

Crime Increases; Sheriff Seeks More Men

A plea to the county board of supervisors to increase the manpower of the county sheriff's department has been issued by Sheriff Doug James in his 1968 annual report.

James stated that an "almost insurmountable workload" confronts his department in a time in which there is a "tremendous percentage increase in all types of crime."

Without specifying where he would place added personnel, James said the theory that crime is increasing faster than population is "now a certainty," not an "appearance" as stated in the 1967 report.

James stressed that the sheriff's tactical squad is equal to or better than most comparable units in the state. The squad, used in the 1968 student riots

at San Francisco State College acts through a Mutual Aid Assistance Plan whenever other law enforcement officials request it.

James said civil actions received by his department decreased 2.5 per cent in 1968. Civil action fees collected increased \$6000 in 1968, to \$36,152.04.

James reported that his patrol division, made up of 35 deputies and additional sergeants and commanders, arrested 968 adults and 587 juveniles in 1968. He said a great bulk of the reports received by the patrol division came from the north central beats, such as Soquel, Live Oak, Twin Lakes, Davenport, Santa Cruz Gardens and Summit Road.

The total complaints and supplemental reports rose from

8306 in 1967 to 10,012 last year. Total arrests increased by seven to 1666 in 1968.

James said the sheriff's detention division received an "excellent" rating in the Grand Jury's 1968 annual inspection last December. He added that the rehabilitation center is now a reality, with construction due to start in June and a completion date set for the early part of 1970.

The county jail average was 78 last year, an average of one over 1967. In 1965, the average was 94.

Lt. C. J. Wood, commander of the detention division, said more probation is being given to inmates. The county went on a state subsidy program in 1968, whereby the county probation department receives monies for people not sent to state prison.

Wood said the courts are still granting weekend sentences, in an attempt to keep prisoners off the welfare rolls.

The total number of persons booked in 1968 was 3798, compared to 3547 last year. Male adults make up 2646 of those booked. Work crews made up of prisoners saved the county \$146,258 on the road, welfare and other projects.

The coroner's division handled 398 cases in 1968, an increase of 24 over 1967.

Chief Deputy Coroner Hugh Kilpatrick reported that 27 suicides in 1968 and 54 fatal car accidents. The coroner's division investigated 547 cases last year, one less than in 1967.

Lt. Marvin R. Gangloff, commander of the criminal division, said felony cases increased by

over 35 per cent in 1968. Last year, there were 2125 felonies, compared to 1534 in 1967.

Misdemeanors increased from 1039 to 1313 and "miscellaneous" complaints rose from 691 to 805. The clearance rate of all felonies reported was 33.8 per cent, three points higher than in 1967. Burglaries increased 45.4 per cent in 1968 and were responsible for 78.4 per cent of all felony incident reports.

Misdemeanors increased 26.4 per cent over 1967, and miscellaneous services, such as missing persons and assistance to other departments was 82.2 per cent higher in 1968 than in 1967.

Gangloff said narcotics cases increased 2.5 per cent last year. Auto burglaries climbed 62.4 per cent.

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