

Photographer held by LINT agents

An AUGUR photographer was detained for about an hour Tuesday morning in the Lane County Courthouse by an undercover narcotics agent working with the Lane Interagency Narcotics Team (LINT).

Kate Thompson, 18, was taken into custody after attempting to take a photograph of the arresting officer and one other LINT agent.

Ms. Thompson was released after an hour of questioning and no charges were brought against her.

Although Ms. Thompson was not booked, the arresting officer, Det. Rudy Mauch, Springfield Police Department, placed her "under arrest for harrasment," she said.

Charles Porter, Eugene attorney, who represented Ms. Thompson, said the harrasment clause of the new criminal code which went into effect Jan. 1, is "unconstitutional on vagueness and overbreadth."

In an interview with the Emerald, Ms. Thompson reported she was at the courthouse to "take a picture basically of only Steve Cain."

Cain and Mauch were identified in the Jan. 6 issue of the Augur as narcotics agents. The Augur was present at the Courthouse because they had heard that a secret grand jury would be held to issue indictments against drug users and pushers the LINT agents had identified.

Ms. Thompson continued, "I missed Cain when he got off the elevator, and I grabbed my camera to get a picture of the back of him and of Mauch, who was walking straight for me. I was able to shoot one frame when Mauch grabbed my camera, which was around my neck, and said, 'Give me that camera.'"

"I refused to give it to him and he put me under arrest for harrasment.

"He took me by the wristlock (a method used by police to partially immobilize a prisoner), and took me down the hall and

some other narcs met him. He said, 'take her camera' and they took it from around my neck."

Ms. Thompson said she did not give the officers permission to take her camera, which was returned to her when she was released, nor did she give them permission to take the film from the camera.

The district attorney reimbursed her for the film which they took from her camera.

"Mauch took me into the DA's office and I was questioned for about an hour.

"They talked to me about how much the lives of officers and their families were threatened by having these pictures published."

Assistant District Attorney John Moore said he felt the arresting officer was justified in his action "from a human standpoint."

He cited an incident in which LINT agent Steve Cain's car was burned on Jan. 5, and his family was threatened prior to that time.

The car fire was classified as first degree arson, reported the Springfield Police Department.

Moore said Ms. Thompson was released because he "didn't feel it was appropriate to file a charge against her."

Porter, Ms. Thompson's attorney, met with Moore Tuesday afternoon and said, "Moore returned the film to me, said he would apologize officially for what happened to Ms. Thompson, and said the officers involved had been duly admonished for their actions."

Porter went on to say that "the film appears to be unexposed, but I'm not sure.

"Moore also agreed that unnecessary roughness had been used in the arrest."

He add, "I think he realized they were off-base, since she had a legitimate purpose to take the pictures, and that there was no violation of the law."



"It's an easy way to keep eating," Doug Southgate said as he pipes for his living outside the Co-op. Doug is from Oberlin College, Oberlin Ohio, and is working for McGovern.
Photo by Matt McCormick



Shortly before Augur photographer Kate Thompson (center) was detained by Det. Rudy Mauch (right), a LINT agent, a freelance photographer (left), identified himself to Mauch and another LINT officer Paul Smith (rear). Ms. Thompson was taken into custody for about an hour for taking pictures of a LINT agent.

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Last day for basketball tickets

Today is the last day to buy student tickets for Saturday night's tilt with New Mexico State. Tickets, at \$1 apiece, can be purchased at the McArthur Court ticket booth from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reserve seats, which can be obtained at the Athletic Department ticket office, are \$3. General admission tickets, which go on sale 5:30 p.m. Saturday cost \$2 for adults and \$1 for high school through grade school students. They can be purchased at the Mac Court ticket booth.

Aid applications available

Application forms for financial assistance for the 1972-73 academic year at the University are now available at the University's Office of Financial Aid.

The forms are available to students currently enrolled in the University and to high school seniors who plan to attend the University next fall.

Forms and detailed information may be picked up in the Office of Financial Aid or may be requested by letter. The address is Office of Financial Aid, Emerald Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403.

Applicants are advised that in order to receive prime consideration for the available funds, applications must be returned to the Office of Financial Aid prior to March 1.