

Two Arrested on Shoplifting Charges

CHOCTAW — A young man and a juvenile were arrested at about 6 p.m. last Friday accused of trying to shoplift a car stereo and a color television set from a department store, police said.

Police Chief John Whetsel said employees at Otasco, 14391 NE 23, stopped a 21-

year-old man as he tried to leave the store with a car stereo unit, valued at \$270, stuffed down the front of his pants.

They also stopped a 17-year-old male as he tried to leave the store with a portable color television, worth \$350, under his coat, Whetsel said.

Fern Lavon Hicks, 1721 NW 7 in Oklahoma City, was arrested on a complaint of grand larceny from a retailer.

The juvenile was arrested on a similar complaint and turned over to juvenile authorities, Whetsel said.



Sandy Pathresa Rea

Woman's Safety Doubted

By Pat Gilliland

SHAWNEE — Police here say an 18-year-old Shawnee woman missing since September may have run away, but investigators and the teen-ager's mother are increasingly fearful for her safety.

Sandy Pathresa Rea left a friend's house Sept. 19 wearing a jogging suit and thongs, said Shawnee police Lt. Charles Phillips. Police have no clues to her whereabouts after that night, he said.

"There is no evidence at this point to indicate that there has been any foul play. It is accurate to say she disappeared," Phillips said.

"We don't want to blow it out of proportion, because it still has all the appearances of a runaway," Phillips said. But with Sandy's 18th birthday Nov. 25, she was reclassified from runaway to missing adult.

No significant leads have surfaced, he said. However, Sandy's friends have not been thoroughly questioned. Some unconfirmed tips have placed Sandy in the Oklahoma City area, Phillips said.

Sandy is 5-foot-2, weighs 111 pounds, has brown eyes and blonde or light brown hair.

Carol Rea said she believes her daughter was a victim of foul play.

"I don't think my daughter's alive," Mrs. Rea said. "Sandy has never left before ... without calling me."

"Then one night, she goes for a normal walk. She doesn't take her purse with her. She just bought new clothes. Would you buy new clothes and then run away without them?"

Sandy was living with a classmate's family before she disappeared. She was traced as far as the bowling alley.

Mrs. Rea said Sandy often accepted rides from strangers.

"I believe she accepted a ride and met with foul play," Mrs. Rea said.

Even when Sandy was on her own, she never missed getting her mother something for Christmas, Mrs. Rea said.

City College Fills Post

Oklahoma City Community College Regents Monday hired Rebecca F. Scott as a public information specialist to replace Marshall Collins.

Collins left the number two public information spot to become foundation director at Oklahoma State University.

Ms. Scott has worked in public relations with the Henderson Cos. in Oklahoma City and with a non-profit organization in Utah.

She was offered a six-month contract beginning Jan. 8 and extending through the end of the college's fiscal year. Her salary will be \$8,673.

Commentary

THE WIFE WON'T RIDE WITH ME...
MY FRIENDS WON'T RIDE WITH ME...
THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT THIS
IS THAT MY DAUGHTER HAS STOPPED
ASKING TO BORROW THE CAR.



Hank...

Of Course, It's Embarrassing

THE MESSAGE is clear for everybody who drinks and drives: don't. Pressure against drinking drivers seems to build each month as people realize the tragedy that results when alcohol goes on the road. A recent example of the escalating war against the crime appeared in Midwest City as a bumper sticker.

Municipal Judge Kenneth Spears will offer certain offenders a choice. If the offer is accepted, police will produce a sticker for the offender's car. It will say, "I am a convicted DWI/DUI driver in Midwest City Municipal Court. Report any erratic driving to the Midwest City Police."

Police say the sticker's intent is not to embarrass such drivers but to make people not want to drive while drunk in Midwest City. Intended or not, embarrassment is bound to result. The stigma of convictions from drinking and driving is normally hidden behind the car doors, but with the Midwest City approach every-

body on the road will say they know a drunk when they see one.

That means powerful social pressure. Only a courageous offender, one on the road to recovery, will dare accept the judge's offer. Drivers should understand that when they see the bumper sticker on a car ahead.

If the offender has family members, they also may drive the car with the bumper sticker confessional. They should be understood as suffering, and many family members of drunken drivers do.

Police should have a way to check the offender. A bumper sticker may be placed on one car but the offender drive another. A sticker also may be scraped off. Spot checks by police can keep everybody honest.

If it gets results in Midwest City, the plan deserves testing in other towns. Powerful social pressure can work against drunken driving where legal and financial punishment has been ignored before.

Great for Senior Citizens

A DEAL too good to be true usually is not. That's a warning everybody accepts. It's good advice in this day of megahype and fast-buck deals. While understandable, slavish belief in the homily might be keeping older homeowners from one of the best deals around.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. offers a free house weatherization program in the five-county metropolitan area. Last year, 1,000 homeowners in Oklahoma and part of Arkansas took advantage of the offer. What the Hand-N-Hand program did is give senior citizens unable to weatherize their home a longer grip on an independent lifestyle.

The approach is simple. A team of senior citizen contractors,

trained and able to do the work, visits the home. They figure out what the house needs. Then they make improvements to save people money on their utility bills.

The average cost per home is \$180. OG&E pays that and up to \$500 in costs, if necessary. OG&E makes it very clear the service is without charge to the homeowner. But company representatives say they need more applicants.

It's a shame if nobody takes them up on the offer. What older homeowners leery of home improvement schemes can do is check it out at the OG&E office. If they qualify, they can be more comfortable in their own home in all seasons, a good deal they should not pass up.

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