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County Plan To Save Water

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An "urgent" plan to provide and possibly require every household in the county with water-saving devices was proposed by Supervisor Gary Patton this morning.

Patton recommended the county use revenue-sharing money to buy water-saving toilet and shower head devices and provide them free to all homes.

He also recommended the use of federally-paid CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) workers to install the devices.

The board did not get to the item on its morning agenda, but was scheduled to hear it this afternoon with the understanding it would take the county staff two weeks to put the proposal together.

Patton's target date for providing every home with the devices is mid-summer. No estimate of cost is available.

Patton called for cooperation and coordination among all wa-

ter purveyors in the county and that a "balance sheet" of water needs and resources be drawn up.

He said the county should
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Loan Release Demanded By Kidnaper

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A man who demanded release from a \$130,000 loan took a loan company director hostage today and forced him, with the muzzle of a sawed-off shotgun wired to his neck, to drive a stolen police car to the gunman's apartment, police said.

Later, police said, the gunman threatened to detonate nitroglycerine unless he was released from the loan.

Police said the mortgage company was in the process of drawing up the release papers.

The hostage was identified as Richard O. Hall, 42, president of Hall-Hottell Co. Realtors. Police said he was abducted from his office in the Union Federal Savings and Loan Association shortly after 8:30 a.m.

A police spokesman identified the gunman as Anthony G. Kiritzis, 45, of Indianapolis. Hall's brother, William, said Kiritzis borrowed the money three years ago from Meridian Mortgage Co., of which Richard Hall is a director. The loan was due this month, the brother said.

"My brother, Dick, told him the loan was coming up, that it was due," William Hall said. "That must have set him off."

Witnesses said Kiritzis was armed with a pistol as well as the shotgun.

He forced Hall to walk in shirtsleeves in near-zero weather about four blocks to the Indiana Statehouse, where Kiritzis grabbed the keys to a police car and forced Hall to drive to the Crestwood Village Apartments, where Kiritzis lives in a third-floor apartment, police said.

"There, ol' Dick, you're gonna drive," a newsman heard the gunman say as the two got into the marked patrol car. They drove off with the car's red light flashing and several police cars following.

Once at the apartment building, the gunman told police he had hidden nitroglycerine within the complex and threatened to detonate it unless his demand for release from the loan was met.

Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Ronald Beasley, an acquaintance of Kiritzis, was in telephone contact with him and relayed the demand.



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Dr. Robert Swenson, retiring president of Cabrillo College, has been named executive director of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges starting July 1. He will replace retiring Director Dr. Harry D. Wiser.