



The Sheriff's Star Salutes  
Sgt. Shellie Downs

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Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Jr., makes a point during panel discussion on "Riot Control".

# New Sheriffs Learn How To Do Their "Thing"



Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson (seated, left) and Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer (standing) were also members of the "Riot Control" panel. Seated at right is Lou Rausch, from the Florida Police Standards Council, who coordinated arrangements for the Seminar.

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Police Standards Council, The Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement and the Florida Sheriffs Association jointly sponsored a "Seminar for Sheriffs" here December 2, 3 and 4.

The primary purpose was to give Florida's new Sheriffs important basic information about their duties and responsibilities; and to acquaint them with the functions of various state and federal agencies involved in Florida's total law enforcement effort. However, the sessions were also open to experienced Sheriffs and several attended.

The new Sheriffs were scheduled to take office on January 7. Eight of them succeeded Sheriffs who retired and nine of them replaced Sheriffs who were defeated in the 1968 elections.

Concentrated day and night sessions covered administrative aspects of the Sheriff's office, civil process, riot control; a broad, comprehensive survey of criminal law; and inter-agency cooperation.

Instructors included professionals from all levels of law enforcement as well as state officials whose duties bring them into frequent contact with Sheriffs' offices.







**PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE**  
(top to bottom)

General view of the classroom with Monroe County Sheriff Bobby Brown, Holmes County Deputy Sheriff Neil Pitts and Holmes County Sheriff Harvie Belser in foreground, left to right.

Holmes Sheriff Belser, Jefferson Sheriff Don Watson, Leon Sheriff Raymond Hamlin and Volusia Sheriff Ed Duff (left to right) were in deep concentration when this picture was taken.

Harry Spradley (right) is the new Sheriff of Columbia County; and J. M. (Buddy) Phillips is the new Sheriff of neighboring Suwannee County.



**GRADUATION PHOTO**  
(opposite page)

FRONT ROW — (left to right) Flagler County Sheriff P. A. Edmonson, Bunnell; Columbia Sheriff Harry Spradley, Lake City; Sumter Sheriff Fred Roesel, Bushnell; Monroe Sheriff Bobby Brown, Key West; Osceola Sheriff Ernest (Kayo) Murphy, Kissimmee; Volusia Sheriff Ed Duff, Deland; Florida Sheriffs Association Field Secretary Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee; SECOND ROW — Baker Sheriff Paul Thrift, Macclenny; Pasco Sheriff Basil Gaines, Dade City; Seminole Sheriff John Polk and Seminole Deputy Duane Harrell, Sanford; Broward Deputy Sheriff Larry Lang, Ft. Lauderdale; Suwannee Sheriff J. M. (Buddy) Phillips, Live Oak; Highlands Deputy O. L. Raulerson, Sebring; Sarasota Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, Sarasota; BACK ROW — Leon Sheriff Raymond Hamlin, Tallahassee; Holmes Deputy Neil Pitts and Holmes Sheriff Harvie Belser, Bonifay; Franklin Sheriff Jack Taylor, Apalachicola; Highlands Sheriff Joe Keene, Sebring; and Santa Rosa Sheriff Leon Hinote, Milton. (Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement photo by Jim Moore.)







TAMPA — In 1958 a young college student wrote a letter to Ed Blackburn, Jr., who was then the Sheriff of Hillsborough County.

"I think it's about time I let you know how grateful I am to you for your efforts to help me get an education," the letter said in part, and it closed with this: "I will try to live up to the reputation you have given me. That is the only way I know how to repay you. Please forward my word of thanks to the Florida Sheriffs Association."

The writer - - - we'll call him Richard, although that is not his real name - - - was expressing his gratitude for a scholarship he had received under a Florida Sheriffs Association program designed to give college educations to outstanding students from the Florida School for Boys, a state institution for young lawbreakers.

Years passed and the letter gathered dust in the Sheriffs Association files until an article appeared in a recent issue of the Sunday Tampa Tribune-Times about a 28-year-old Tampa businessman who had once been a juvenile delinquent himself and was now giving a helping hand to young lawbreakers through a new organization known as The Hillsborough County Juvenile Home Volunteer Auxiliary.

The article identified the businessman only as "Mr. X", but when Sheriff Blackburn read it he realized that "Mr. X" was "Richard" the onetime college student who had written the letter in 1958.

Richard, according to the article, had invited a new acquaintance, Burton Schoepf, to go out to the Hillsborough County Juvenile Home with him to see what they could do to help the delinquent youngsters confined there.

The first visit convinced them that the need was great and the opportunities unlimited, so they kept going back week after week to play ball, arrange fishing trips or just talk.

"Man, it gets to you," Richard said, explaining how it is when he goes to the Juvenile Home to take one boy fishing or just to talk and he finds 10 others waiting in line. They rush at him - - - grab him - - - ask him for souvenirs such as his ball-point pen - - - They just want a friend, Richard explained.

Eventually word got around. Mrs. Haven Poe, a former juvenile court counselor, heard about Richard and Burton Schoepf and felt there should be an organized effort to assist them.

She met with officials of the court, the home and the Tampa Junior Woman's Club. From this the Juvenile Home Volunteer Auxiliary evolved.

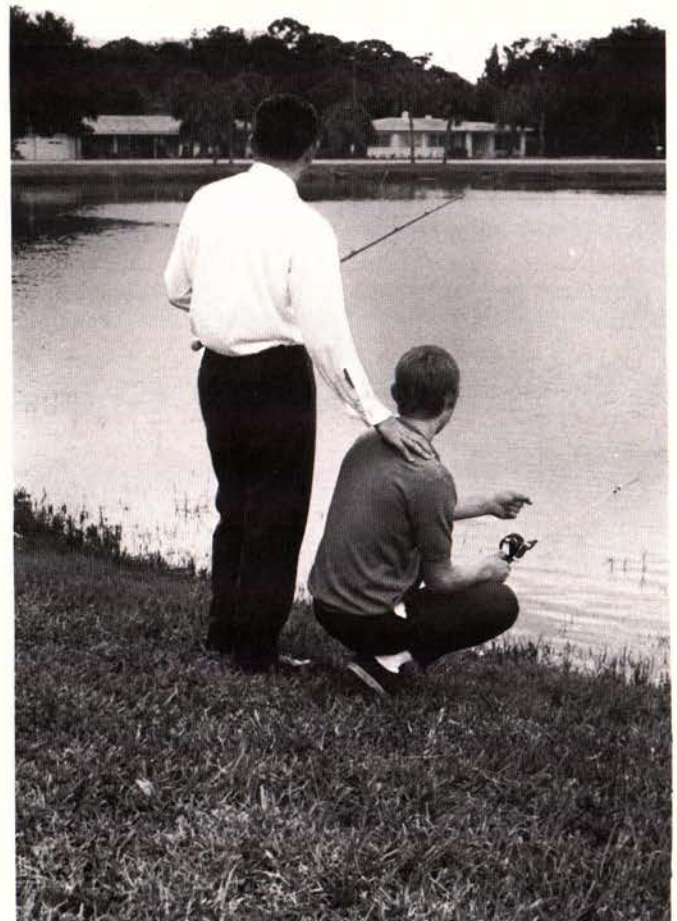
Now many groups and organizations are getting involved, including the Northside Sertoma Club; Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Davis; and Assistant Public Defender Robert Fields and Mrs. Fields.

Judge O. D. Howell praised the Auxiliary as a means of keeping the public informed about the needs of juveniles such as medical and dental services. Sometimes you tear your hair out finding out how you can do something that needs to be done, he said.

Judge Philip L. Knowles said youngsters at the Juvenile Home need more than discipline. "Just ask yourself what good parents would do for their children, and then do it," he told the Auxiliary.

Richard, who is on the Auxiliary board, summed up his own feeling this way:

"Many people don't want to fool with the delinquent kid because they say you can't really do anything for a hard-core delinquent. But I know you can."



Just fishing and talking with "Richard X" - - - this could be the turning point in the life of a troubled boy who needs a helping hand to give him a new start.



## COVER STORY

### The Sheriff's Star Salutes Sgt. Shellie Downs



GAINESVILLE — Who gets the assignment when an alligator strays into someone's back yard . . .

. . . when a SCUBA diver gets trapped in one of Alachua County's deep springs . . .

. . . when the U. S. Army needs some venom from a deadly coral snake . . .

. . . when Sheriff Joe Crevasse needs an expert to teach boating safety to public school youngsters . . .

. . . when Alachua County's waterways are crowded and somebody is needed to patrol them . . .

. . . when the Sheriff's Reserve Patrol needs some special training . . .

. . . when spelunkers are injured and disabled inside a cave?

Sounds impossible, but one man can handle all of these assignments. Perhaps that's why Sgt. Shellie Downs, of the Alachua County Sheriff's Department was selected by the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce as the "Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer of the Year".

He is the first lawman to receive the new Jaycee award, and he is also a candidate for a similar national Jaycee award.

As Safety and Information Officer for Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Sgt. Downs handles a wide variety of rescue and traffic assignments.

He is responsible for the training of volunteer members of the Sheriff's Reserve Patrol who work one 24-hour shift each month in order that the regular full-time de-

puties can attend special in-service training programs.

He also heads up the Alachua County Rescue and Underwater Search Unit, and has been personally involved in many hazardous underwater rescue and recovery missions.

In his file is a letter commending him for rescuing a young man and a young woman from Warren's Cave after they were injured in a fall.

Boating safety is within the scope of his duties. He patrols the waterways of Alachua County and is involved in a Junior Boatsman program which each year teaches boating safety principles to some 2,000 youngsters.

His boss, Sheriff Crevasse, pointed out that Sgt. Downs is also a reptile expert. "Frequently," Sheriff Crevasse said, "we are called upon to capture various specimens of wild life roaming around in inhabited areas . . . a not too attractive task which is usually assigned to Sgt. Downs, and he is very effective in capturing alligators, rattlesnakes, and other animals. They are usually turned over to zoos."

He cooperated in a project to develop an anti-venom serum by capturing coral snakes, extracting the poisonous venom and giving it to U. S. Army chemists.

"Whatever task Sgt. Downs is called upon to perform," Sheriff Crevasse added, "he handles it in such a way as to reflect great credit on this department and himself."

. . . and so the SHERIFF'S STAR salutes a capable young man who could very well qualify as outstanding in this year or any other year.

We are proud of you, Sgt. Shellie Downs.

## Evidence Photographers Invited to Join New Organization

TALLAHASSEE — Law enforcement photographers are invited to apply for membership in The Evidence Photographers International Council (EPIC), a new organization created to encourage greater professionalism, recognition and educational opportunities in the field of evidence photography.

The invitation came from Jim Moore, of Tallahassee, who is Chief Photographer for the Florida Bureau

of Law Enforcement and President of EPIC. He said there are about 35 members in Florida at the present time.

Applications for membership should be sent to the home office of EPIC at 10322 Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44108. Dues are \$7 per year.

President Moore said EPIC was organized by members of the Forensic Photographers Committee of the Pro-

fessional Photographers of America (PPA); and EPIC plans to apply for affiliation with PPA as soon as bylaws requirements have been met.

Other officers are James E. Minor, Garden City, N. Y., First Vice President; Philip X. Senger, Davenport, Iowa, Second Vice President; and R. C. Hakanson, Cleveland, Ohio, Secretary-Treasurer.



# BOYS RANCH

# Round-Up

News about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a home for needy and worthy boys the Florida Sheriffs Association is operating on the Suwannee River near Live Oak, Florida.

## \$2,000 FOR RANCH

FORT MYERS — Sheriff Flanders Thompson's special deputies are doing an outstanding job of raising money for the Florida Boys Ranch. Their latest project, a benefit dance, netted \$2,000 for the Ranch.



## BUILDER IN BRADENTON

BRADENTON — Sheriff R. W. Weitzenfeld (right) on behalf of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch presents a Boys Ranch Builder's Certificate to Mr. Frank J. Hecker, II, in appreciation for his generous support of the Ranch and its activities.

## MAYBE ONE OF THEM WILL DESIGN YOUR FAMILY CAR IN 1990

Building model cars and trucks is a popular hobby at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and the competition gets very keen when the models are entered in a contest - - as they were when this picture was taken.



## MIKE LOCKHART HAS A HONEY OF A HOBBY

Although beekeeping rates a lot lower than baseball as a popular pastime at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Mike Lockhart made a wise choice when he selected it as a hobby. It gives him an opportunity to study the fascinating day to day routine of bee colonies; and the sale of honey provides a profitable source of income. Furthermore, the threat of bee stings eliminates the possibility that other boys might try to "muscle in" and take over his business.

THE SHERIFF'S STAR



# Boys Ranch Memorial Fund

The following have made contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Memorial Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Tomlinson, Lorida; in memory of Mr. Frank Thomas.

Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby, Holly Hill; in memory of Mr. Wilbur Yates.

Mrs. Jesse G. Vincent, Grosse Point Park, Michigan; in memory of Mr. Charles Iseman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Clermont; in memory of Mr. Louis Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Williams, Jr., Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Grace R. Kynes.

Mr. Otto Wettstein, III, Live Oak; in memory of Mrs. A. B. Fleischer.

Mrs. Jessie Waudby, Gulfport; in memory of Mr. George E. Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Wellman, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Robert L. Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Wiseman, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. William Wiseman.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wheeler, Jacksonville; in memory of Mrs. F. I. Wheeler.

Sheriff and Mrs. R. W. Weitzenfeld, Bradenton; in memory of Mr. C. Rowland Shannon.

Dr. David C. Albritton and Family, Ocala; and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cloniger, Ocala; in memory of Mrs. Freida Yantis and Mr. Roy Yantis.

Mrs. Margaret Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Zimmerman, Lake Placid; and Mrs. L. S. Peter, San Antonio, Texas; in memory of Mrs. Marie Zimmerman.

Mrs. Charles Dove, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Todd Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duncan, Tavares; in memory of Mr. Douglass R. Igou.

Mr. Myron F. Dull, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. P. S. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Dillard, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. George Edward Dillard.

Mr. Bill Davis, Sparr; in memory of Mr. Max Durr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duncan, Tavares; in memory of Mrs. Alta Albright.

Mrs. A. T. Eide and Alfred and Nan; and James and Marian Creel, Lake Placid; in memory of Mr. Sidney Gerald Pollard.

Lake Placid Lions Club, Lake Placid; Dr. H. T. Price, Lake Placid; and Mrs. Ralph D. Eyman, Sebring; in memory of Mr. Frank Austin Eyman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dean Lewis, Live Oak; in memory of Mr. J. L. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lane, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mrs. Helen Harper.

Mr. Warren Lehman, Coral Gables; in memory of Mr. Craig Fisher, Mr. Prioleau Vinson and Mrs. Rebekah Vinson.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lambert, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Tossie Farmer.

Manatee County Sheriff's Department, Bradenton; in memory of Mr. C. Rowland Shannon.

Mrs. Donna Mimms, Lakeland; in memory of Mr. David T. Mimms, III.

Merritt Transfer, Delray Beach; in memory of Mr. Paul A. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Maddox, Jacksonville; in memory of Mrs. Hilda Prescott and Mr. Joseph Broward Carlton.

Mrs. Claudia J. Mills, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Otis O. Mills.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Lee Cook and Merren, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; in memory of Mr. George N. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mize, West Palm Beach; in memory of Mrs. Woodrow L. Hague.

Mr. Bud Merritt, Delray Beach; in memory of Mr. Rudy Ellingsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maxwell, Gretna; in memory of Mr. S. A. Parramore.

Dr. E. J. Nicgorski, Orlando; in memory of Mr. Robert E. Janes, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Neeld, Leesburg; in memory of Mr. Jake Cowart.

Mr. J. G. Putman, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama; and Mrs. Virginia Barnes, Montevallo, Alabama; in memory of Mr. Bryan Whitfield.

Mr. Frank C. Powell, Jr., Ft. Lauderdale; in memory of Mr. Claude A. Tompkins.

Pure Carbon Co., Inc., St. Mary's, Pennsylvania; in memory of Mr. Carl C. Sittler.

Mrs. M. E. Price, Dade City; in memory of Mr. Truman Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Roberts, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Walter P. Jacquot and Mr. Edward S. Rarick.

Ridge Manor Post No. 318, Ridge Manor; in memory of Mr. Harrison M. Higley.

Mrs. Robert A. Strom, Melbourne Village; in memory of Mr. Harold W. Tucker.

Mrs. M. T. Stark, Palm Beach; in memory of Mr. M. T. Stark.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Matthews, Starke; and the Officers and Directors of the Little Switzerland Community Association, Little Switzerland, N. C.; in memory of Mr. W. B. Sewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn L. Silvertooth, Sr., Sarasota; in memory of Mrs. William Oberhelman and Mr. Alex Menzies.

Ms. Helen B. Holland, Hastings; and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Padgett, Hastings; in memory of Mr. James W. Barnes.

Mr. George L. Tyler, Bartow; in memory of Mr. W. R. Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carroll, Kissimmee; in memory of Mrs. Jean Hart Lupfer.

Ms. Catherine Corso, Tampa; in memory of Mr. Pete Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Arndt, Indian Rocks Beach; in memory of Mrs. Arrena Hutchinson.

Mr. B. W. Ames, Gainesville; in memory of Mr. June Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Fugate, Boca Grande; Mr. Philip F. Stover, Boca Grande; in memory of Mrs. Stuart Armington.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Bearden, Green Cove Springs; in memory of Mr. Ben C. Lary.

Mrs. J. A. Boyd, Dunedin; in memory of Mrs. L. S. Lord.

Mrs. Frances P. Bristow, Safety Harbor; in memory of Mr. J. J. Rucker Bristow.

Sheriff and Mrs. L. O. Davis, St. Augustine; in memory of Mr. Curtis Coxe, Mr. Harry Gutterman and Mr. Floyd Boatwright.

Mr. H. W. Booth, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. William F. Bassett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn, Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Grace Kynes, Mrs. Fred O. Dickinson and Mr. George N. Johnson.

Mrs. William H. Barnfield, Sarasota; in memory of Dr. William H. Barnfield.

Mr. Edwin H. Stiteler, Jr., Lakeland; in memory of Mr. Edward Maslyn.

Mr. Philip F. Stover, Boca Grande; in memory of Capt. Fred Quedna.

Mrs. J. W. Smith, Orlando; in memory of Mr. J. W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Strickland, Moore Haven; in memory of Mr. Ward Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin R. Schmidt, Lake Placid; in memory of Mr. Norman Clauss.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitch, Dunnellon; in memory of Mr. J. J. Williams.

Ms. Edna Fox and Ms. Vinnie Fox, Moulton, Iowa; in memory of Mr. Leslie E. Fox.

Mrs. Glenn C. Gould, Shirley Center, Massachusetts; in memory of Mr. Glenn C. Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis O. Gravely, Jr., Ocala; in memory of Ms. Adelia Kay Denman.

Mrs. Mary Grobelny, Frostproof; in memory of Mr. Charles P. Grobelny.

Mrs. George B. Gregory, Quincy; in memory of Mr. John C. Anders.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hamrick, Tallahassee; in memory of Mrs. Georgia Bell Dickinson.

Mrs. Omar Hall, Winter Haven; in memory of Mr. Elmer Heimbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Neeld, Leesburg; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hooks, Leesburg; and Mrs. Blanch O. Williams, Leesburg; in memory of Mr. Jack Hewitt, Jr.

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The Memorial Fund will perpetuate the memory of deceased relatives and friends. It provided the financing for a Boys Ranch Chapel; and it will be used in the future for similar projects of enduring significance.

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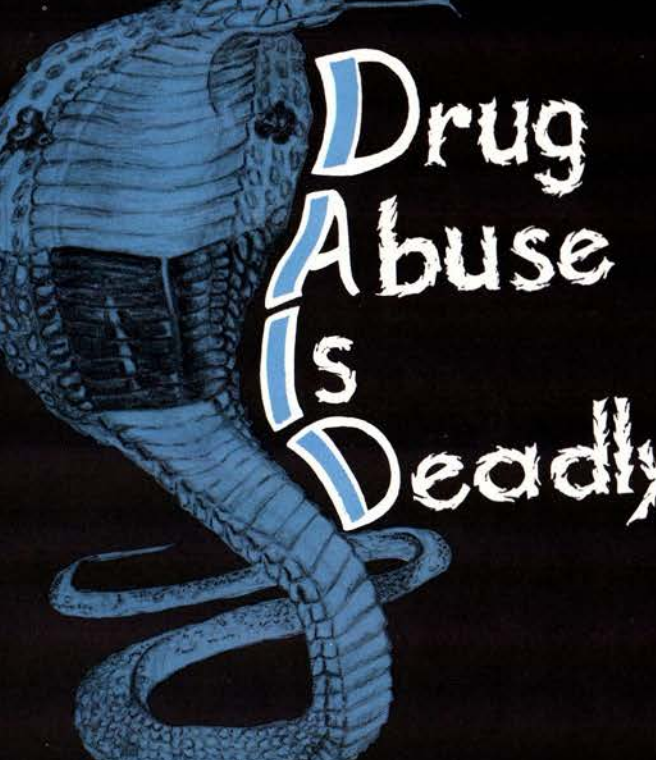
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**Drug Abuse Is Deadly**

# GLUE Sniffing

**ABUSE** – The breathing of these toxic fumes commonly produces:

- The "glue sniffer" will have:

- Chronic use may result in:

- Even occasional use can result in DEATH.

**THE LAW** — Florida Statutes provide in part:

This law provides a penalty of six months imprisonment, a \$500 fine, or both upon conviction.

ONE SNIFF — THEN ETERNITY

Instructions on the can clearly stated the contents should not be inhaled, but the school girl squirted it into the plastic bag, put the bag over her nose and mouth, took a deep breath and fell unconscious.

Summoned to the scene, Deputy Sheriff Shelby Wright tried artificial respiration, rushed the girl to a hospital, then sadly wrote on his report "dead on arrival."



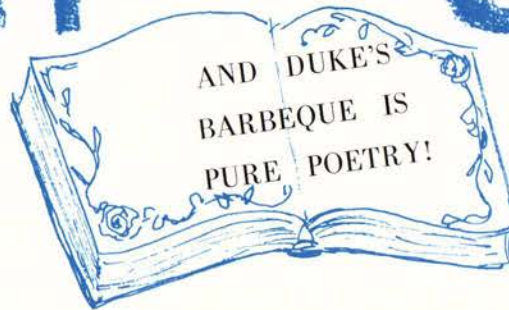
# SHERIFF

RHYMES WITH

# CHEF

Story by Fred Hughes, News Director, WNER  
Radio, Live Oak

Photos by Ed Weigel, Colonial Photography,  
Live Oak



LIVE OAK — Suwannee County's retiring Sheriff is probably as well known for his barbeque sauce as he is for a distinguished career in law enforcement.

Duke (that's his real name) McCallister began his career as a chef in the early 1940's when he ventured into the timber business.

"It all started while we were working quite a bit of labor. We gave them picnics and our picnics were attended by more outsiders than laborers," he explained.

Word of his tasty barbeque has continued to spread. Since 1940, Duke has prepared food for nearly every kind of gathering imaginable. He fed over 7,000 people at the dedication of the Hal Adams Bridge across the Suwannee River. Five-thousand were served at the dedication of the Suwannee County Hospital. Dignitaries such as Governor Claude Kirk have used their fingers to sample the Sheriff's delicious concoctions.

Asked how secret his sauce is, Duke replied, "It's about like Colonel Copeland's . . . we just don't put that out."

The Ex-Sheriff feeds small crowds too, like the 700 people at Live Oak's July 4th celebration or 2,700 at the Occidental Chemical Company employee picnic. And he is the official cook any time there's a special event at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, near Live Oak.

When the 57-year-old McCallister hung up his badge on January 7, you can believe that he was not retiring from his cooking responsibilities. His barbeque sauce is too good and too many people know about it.

Duke was born in Wakulla County and moved to Suwannee in 1930. He and his wife Lillian have one son, Donny, age 24. The Sheriff represents three timber oriented companies; Hudson Pulp and Paper Company, Continental Can Company and Container Corporation of America.

After six years on the front lines fighting crime, he sums up his work like this: "Between 60 and 70 percent of the work we do is related to preventing crime. I don't believe the number of arrests is any kind of yardstick for measuring efficiency."

Some 39 percent of crimes committed are solved on a national average but Suwannee County's average has run better than 60 percent for several years.

Duke sports a large grin when he tells how the moon effects crime. In an interview, the Sheriff was asked if he'd noticed any pattern when crime is most likely to occur. "Yes sir. You can watch it all you please . . . of course you'll laugh when I tell you this . . . But approaching full moon we'll have twice the business we do any other weekends. It is very true. Our record book at the jail will verify that."



Duke (left) assisted by Chief Cook Wallace Ross.





### IN APPRECIATION

LAKELAND — As an expression of appreciation for a substantial contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen (left) presented a lifetime membership in the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builders Club to Wellman-Lord, Inc., of Lakeland, represented by James Wellman.



### LIFETIME PLAQUES FOR BOYS RANCH BUILDERS

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson extended special recognition to two organizations by presenting them with lifetime honorary memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. They are (top photo) Jacksonville Beach Moose Lodge, represented by Moose Lodge Governor Melvin E. Morse (left) and Ricardo Diz; and Economy Wholesale Distributors, Inc., represented by W. C. Koontz (left) and W. A. Williamson. Both organizations have done an outstanding job of supporting the Boys Ranch.

### WHAT A WAY TO GO!

ST. PETERSBURG — The boy who inhaled too much cleaning fluid and toppled over in a fatal stupor . . . The "Salad Bowl Party" where teenagers raided family medicine cabinets, poured all the pills into a bowl, and passed the bowl around so all the partygoers could help themselves and see what would happen.

These were just two of the incidents described by Sheriff Don Genung when he told local businessmen about the growing problem of drug abuse in Pinellas County.



### FOR DEVOTION TO DUTY

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen (left) accepts a certificate of appreciation presented to him and his deputies by Winter Haven Agent Gerry Leftwich, representing Seaboard Coast Line Railroad. The certificate was in recognition of emergency first aid services and security duty provided by the Sheriff and his men after two crack Silver Meteor passenger trains collided near Eloise. (Polk County Sheriff's Department photo by Wayne Wyant.)

### BRANNEN NEEDS LARGER TROPHY DISPLAY CASE



BARTOW—Sheriff Monroe Brannen (left) and Deputy Sheriff George McClelland look over a few of the marksmanship trophies in the growing collection won by the Polk County Sheriff's Department. In 1968, for the second year in a row, Deputy McClelland, shooting in the master class, won the "High Sheriff Trophy" in the NRA Championship Regional Police Combat Match held in Winter Haven. The Polk County Sheriff's Department pistol team won first place in team match No. 7; and the following deputies captured individual honors: Don Jackson, Jim Blake, Milt Godwin and Leon Brown.



## NOT AS PLANNED

BRADENTON — The blueprint for robbing the Manatee National Bank was carefully worked out.

The robbers planned to drive a stolen car to the bank where four of them, dressed in police uniforms to avoid suspicion, would enter the building.

After the robbery they proposed to drive to a remote spot on Tampa Bay, abandon the car, board a stolen boat and head across the bay attired as fishermen.

Only one thing went wrong.

Before they had a chance to carry out their plan, the would-be bank heisters were arrested by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department and held in connection with some 60 burglaries and safe robberies in three counties.

After the arrest a search for stolen loot uncovered many items, including police uniforms and badges.

## WORTH \$700,000

MIAMI — A record haul of 4 1/2 pounds of pure cocaine valued at \$700,000 was confiscated when Joseph Manuel Renedo, described as a "flying soldier of fortune", was arrested here.



## BURIAL RITES FOR "SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS"

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard dumps the first wheelbarrow load of concrete on the "final resting place" of 321 confiscated weapons that were entombed under the floor of a new evidence building constructed at the county jail. The guns — mostly .22 calibre pistols of the "Saturday Night Special" variety — had been confiscated in crime cases and were all classified as junk. The Sheriff's deputies decided they deserved an appropriate "burial" that would keep them out of circulation permanently.

JANUARY 1969



## IN A BIG WAY --- GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES SHERIFF FOR AWARD

TAMPA — After Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard (right) was selected as "National Police Officer of the Month" by Master Detective Magazine, Governor Claude Kirk sent him congratulations in a big way! — an outsized framed message that said "Dear Sheriff: I want you to know that Florida is proud of your successes and I wish you many more." The message was flanked by pictures of the Governor and Sheriff Beard and pages from Master Detective Magazine announcing Beard's selection. It was presented to the Sheriff by Art Beauchamp, Public Relations Officer for the Florida Industrial Commission.

## KITCHEN IS GRADE A

LAKELAND — The Lakeland Ledger devoted a full page to telling the taxpayers of Polk County what a job Sheriff Monroe Brannen is doing in the culinary department at the county jail.

Staff Writer Allan Smith reported in a feature article that jail inmates get huge helpings of nutritious and energy-giving food for around 75 cents per plate.

He also found that the jail kitchen is "cleaner than many commercial restaurants."

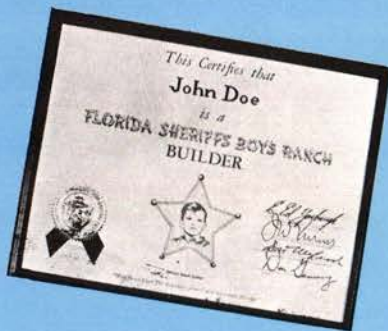
## SNAG'S THE CHAMP

FORT MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Flanders (Snag) Thompson is a straight shooter, and he proved it when he won a marble tournament staged to publicize the annual United Fund drive.

He defeated in quick succession Frank Nodine, of Radio Station WINK; Ted Evans, Vice President of Fort Myers' First National Bank; and County School Superintendent Ray Williams.



# Boys Ranch Builders



The following persons, organizations and business firms have been added to the roster of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builders Club in recognition of donations valued at \$100 or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goldstein, Clearwater.  
Mr. Harold F. Anderson, Orlando.  
Dr. B. W. Wing, Orlando.  
Ingles Power Club, Inglis.  
Mr. Arthur J. Brodrick, Hobe Sound.  
Mr. Mike A. Wilson, Dunnellon.  
Mr. D. R. Williams, Crystal River.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hampton, Dunedin.  
Mrs. Harold E. Randall, Clearwater.  
Mr. Garland Fletcher, Sarasota.  
Mr. J. H. Langston, Manager, Brown Wood Preserving Co., Live Oak.

## SHAMPOO SNIFF FATAL

JACKSON, Miss. — A 15-year-old youth died after sniffing spray shampoo at a "sniffing party".

Police said the dead youth was one of seven who sprayed an aerosol can of shampoo into a plastic bag and sniffed the fumes. According to his companions he passed out three times and each time resumed sniffing when he came to.

The fourth time he stood up, his chest expanded, and he fell to the floor in a fatal stupor.

## DOGGONE GOOD

TAMPA — If Sheriff Malcolm Beard's K-9 deputies, "Prince" and "Sam" look happy, it's because they brought home two high awards from the Third Annual Police K-9 Seminar held in the "search" event, and second place in the team award. "Sam," with Deputy Sheriff Terry Schoenborn, shared in the second-place team award earned by total points in all events. Deputy Schoenborn was elected President of the Police K-9 Association. Twenty-five law enforcement agencies from as far away as New York and St. Louis were represented at the Seminar.



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## NEW DESIGN IN DUVAL

JACKSONVILLE — Law enforcement has a new look here as a result of a government consolidation plan that combined the Jacksonville Police Department and the Duval County Sheriff's Department under the able leadership of Sheriff Dale Carson, Florida's first "city sheriff". Part of the new look is this blue and gold badge.

## FAVORABLE REPORTS

TALLAHASSEE — State Legislative Auditor Ernest Ellison has filed favorable reports on three more sheriffs after auditing their accounts and records.

They are: Jefferson County Sheriff Don Watson, Monticello; Glades County Sheriff Roy Lundy, Moore Haven; and Baker County Sheriff Paul Thrift, Macclenny.

## In Memoriam

(Continued from page 5.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heintz, Ormond Beach; in memory of Lt. Col. Joshua H. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daily, Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brazington, and Dorothy, Clearwater; Mrs. Robert V. Harrison, Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Myers, Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wiese, Dunedin; Mr. Robert W. Brown, Dunedin; and Mrs. Stanley S. Barrow, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Lewis Howard Hurley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hanson, Daytona Beach; in memory of Mr. Richard Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hauke, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Fred Masada.

Mrs. Lucy C. Johnson, Alexandria, Virginia; in memory of Mrs. Sara C. Rice and Mrs. Louise C. Finley.

Miss Marion M. Kilburn, Sarasota; in memory of Miss Bessie Shannon.

Mrs. Lidia Knotek, Vero Beach; in memory of Mr. John Layton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knipe, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. J. Ray Ketchel.

Mrs. Esther A. Kamps, Bradenton; in memory of Mr. Edward R. Kamps.

Mr. R. C. Walls, St. Augustine; Mrs. James L. Taylor, St. Augustine; Mr. Clayton Sanchez, St. Augustine; and Mrs. Dorrie Springfield, Lakeland; in memory of Mr. Floyd Boatwright.

Miss Bertha Campbell and the Campbell Family, Rock Hill, S. C.; in memory of Mrs. Kenneth Caverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney O. Chase, Jr. Sanford; in memory of Mrs. Joder Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Cox, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Arthur G. Rathje.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duncan, Tavares; in memory of Mr. Lonnie Trawick.

Mr. Albert S. Levings, Lake City; in memory of Mr. Emmitt Owens.



## TRULY REMARKABLE

"The Progress of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch has been truly remarkable," Emmett S. Roberts, State Director of the Florida Department of Public Welfare told Bay County Sheriff M. J. Daffin, Chairman of the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees.

His comment was contained in a letter notifying Sheriff Daffin that the Welfare Board has re-licensed the Boys Ranch for another year as a child caring institution.

And he added: "We wish you success as you continue to refine your program so that it will have even greater impact on the boys who come under your care."



## AFTER MANY YEARS MIKE MADE IT

TAMPA — When he was a little boy at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Mike Edwards told friends his ambition was to become a law enforcement officer. Years passed and other careers beckoned. Mike was an outstanding football player at Suwannee High School and could have set his sights on college and professional gridirons. When he joined the U. S. Marines, was wounded under fire in Viet Nam, and returned to the Boys Ranch with a Purple Heart, he could have chosen a military career. But, his ambition never wavered and he finally realized it recently when he traded his Marine uniform for the uniform of a Hillsborough County Deputy Sheriff. It was quite a day in his life when, as shown in the picture below, he received his deputy's commission from Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard.

## MORE ABOUT "DUKE"

TITUSVILLE — Remember Duke, the narcotics sniffing dog who was the subject of several articles in past issues of THE SHERIFF'S STAR?

Well, Duke has made headlines again.

He was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant in the Brevard County Sheriff's Department after he helped the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement locate a supply of marijuana in a college student's trunk.

It took Duke only 15 minutes to locate the trunk among stacks of boxes and parcels in the Orlando Railway Express Office.



## IN GOOD SHAPE

The accounts and records of Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis and Collier County Sheriff Doug Hendry are in good shape, according to a report released by State Legislative Auditor Ernest Ellison.

## GENUNG ADDRESSES PARA-MEDICS CONCLAVE

ST. PETERSBURG — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung posed with Sally Bramble (left) and Kim Tschantz for news photographs after he addressed a district convention of Para-Medics on the enforcement of drug laws. His deputy, Lt. Morris Meek, also presented a drug abuse movie entitled "Pit of Despair". The district convention was attended by high school students from six counties. (St. Petersburg Independent photo by Norman Zeisloft.)



## OFF WITH A BANG!

KEY WEST — Monroe County's new Sheriff, Bobby Brown, started his career with a bang by breaking all previous records for vote getting.

According to the Miami Herald, Sheriff Brown was the first political candidate in the history of Monroe County to receive more than 10,000 votes.

His total in the 1968 General Election was reported as 10,074 votes, compared to 3,117 for his opponent.

Sheriff Brown began his first four-year term on January 7.



# WANTED PERSONS

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**WILLIE JAMES**

JAMES, Willie — Aliases: RILEY, Willie James, Jr.; JAMES, Jimmy. Colored Male. Date and place of birth 8-4-35, Lilly, Georgia. Height — 6 feet, 1 inch; Weight — 165 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes, 1 inch scar on forehead. FBI No. 379 955 E; SS No. 259 58 0184. Allegedly operates a white 60 Ford coach bearing 1969 Florida License 19W 23196. Warrants issued, charge unlawful speed and disobeyed traffic signal. If apprehended notify Sheriff Wilson in Titusville, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**KEITH TERRY KELLY**

KELLY, Keith Terry — Aliases: KELLEY, Leroy; TERRY, Kelly Keith. White Male. Date and place of birth 11-30-37, Jamestown, Tennessee. Height — 5 feet, 9 inches; Weight — 160 pounds. Black hair, blue eyes, has numerous tattoos: dagger on right forearm, "Terry Kelly" and heart with "Love Mother" on left arm, "Hard Luck" on left hand, "TNT" on right hand. FBI No. 934-076-C. Occupation: laborer. Warrants issued, charge murder, will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Brannen, Bartow, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement.



**WEBB PARKER**

PARKER, Webb — Aliases: PARKER, Willie; PARKER, Webster. Colored Male. Date and place of birth 1-1-39, Shelby, North Carolina. Height — 6 feet, 2 inches; Weight — 235 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes, very stout, cut scars on arms and gunshot wound on left forearm. FBI No. 437 322 C. Warrants issued, charge uttering forgery, 2 counts. If apprehended hold and advise Sheriff Baker, Stuart, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**HUBERT NORMAN THOMAS**

THOMAS, Hubert Norman — White Male. Date and place of birth 8-29-31, LaCrosse, Florida. Height — 6 feet, Weight — 235 pounds. Brown hair, green eyes, ruddy complexion. FBI No. 497 190 C. Occupation: truck driver. Warrants issued, charge issuing worthless checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

## WILLIAM DOUGLAS FERGUSON



**WILLIAM FERGUSON**

FERGUSON, William Douglas — White Male, about 21 years old. Height — 6 feet. Blond hair, blue eyes, heavily pox-marked face, long dark sideburns, thin mustache. Last known address: 128 Edgewood Drive, Melbourne, Florida. May be in the Miami, Cocoa Beach, Florida, or Los Angeles, California, area. Warrants issued, charge sale of STP in violation of 404.021. If apprehended notify Police Department, Clearwater, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

## JAMES EDMOND McNEILL

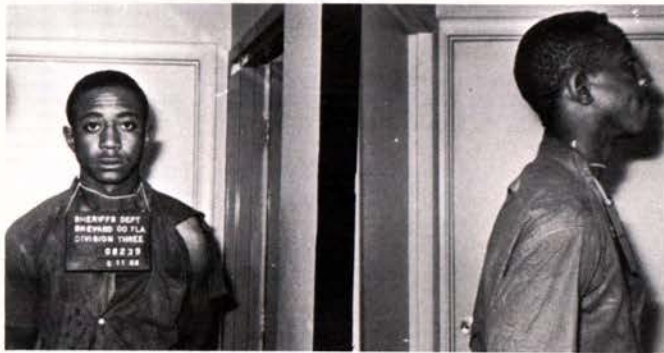
McNEILL, James Edmond — Alias: WILKENS, James Edmond. White Male. Date and place of birth 6-5-44, North Carolina. Height — 5 feet, 7 inches, Weight — 135 pounds. Brown hair and eyes. Occupation: laborer. Warrants issued, charge escape from County Jail on 10-21-68. If apprehended notify Sheriff Collier, Okeechobee, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**JAMES EDMOND McNEILL**

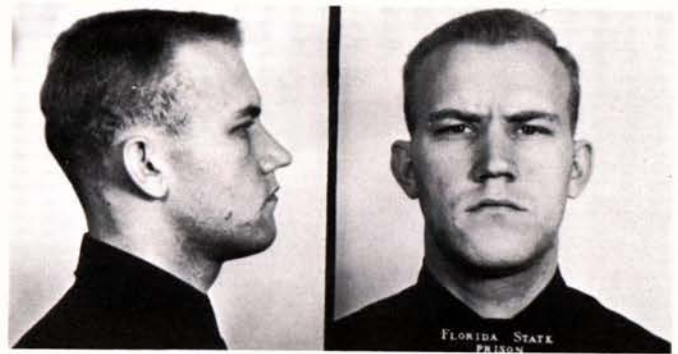
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**JIMMY LEE WILLIAMS**

WILLIAMS, Jimmy Lee — Alias: WILLIAMS, Jimmie Lee. Colored Male. Date and place of birth 1-9-44, La Flora County, Mississippi, or New Orleans, Louisiana. Height — 5 feet, 10 inches; Weight — 145 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes, medium complexion, 1 inch scar on left cheek, 2 inch scar on left jaw, tattoos; cross with JLW on lower right arm, knife over JTW on lower left arm. FBI No. 26 248 E; SS No. 436-60-7956, USSVC No. 1639 44 10. Subject's parents reside in New Orleans, Louisiana. Warrants issued, charge receiving stolen property, will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**VIRGIL LEE COWART**

COWART, Virgil Lee — White Male. Date and place of birth 9-3-43, Tampa, Florida. Height — 6 feet, 1/2 inch; Weight — 168 pounds. Light brown hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion, bad teeth, tattoos: "Girl with Octopus" on upper right arm, "Eagle" across chest and lower right arm, "Shark" on lower right arm. Occupation: truck driver. FBI No. 115-435-F. Subject's mother lived in Silver Springs, Florida, but is believed to have moved to California. Warrants issued, charge escape from Division of Corrections Road Prison No. 24 on 10-1-68. Original charge of robbery made in Lake County. If apprehended notify Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

## MINISKIRTS ARE SAFER

One safety expert has come up with the theory that the more exposed thigh a female has, the safer she is - - provided she's a pedestrian walking along a highway at night.

He reasons it this way: Automobile headlights are aimed downward and they will readily pick up the stockings or bare legs in the beam. The more stocking or leg exposed, the more likely the motorist is to spot the pedestrian.

Score one for miniskirts - - but please don't wear black stockings.

## RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS

BRADENTON — Sheriff R. W. Weitzenfeld presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder Certificate to Mrs. Sandra Couch, representing the Palmetto Firemen's Auxiliary, in recognition of the Auxiliary's outstanding efforts to help the Boys Ranch. Mrs. Couch is President of the Auxiliary.



## RECOGNITION FOR TELEVISION STATION

PENSACOLA — Escambia County Sheriff Bill Davis (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder Certificate to Jack Kenney, representing WEAR-TV, in recognition of the outstanding support the television station has given to the Ranch.



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# CRIME

## FIGHT

### By Knowing These LAWS . . . . .

#### ... on SELF-DEFENSE

A person may use reasonable force to ward off an attack. However, reasonable force is subject to many legal interpretations. Generally, a person may not use greater force than the adversary is believed to have at his disposal.

#### ... on GUNS

It is illegal to carry pistols and other dangerous weapons capable of being concealed on the person. Carrying a concealed weapon is punishable by fine or imprisonment. Sporting arms, such as shotguns or rifles, require no special permit.

Pistols may be kept in homes except by persons with certain types of criminal convictions, but if used against an intruder, this action will have to be justified.

#### ... on TEAR GAS GUNS

Several types are approved for sale in this area. Tear gas can cause serious injury and should be used only in an emergency with great discretion.

#### ... on KNIVES

The law pertaining to the carrying of knives is somewhat indefinite . . . The best advice is not to carry a knife on your person. It is clearly illegal, however, to carry a knife as a weapon.

#### ... on OTHER WEAPONS

It is illegal to possess black-jacks, metal knuckles, switch-blade knives, sawed-off shotguns, and certain other specified weapons.

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