

Little Concern With Local Witchcraft

Witches and warlocks, the stuff Halloween and mythical tales are made, have been appearing more and more as part of the drug scene.

Reports of animal skinings, mumbo-jumbo, hexes and blood drinking, in remote mountain areas are being discussed by those concerned with drug addicts and dope users.

However, a spokesman for the Sheriff's office, with 15 years law experience, said he is not aware of any concern by the department of this as a problem.

"I's not against the law to be a witch," he said.

How widespread the practice of witchery is, not known.

In a jail interview Saturday afternoon with a self-proclaimed

warlock (all are self-proclaimed), Larry Kittle, 22, arrested last week for glue sniffing, Kittle said he was a loner.

He claims that the use of potions and hair and other such items, are mainly psychological tools.

Kittle uses glue, he said so that he can talk to the demons.

He realized his powers last summer when he told his girl who was taking a trip to Los Angeles, that if she did him wrong it would rain.

Two weeks later it rained and he phoned his girl that day, and sure enough, she did him wrong.

Kittle said he was in the process of "wishing himself out of jail." He says he is walking

and using the rhythm of the music piped into the calls.

Mrs. Margaret Rovick who founded the Koinonia Community and Coffee House, 24 Front Street, a religious group formed to help victims of drugs, said:

"I's the next step after drugs."

She said believers have brought in their "magic potions" and sometimes they just sit there and stare.

"We have no fear of them," she said, "We are all Christians here."

A youth in the group told of an incident at a hippie pad near Paul Sweet freeway overpass in which he saw a group of bearded men dancing around a car.

Moving closer he spotted five

skinned animals on the car.

This has led to speculation, not yet proved, that some dogs found skinned in the past were victims of witchcraft practice.

Another youth said that some practice the cult because they feel inferior and being a self-proclaimed "witch" or a "warlock" makes them feel big.

Some addicts, who will do anything to get off drugs fall prey to witchcraft with the promise of help.

Another pointed out such popular rock groups as the Beatles, Rolling Stones and The Doors, Sing about the cult and get young kids interested.

Another told of young men going into a mumbo jumbo chant appealing to super natural powers to get them out of the draft.