Ten Commandments, and there's a strong possibility "Crimewatch" will help to solve it.

England's Scotland Yard has been given credit for originating the technique of utilizing news media to unearth latent crime clues. It worked in the London area and was brought to the U.S.A. by the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Police Department.



Shooting day and night scenes.



In Albuquerque, a Crimewatch type project cleared up 161 unsolved crimes and led to recovery of stolen property valued at over \$500,000. This success prompted St. Louis Police Department and Orlando Police Department (OPD) to get into the act.

CRIMES POLLUTION

wards. These rewards are part of the Crimewatch package and are paid from private donations. Any citizen who gives information that leads to an indictment will receive a reward of \$250, and the reward will be doubled if the informant agrees to testify in court.

In Albuquerque, rewards resulting from 161 solved crime cases totaled \$5,700.

Crimewatch is a low budget project that operates almost entirely on donated funds, equipment and services. Law enforcement agencies, newspapers, radio stations, television stations and Florida Technological University (FTU) are contributing their time and talents. Individuals are making cash contributions to the reward fund, and business firms are also getting into the act.

Donated billboards remind citizens of the toll-free number they can call to give information to Crimewatch. The Central Florida Automobile Dealers Association has donated a Crimewatch car which people can flag down if they have information to offer.

The participating law enforcement agencies are opening their unsolved case files, describing why the cases are still unsolved and explaining the kind of help they need from the public.

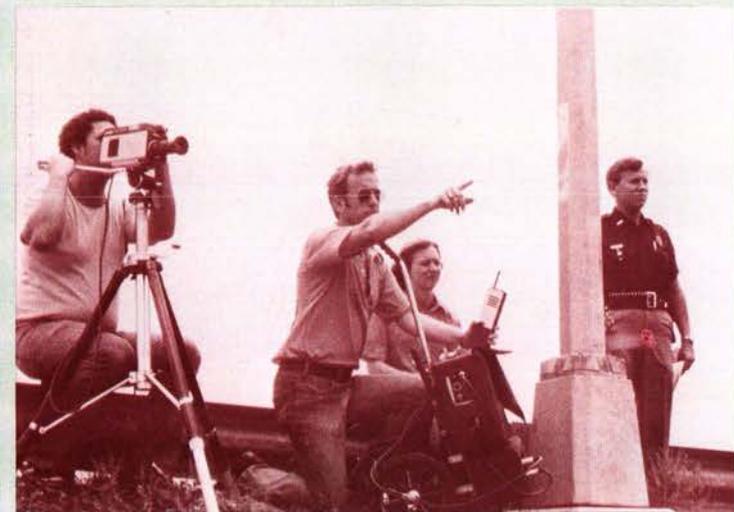
FTU is providing the scripts, personnel, equipment and facilities to produce the crime dramatizations. Acting roles are filled by FTU drama students in most instances, but in some cases the crime victims are going before the cameras at actual crime scenes.

When a crime case is presented to the public through the news media, citizens are requested to call a phone number at the Orlando Police Department if they have any information to offer. They can remain anonymous, if they request it.

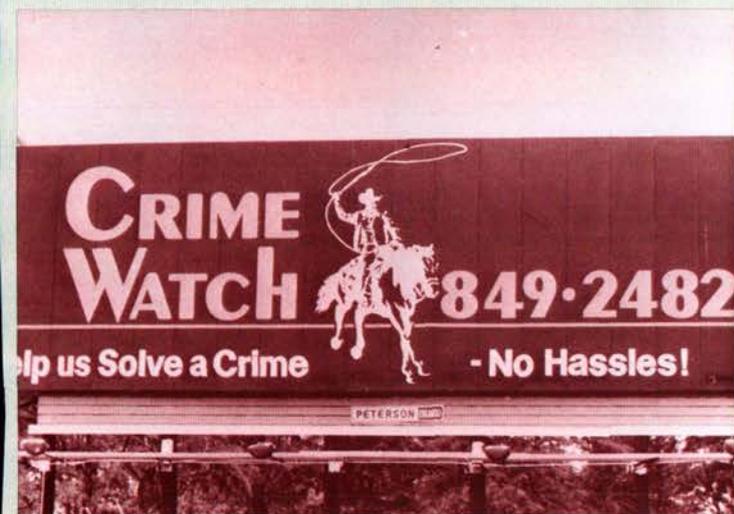
The goal is to dramatize 36 unsolved cases over a 12-month period, but past experience indicates the information received by Crimewatch will not be limited to these cases. It is expected that the emphasis on unsolved crimes and cash rewards will trigger tips about crimes other than the ones dramatized.

Additional fringe benefits are also anticipated. For one thing, Crimewatch will focus public attention on the difficulties and frustrations police encounter when they are trying to solve serious crimes. For another, private citizens will be made more aware of their duty to assist the police.

And, whatever the final outcome, conservationists and police officials have already agreed on one thing: Crimewatch is a promising recycling technique that will bear watching.



Dr. Tom Morgan, of Florida Technological University, with camera crew and Orlando Police Officer, Ces Lawton, Crimewatch Coordinator.



Donated billboard urges citizens to call in clues.

During the initial weeks of the Orlando experiment, over 300 calls from helpful citizens were received at the answering desk in the OPD community relations section; and, as a result of the calls, 14 serious unsolved crimes were cleared up.

Two citizens who provided valuable clues received cash re-



“OPERATION WALLET” was very hush hush

TALLAHASSEE — Something unusual was happening. It was 6 p.m. on a Friday afternoon. State workers had already scattered to their beach cottages, neighborhood bistros and backyard barbecue grills. Florida’s capitol center should have been deserted, but for some strange reason a heavy concentration of police cars had suddenly appeared in surrounding streets.

A Sheriff’s helicopter was hovering overhead, while deputy sheriffs with loaded shotguns were guarding underground areas of the new high-rise capitol building.

Armed officers were visible on the rooftops of nearby government buildings, and ramps entering underground parking areas were blocked.

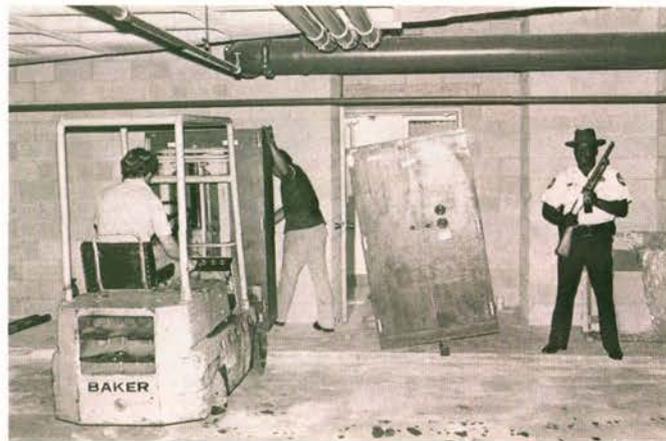
Suddenly patrol cars moved into intersections and stopped traffic on surrounding streets.

Was it a bomb scare . . . preparations for a terrorist attack . . . some kind of kinky unannounced parade?

Officers directing traffic volunteered no information, and curious motorists became more puzzled than ever as they watched a heavily guarded pickup truck towing a rental trailer pull away from the north side of the old capitol building, led by a Leon County Sheriff’s Department patrol car, and trailed by a fork lift.

This strange procession, unaccompanied by bands, cheers or pretty girls, circled the block and disappeared into the parking catacombs under the new high-rise capitol.

Traffic started moving again, and motorists drove away more puzzled than ever.



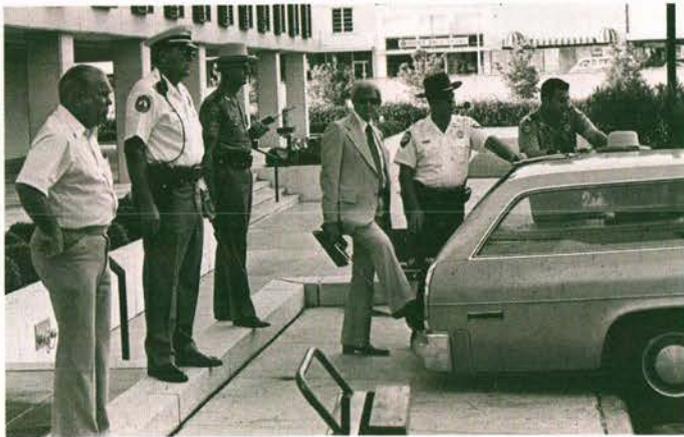
Shotguns were much in evidence as the valuable cargo was transported and while it was being unloaded in the new Capitol.

Several times this strange ritual was repeated, and each time a new crop of motorists drove away puzzled — not knowing that they had witnessed the “crown Jewels” (or whatever it is the state treasurer keeps in his vaults) being moved from the old to the new capitol building.

Afterward, state officials were silent about what was moved, or how much it was worth. It had to involve something more than Governor Duval’s old love letters or Confederate savings bonds, and it’s a safe bet that nervous law enforcement officials were guarding a sizeable chunk of Florida’s wealth.



Officers received a final briefing from Nathan Sharron, Director of the Division of Security, Department of General Services. In addition to his own men, Sharron had the cooperation of several law enforcement agencies. The moving itself was done by a team of professionals.



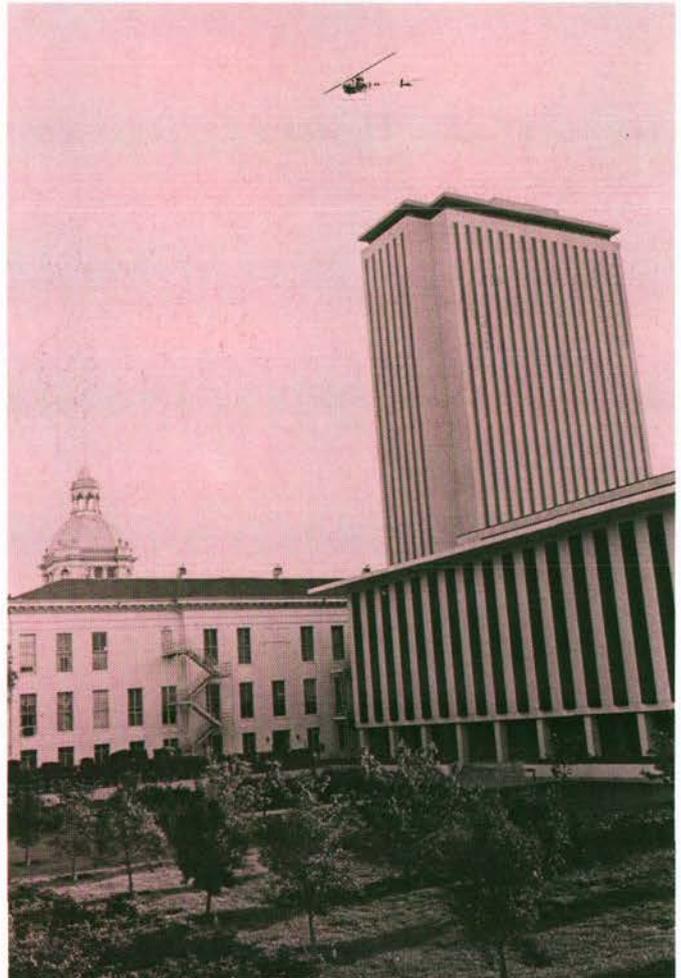
Curious motorists can now be told that something unusual was happening on that very secretive afternoon of September 16, 1977. Florida was figuratively shifting its "wallet" from one location to another — something that isn't likely to happen more than once or twice in a hundred years — and carelessness could have triggered "the crime of the century."

However, there were no slipups and "operation wallet" turned out to be a successful demonstration of careful planning, tight security and close cooperation between law enforcement agencies.

It was coordinated by Nathan Sharron, Director of the Division of Security, Department of General Services, and it involved the Leon County Sheriff's Department; Tallahassee Police Department; Florida Highway Patrol; and the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement.

After all the valuables had been safely tucked away, Ed Sessions, Director of the Division of Treasury, State Treasurer's Office, heaved a sigh of relief and commented: "It really was a well run operation."

Puzzled motorists sat through long delays only to find out no one could tell them what was going on. Even the newspaper, two days later, had little information on what had happened.



The Leon County Sheriff's Department helicopter flew overhead.



HONOR ROLL of Lifetime Members

Generous friends who contribute \$1,000 or more to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa or Youth Ranch, qualify as lifetime honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association. This entitles each donor to receive a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to The Sheriff's Star. This month we are honoring the following lifetime members:



Mr. and Mrs. Phil Nash with St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (left).



Frank G. Kuestner (right) with St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell.



Dr. G. H. Welch, Jr., (right) with Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts.



Mr. and Mrs. James E. Crowl with Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee (right).

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| GEN. A.V.P. ANDERSON, JR.
Shalimar (See photo) | FRANK G. KUESTNER
Ft. Pierce (See photo) |
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Homasassa |
| CENTRAL FLA. SIDEBAND
ASSN.
Ocala | ARTHUR J. LOWELL
Lighthouse Point |
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St. Petersburg |
| MR. & MRS. JAMES E. CROWL
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Tampa |
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Clearwater |
| MRS. R. H. DAVISSON
Lake Alfred (See photo) | NAPLES-FT. MYERS KENNEL
CLUB
Bonita Springs |
| JOHN H. VAN DERWERKEN
North Fort Myers | MR. & MRS. PHILIP J. NASH
Ft. Pierce (See photo) |
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Quincy | RIVER BRANCH FOUNDATION
Jacksonville |
| JOHN DUCHKNOWSKI
Ft. Lauderdale | MR. & MRS. ELMER E.
ROHLOFF
Seminole |
| WILLIAM J. HERBERT
Newark, N. J. (See photo) | MISS EVA G. RUGG
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General A.V.P. Anderson, Jr. (left) with Okaloosa County Sheriff Frankie L. Mills.



For Gifts To Youth Fund

CRESTVIEW — Okaloosa County Sheriff Frankie L. Mills (right) presented a "Builder Certificate" to Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Davis, Sr., in appreciation for their generous gifts to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund.

Donors attain Builder status

Through substantial gifts to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa, Youth Ranch and Youth Fund, the following persons have qualified to receive Builder Certificates:



William J. Herbert (right) with Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff.



Mrs. R. H. Davisson with Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims.

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The Man With The Golden Gat

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson (left) may not have the fastest gun in the south, but he's a contender for the "most ornate" — custom-made gold inlaid 357 magnum revolver in a here-to-eternity copper box. The fancy "shootin' arn" was presented to him by the Bold City '76 Jaycees when they held a testimonial dinner honoring him for almost 20 years of outstanding service as Sheriff. Tyree Boyer, Jr., President of the Jaycees, made the presentation. (Jacksonville Journal photo)

Rogers reappointed

NAPLES — Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers has been reappointed to a seven-member committee of the National Sheriffs Association which will supervise the Neighborhood Watch crime prevention program.

Sheriff Rogers is a strong advocate of Neighborhood Watch. "We tried it here," he said, "and the results show it works. I welcome being reappointed to serve on the National Sheriffs Association committee because it will give me an opportunity to make sure the program stays alive."



"Oscars" For Undercover Deputies

BRADENTON — Congratulations were in order from Manatee County Sheriff Thomas M. Burton, Jr. (center) after two of his undercover officers received law enforcement "Oscars" at a Bradenton Elks Club dinner. Sheriff Burton said the drug case work of Detective Sgt. David J. O'Brien (left) and Detective Sidney M. Evans (right) was outstanding. He added they were among eight Manatee County law enforcement officers chosen as the "elite" in their profession. O'Brien is a graduate of the University of Illinois Police Training Institute; while Evans is a graduate of Sarasota Police Academy. Both are graduates of the U.S. Justice Department's Drug Enforcement Administration Training Institute.

Purdy heads PERF

MIAMI — E. Wilson (Bud) Purdy, Director of Dade County's Department of Public Safety, is President of Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), a new law enforcement organization that was founded in 1976 by ten police executives and has been steadily increasing its membership.

PERF's goal is to improve the delivery of police services through the professionalization of police executives and officers, and by the development of new knowledge through research and experimentation.

That's speedy!!

MILTON — The crime solving capability of the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Department will be speeded up by Kodak Miracode II equipment Sheriff Harvell Enfinger recently purchased.

If the manufacturer's claims are valid, Sheriff Enfinger and his staff will be able to search up to 5,500 single fingerprints in 12 seconds — and that includes searching simultaneously by pattern type, ridge and core type.

They will have the capability of finding a match by using only a partial print.

Miracode II is also said to be capable of searching "mug shots" (photos of accused and convicted persons) by physical characteristics, and turning out photo copies of mug shots in just seconds.

Better curb your kindly instincts

KISSIMMEE — "Good Samaritans" take warning.

Osceola County Sheriff Ernest P. Murphy and his deputies are cautioning motorists to be wary of a man who parks his car along the highway, stands beside it with a gas can in his hand pretending he's a driver in distress, then pulls a gun and robs anyone who stops to offer assistance.

Incidents of this nature have been reported in Osceola, Volusia and Seminole Counties.

Sheriff Murphy said he didn't want to discourage "Good Samaritans" from being helpful, but they should play safe by reporting a motorist in distress to the nearest police agency, rather than stopping to help someone who appears to be the gas can bandit.



New Headquarters For Marion County Sheriff

OCALA — This building formerly occupied by Dixie Lime & Stone Company has been purchased by the Marion County Commissioners for use as an operational headquarters by the Marion County Sheriff's Department. It will provide 13,000 square feet of space, which is approximately twice as much as the present cramped quarters in the county jail building. The county jail will remain in its present location.



Volunteer Chaplains Assist Polk Sheriff

BARTOW — Most Sheriffs settle for a single chaplain, but Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims (fifth from left) has a chaplain's division, composed of ten volunteer clergymen. Those present when this picture was taken are (from left) The Rev. W. E. Haggard, Father Pat Sheedy, The Rev. Jim Vaughn, The Rev. Franklin Lett, Dr. Jim Thomas, The Rev. Joe Fulford, Dr. Doug Woodall, The Rev. Tom Tyson and The Rev. Lawrence Sthreshley. These chaplains will be on call to assist in domestic crises and fatalities. They will also offer counseling, ride with deputies on patrol to become familiar with the realities of law enforcement, and visit prisoners in the county jail and stockade. The group is headed by Dr. Woodall, Associate Pastor of The First Assembly of God, Winter Haven.

Saluted By Military Brass

CRESTVIEW — When the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department received a citation representing one of the highest awards presented to local law enforcement agencies by the Commander of Special Investigations, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., Sheriff Frankie L. Mills (right) shared the limelight with (from left) Lt. Jo Hunter; Jules Borio, Identification Officer; and Investigators Rufus Armstrong, Sgt. Cecil Donaldson, Mike Hollinhead, Dave Gordon, Glen Barbarree and George French. The citation said outstanding support given to Air Force Investigators at Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field has always been "responsive, professional and immeasurably supportive . . ." resulting in accomplishments which "reflect the highest credit upon all members of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office."



Many Thanks, Sidebanders

OCALA — A cash gift of \$1,000 from the Central Florida Sideband Association to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was accepted by Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (left). The Sidebanders were represented by (from left) Ralph Rodia, President; Frank M. D'Andrea, Vice President; Joan Rodia, Secretary; and Rose Chandler, Treasurer.

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Classy canine

OKEECHOBEE — This dog has class.

Just being a German Shepherd is something, but being a German Shepherd born in Germany is something else.

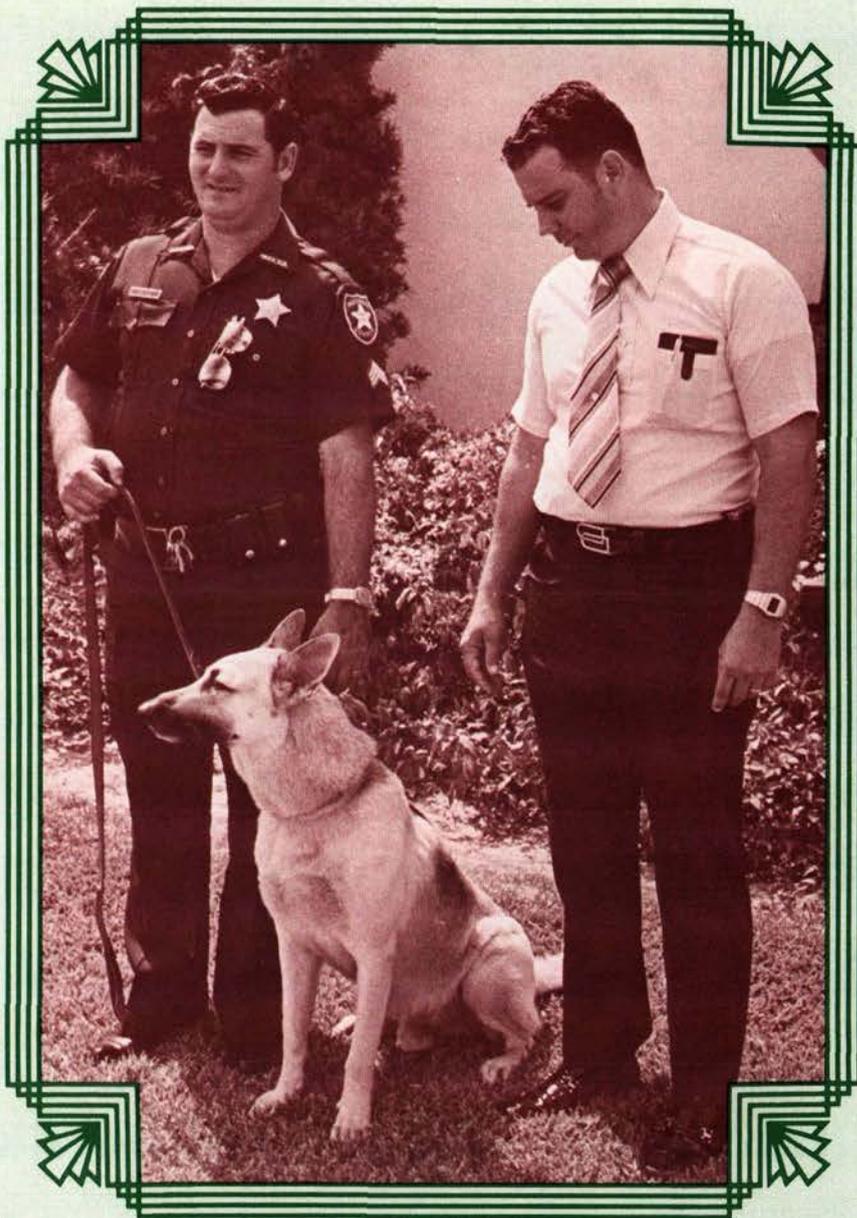
Even his name sets him apart from the Rovers, Spots, Sheps, Fidos and Pals of dogdom. His name is Bronze and he works for a living helping his owner, Deputy Sheriff Jack Hill, and his owner's boss, Okeechobee County Sheriff Clayton Williams, catch crooks.

This Cadillac among canines has been to school — a 14-week U.S. Canine Training School course in Lake Park.

And, according to Deputy Hill, a veterinarian in Ft. Lauderdale said Bronze was the third perfect dog he'd found in ten years.

A dog such as this could be winning silver cups and gold medals in dog shows. Instead Bronze chooses to track suspected criminals, search for illegal drugs, and answer burglary calls.

"He also tried a little crime," said Jack Hill. "He stole a whole chicken off the table not long ago."



Bronze with Jack Hill (left) and Sheriff Clayton Williams.
(Photo by Fran Kerce)