

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM A RIDE WITH A COP

by Roger Stwyer

What is police work really like?

Well, if you ever watched "Adam-12" on television, you would notice that our tribal police seem to be different. The television series shows only the good parts of being a police officer according to Vicki Still, former juvenile officer and recently hired Tribal Court Coordinator and Investigator. The policemen in "real life" have situations that are much more difficult than depicted on TV.

To get a better view of just how hard a police officer's regular patrol is, I signed up to take part in the "Ride-Along Program," something very seldom heard of.

The Ride-Along program is for those who are curious about police-work and want to know what police do on their regular patrol. It's a program where you're a passenger (rider) in a police car with an officer patrolling the reservation. The rider must be 18 or older, or 17 with parent's consent. All participants of the program are required to sign a released form to free the Warm Springs Tribal Police if anything should happen to the rider.

If hours are heavy or if the policemen have to double up, the participant will not be allowed to ride. If an emergency comes up, such as a gun call, the rider will be left at the police station or is let off at a safe place until the



To get a front seat view of police work, Roger Stwyer signed up for the "Ride-Along" program, sponsored by the Warm Springs Police Department. Shown here are officer Lloyd Smith, Jr. and Roger (CDS photo) leaving the police station.

emergency has passed.

Arrangements for this program can be made with Raymond Calica at the Warm Springs Police Station.

After I had completed this program, my impression was that police work is much more difficult than most people take for granted. Too often, police

are criticized because people aren't aware of what they go through in their daily work. It might be breaking up a family argument, investigating an accident, detoxing drunks, breaking up a fight at the "Front," crank or phony calls, or just tolerating someone who is totally against police.

Policemen also stop cars for various reasons. One officer

commented that they can drive between Alice's Restaurant and Kah-Nee-Ta junction and never quit writing out citations. While I was a rider, a majority of the citations written out were for Speeding, or Violation of the Basic Rule. Nearly every operator who received a ticket tried wheedling his way out of it. But when you're caught on the radar, there's no getting out of

it, as many people discovered. These are a few of the excuses that people used (which didn't work):

"My speedometer doesn't work." "I couldn't have been speeding, my speedometer read 55 mph." "How come you guys are citing us today?" "I thought the speed limit was 55 mph, not 45." "I know I was speeding officer. If you don't give me a ticket I promise not to speed again."

A large number of those stopped were well aware that they were speeding or had broken the law in some way. A few were really nice in the hopes that the officer wouldn't give them a ticket. But it's the ones who hassle the police when it's their own fault that make the law appear to be harsh or that the police are not doing their job. Then to make matters worse, the police department is short-handed, so one policeman often puts in many hours each week.

But police work isn't tough all the time. One officer suggested that I ride with someone at Kah-Nee-Ta on a busy weekend — and do a little sight-seeing.

Another time, one officer appeared to be enjoying himself. He pulled into the Tribal Garage and one of the employees was having some friendly fun with him. "I ought to have you guys rotate my tires just for the fun of it," threatened the officer to the employees jokingly. Or in the police station, they play practical jokes on one another.

If you have free time in the evenings, I urge you to try this program. I promise you will be fascinated by the things that will happen. It might be chasing a car at 100 mph, or just listening to the code they use.

SUSPECT ARRAIGNED FOR RAPE, MURDER

Acting upon an anonymous telephone tip Wednesday evening, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office arrested a 20 year-old white male suspect Stephen D. Danforth in connection with the kidnap-murder of Mrs. Linda Pahlisch who was found on the reservation June 19.

According to Wasco County Deputy District Attorney Joe Larkin, Danforth was transported to Wasco County early yesterday, June 15, where he was arraigned at 10:20 a.m. on five counts of murder.

The suspect has been charged with murder by stabbing, aggravated murder while in the course of a robbery, aggravated murder in the course of kidnapping, aggravated murder in the course of rape, and one count of felony murder.

Danforth has been lodged in the Wasco County Jail without bail and is being represented by a court-appointed attorney from The Dalles.

According to Deputy Whalen of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, the Gresham Police received an anonymous phone tip from a man who said he knew a guy who wears a fake cast.

The arrest followed at about 8 p.m. at the Glisan Arms Apartments in Portland, not far from where the victim's car had been abandoned. Danforth surrendered without resistance.

The suspect allegedly ab-

ducted Mrs. Pahlisch and her three-month-old son from a Gresham shopping area early Monday afternoon, apparently with robbery as his motive.

Mrs. Pahlisch was still alive when she was found along Highway 26 later that afternoon by a passing motorist. She had been raped and stabbed four times but was able to provide a description of her assailant before she died enroute to the Madras Hospital.

The unharmed baby was cared for at the tribal group home until his father picked him up.

The funeral for Mrs. Pahlisch was yesterday (Thursday) in Portland.

The investigation and manhunt involved personnel from the Warm Springs Police Department, the Oregon State Police, Gresham Police, the Wasco County Sheriff's Office, and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

The murder site has been tentatively established as on the reservation within a half mile of Highway 26 near milepost 81.5.

Police said that Danforth is also currently wanted in San Diego on a first-degree forgery charge on bail of \$25,000. Danforth has reportedly been living in the Portland area with his seventeen year-old wife for the past three months.

No trial date has yet been set.

Bidding Open For Confiscated Nets, Boats

Bids are now being accepted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on a wide assortment of used fishing equipment. Over 100 nets, floats, lead lines and boats confiscated by the courts will be awarded to the highest bidders beginning at 2:00 p.m. June 20.

The equipment was seized by authorized law enforcement officials for being used in viola-

tion of the Commercial Fisheries Laws, confiscated by the court and turned over to the state. Proceeds from the sale will go to the state treasury.

Bids can be made through the mail by filling out forms supplied by the Department and available at the Tribal Council Office. Bidders may inspect the goods by appointment only at 4444 S.E. 27th Avenue, Portland,

Oregon. Call the department at 229-5501 for an appointment.

A refundable bid security of ten percent or more, or the full amount if the bid is less than \$20, must accompany a bid. Successful bidders must make payments within ten days of notification and must remove property ten days following payment.



Waiting patiently to parade through the Memorial Coliseum, Miss NAICA Aurolyn Stwyer chatted with Larry Bourland. Decked out in a white riding outfit, a flank bouquet of roses and carnations, and a big smile, Aurolyn braved the many blocks of crowds in the chilly rain, her enthusiasm (plus outfit) slightly dampened five miles later.

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