

Washington State Patrol Discusses Racial Profiling In King County

The Washington State Patrol in King County would like to invite you to a Public Safety Forum on Nov. 20, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The topic is "Traffic Stop Data Collection and Biased Policing-Racial Profiling." The purpose of this forum is to establish a dialogue about biased policing that will assist the WSP to continue to act with integrity, foster public trust and protect

individual rights. The forum will be in the Parlor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, which is located at 1634 - 19th Avenue in Seattle. In June 2003, Washington State University (WSU) finalized the WSP Traffic Stop Analysis Report. This report studied and analyzed over two million WSP traffic stops. According to the report, "These findings are unequivocal and

clearly demonstrated the likelihood of being stopped by the WSP is not affected by the race or ethnicity of drivers on Washington's roads and highways." However, WSU researchers are also conducting a mail survey throughout Washington State on the overall impression the public has of the State Patrol. When the question was

asked, "Do you believe that troopers in the WSP engage in profiling when they decide to stop drivers?" the respondents had a much less favorable response. Over 70% of African-Americans, over 60% of Latinos, approximately 40% of Native-Americans and Asian, and 20% of Whites indicated that they believed the WSP is engaging in profiling. Addressing this, the

WSU study found, "Despite the clear evidence that WSP officers are not engaged in biased policing with respect to the stopping of motor vehicles, much of the public believes biased policing is taking place and this is particularly the case for minority residents in the state." WSP Chief Ronal W. Serpas will introduce the study and

survey findings then open the discussion on biased policing with the attendees. Representatives from the District Two State Patrol staff will be in attendance. If you have any questions or would like additional information about this event, please contact Trooper Kelly Spangler at (425) 649-4651.

Cops Target Stores Selling Crack Paraphernalia

Special to the NNPA from the Carolina Peacemaker

GREENSBORO, N.C. (NNPA) — More than 30 people were arrested recently in a police roundup that targeted corner stores in Greensboro selling crack paraphernalia and otherwise facilitating the illegal drug trade in some of the city's

high-crime areas. In an operation that included more than 60 officers and lasted more than eight hours, undercover officers were sent to the ten locations to buy a "stem," slang for a crack pipe kit. After buying a crack pipe, the officer would scout the parking lot for crack dealers. Arrest teams soon followed

and arrested any drug dealer who sold to the officer. Teams of police officers then searched each store and arrested employees for selling crack pipes. The operation stemmed from an investigation the Carolina Peacemaker began three months ago, prompted by a high number of complaints heard by both residents as well as city staff. The investigation uncovered the role corner stores play in high-crime areas.

The Peacemaker investigation found that "stems" would be the tool used to force the stores to become responsible for the crime around them. A stem is basically a crack pipe kit. A little glass pipe containing a plastic rose is partnered with a piece of scouring pad inside a bag, or an empty cigarette pack container. Stores that sell crack pipes attract crack smokers. Crack smokers attract crack dealers.

Crack dealers often attract violence. "If the stores do not upgrade the community, we do not want them in our community," said Goldie Wells, a community leader in northeast Greensboro. Capt. Rick Ball of the vice narcotics division as well as the violent crime task force reports that more than 80 percent of the violent crimes committed this year were drug-related, and many had crack cocaine undertones. The Peacemaker investigated more than 20 stores in areas police call high-crime to see who was selling what. The majority of the stores visited had crack pipes ready and available. There also was a large presence of drug dealers and drug users in and around the stores that sold crack pipes. The investigation found some stores that did not sell crack pipes, including the Crown stations investigated and the

College Pantry on East Market Street. College Pantry owner Jim Warren said, "Since crack and other drugs have reached a high point, it is imperative that the business people take a look at the products considered drug paraphernalia and not sell them if they are not in the best interest of the community." After the Peacemaker presented its findings to Ball, police picked what they called the worst 10 and began an investigation of their own. The investigation was led by the vice and narcotics division, specifically Sgt. G.M. Toomes. Detective M.L. Montalvo was the lead investigator. Undercover officers went to each location and found that stems were easy to buy. Some undercover officers were also told where to buy crack and even given crack dealers' phone numbers. One clerk even showed an undercover officer how to make a crack pipe out of a bottle.

The police investigation then sent in a 15-year-old, who was able to buy crack pipe kits at six locations. Owners of those six locations will be charged with felonies and will likely lose their liquor licenses. They were Andy's Handy Pantry on Grove Street (which was believed to also have been selling single bullets), Kenneth's Convenience Store on Gregory Street, the Gillespie Curb Market on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Kim's Store on Phillips Avenue, Lee's Store on Lee Street and Paul's Grocery on Benjamin Benson Street. The other four stores raided for selling stems to adults were John's Convenience Store, the East Side Market and Food Rite Grocery on East Market Street, and the Fairway One Stop on Randleman Road.

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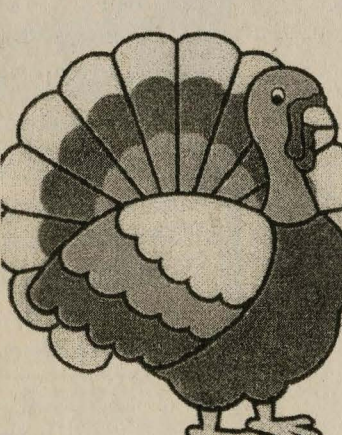
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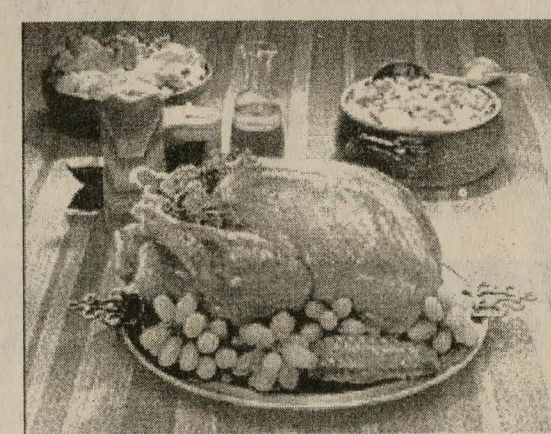
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