

Drugs

County Drug Raids; 32 Arrested

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Lawmen from throughout Santa Cruz County swooped down on sellers of narcotics and dangerous drugs early today and arrested 32 persons, nine of them juveniles.

Another 16 persons are still being sought following the post midnight raids.

The arrests, made in what Dist. Atty. Peter A. Chang termed "the largest drug buying program in this area for many years," involved the use of undercover agents who had purchased drugs from county contacts over the past six months.

Chang said the plan "was so successful that one may count on the fact that we have already instituted another such program which at this time is well under way."

Seized also was \$3000 worth of evidence, including marijuana, methamphetamine, hashish, heroin, LSD and mescaline. Officers also picked up six rifles, an assortment of knives and water pipes for smoking hashish and marijuana.

Thirty-seven persons were indicted Monday by the Grand Jury during a six-hour session. Not all of them were picked up this morning, but those who were will be arraigned Friday morning.

Several others were arrested on Municipal Court warrants and will be arraigned Thursday morning.

The investigation began in October, Chang said during a press conference. Originally involved were the Santa Cruz Police Department and the Sheriff's office which had obtained "pusher" information from several informants.

The district attorney's office enlisted the aid of the State Bureau of Narcotics which sent Agent Myron Guilford to Santa Cruz.

Guilford, bearded and posing as a Fresno State College student, made buys from a progressively larger circle of sellers. Guilford worked in conjunction with local agents who put in an estimated 700 overtime hours, Chang said.

Those arrested ranged in age

from 14 to 52, from a high school student to a medical doctor.

In attempting to characterize the drug pusher, Chang said "certain cultures and races are excluded. Among the 37 narcotic sellers indicted by the Grand Jury none were Mexican-Americans or Negroes."

Some of the suspects dealt drugs from their parents' homes. Some were very open and approachable, while others appeared "paranoid to the extent they know they are doing wrong."

While praising agent Guilford, Chang also lauded local officers including Sheriff's Det. Sgt. James Marston, Santa Cruz Police Detectives Charles Scherer and Rex Giles, Watsonville Police officer Jerry Fagundes, Capitola Police Chief Marty Berghold, and Scotts Valley Police Chief Gerald Pittenger.

Coordinator of the six-month operation was Richard Verbrugge, assistant district attorney, and former state narcotic agent.

Chang said the operation was based on the view that successful prosecution needed solid

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During early morning raids today law enforcement officers arrested 32 persons and are still looking for 16 others on drug charges. Several officials involved look over the \$3000 worth of evidence collected in the raids. The lawmen are,

from left, Sheriff's Detective Sgt. James Mashtare, Sheriff's Detective Lt. Marvin Gangloff, District Attorney Peter Chang, Santa Cruz Police Chief Geno Pini, and Watsonville Police Chief James Cunningham.

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knowledge of drug selling.

"Normally these people are not transients. They will always be around, at least for five months. The question then becomes one of how to get to them and how to get to their sources," the district attorney said.

Chang said agent Guilford was brought in because he represents a "new breed" of officer "trained in police science, highly intelligent, with a lot of moxie."

Sales of illegal drugs were so open, said Chang, that he dressed in his gardening clothes and bought two lids of marijuana in the company of another agent.

Most of those arrested, he continued, had committed prior criminal offenses. Most are sellers to make a profit, since most are unemployed, Chang added.

The drug charges involved possession of narcotics, transportation of narcotics, agreeing to furnish narcotics, being in a place where illegal drugs are being used, selling illegal drugs without a prescription.

Those adults arrested were: Carroll R. Jones, 19, of 436 36th avenue; John Howard Manely Jr., 21, of 734 Riverside Avenue; Orin G. Briscoe, 20, of 812 Riverside Avenue; Darrel Crider, 19, of 2031 Felt Street; Fred Slikker, of 124 Leibrandt Street; Bryan Head, 20, of 1701 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville; Richard Slikker, 18, arrested at the Drug Abuse Prevention Center; Shawn Bork, 18, of 833 N. Branciforte Avenue; William Mehlenbacher, 24, of 1009 E. Cliff Drive; Bradley Rowe, 21, of 222 Rigg Street; Terry Detweiler, 21, of 213A Monterey Avenue, Capitola.

Gregory Morris, 18, 14 Comp-

ton Terrace, Watsonville; Gregory Robey, 21, of Sunnysvale; Robert Butchart McKay, 24, of 510 Lighthouse Avenue; Julian Rex Burnham, 54, of 125 Beach Street, No. 6; Samuel J. Drago, 27, of 14½ Market Street, Salinas; William A. Perry, 24, of 510 Lighthouse Avenue; Alfred L. Titus, 26, of 734 Riverside Avenue; Paula Naylor, 36, of 734 Riverside Avenue; David King,

19, of 323 Chestnut Street; and Michael Locklin, 18, of 321 Townsend Drive, Rio del Mar.

Adults indicted, but not yet arrested, are:

Wayne Howard and Corrine Bohigan, no other information given; Tom Wagner, 22, no address given; Lance Oakley, 1681 E. Cliff Drive; Gerald Konieczny, 20, of 734 Riverside avenue; Taylor O. Philippet, 18, of 407

Owens Street; Jon Lusk, 18, of 922½ Windham Street; Eric Luehring, 18, of 565 Baltusral Drive, Rio del Mar; Herbert D. Brown, no age or address given; John Harker, 22, of 234 Pearl Street; William Barker, 19, of 220 Leibrandt Street; Charles Rittenhouse, 38, no address given; John Ascencio, 22, of Santa Rosa; George Pengressi, 20, of 1114 Pacific Avenue; Joe

G. Cintas, 49, of Santa Clara; Thomas Brown, about 23, of 213 Monterey Street, Capitola; Karen Slikker, 18, no address given; Roger A. Ranson, and Dick Morris, no ages or addresses given; William Mangan, 18, of 609 California Street, Watsonville, is already in custody of the California Youth Authority, while David LaVerne, 19, formerly of 81 Front Street, is in Vacaville.



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