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Thieves Leave Note

One very seldom hears of bandits who advertise their presence, but there are exceptions to every rule.

Ms. Joslynn Shields, 22, of 1316 N. Cameron Ave., told police that sometime between 7:45 and 9:45 Monday night, some person or persons broke into her home and removed about \$80 in food stamps, \$130 in currency, and about \$25 worth of meat.

She said that whoever broke into her home used a key to her front door.

According to Team II police, the bandits left her a note on a paper plate telling her that they had a key to her house and that they would return again at an unknown date.

Police dusted the plate for finger prints but came away without a clue. The investigation is continuing.

Patrol Killed Their Own- Thought He Was Black

Durham, N.C. [CCNS] -- Several highway patrolmen fired on their Virginia comrade, Trooper Garland Fisher, because they were mistakenly informed that the driver of the car was Trooper Fisher's alleged kidnapper Reuben "Sonny" Conley, a Black escaped mental patient.

Major Jack Cabe read the transcript of communications between North Carolina and Virginia command stations

and the North Carolina command and several officers and patrolmen while they deliberated about how to rescue Fisher from his captor without unnecessarily endangering Fisher's life.

C.G. Benfield, a N.C. Highway Patrol telecommunicator in Raleigh answered a phone call at 12:02 a.m. the morning of November 15. On the line was Sgt. Shoal of the Virginia State Police informing him that Fisher had been kidnapped by a Black mental patient and had been shot. He said that the kidnapper had ordered the trooper to

drive to Atlanta and that he did not want to see any patrol cars or he would kill the trooper.

When Benfield asked who was operating the vehicle Shoal replied, "This fellow that kidnapped Fisher is operating the vehicle; however, we do have a car behind him."

One hour later a faked wreck had been staged in Granville County on Interstate and more than a dozen patrolmen were ready to ambush the driver of the vehicle and rescue the

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Restaurateur Gets The Squeeze

by Rudy Anderson
Staff Reporter

Nathaniel M. "Doc" Wiseman, 44, has been fighting to maintain control of his restaurant, Staley's Northside, since he inherited it from the late Lawrence Staley in 1973. But his fight is coming to a dismal pass, not because he is a poor businessman, but he says, because "I am a businessman who happens to be black." He has been notified by the landlord that he is to vacate the premises by the end of this month. His story



Wiseman

is not a complicated one to follow.

In 1973, Carl Webster, then manager of the

restaurant, committed suicide. Staley was planning to leave his restaurants to the managers after his death. With Webster gone, he told Wiseman that he was next in line to inherit the Northside shop.

However, Staley died of a heart attack three months later, and never changed his will. The property went to Staley's church. Wiseman said he had to pay all their debts. He said that in the last three years he has paid about \$60,000 to the church and Northside. Wiseman said he finally got clear last October.

Because he was paying off his debts, Wiseman got behind in his rent. He says that when he got the money to pay the rent he went to his landlord, Mrs. Gail Citron, President of Nybor Corp., which runs Northside. Mrs. Citron says she had never seen any rent money.

He said that when he asked for a lease, he was refused. Citron reportedly told him that he had not met his financial obligations and would have to leave.

Wiseman has been operating on a month-to-month basis without a lease since Staley's old lease ran out near the end of 1975. Last week he received official notice to vacate by Jan. 31.

According to Mrs. Citron the situation has nothing to do with race. "It is strictly See Restaurateur, Page 2

Police Grievance Procedure Approved

by Rudy Anderson
Staff Reporter

The city Board of Alderman's public safety committee Tuesday night approved a new procedure for hearing citizen's complaints against city employees.

The new procedure had been hotly contested particularly by members of the city police and fire department who felt that the new procedure would be unfair to them and open departmental matters to public scrutiny.

After the procedure was approved, City Manager, Orville Powell informed the committee that the new

procedure would apply only to cases that could not be settled through regular administrative channels.

In the new procedure, a citizen with a complaint who has not been satisfied through regular channels must give a "written sworn statement" to the proper aldermanic committee.

The fervor over the new procedure that existed only a few weeks ago, was not exhibited Tuesday night. Only a handful of public safety officials attended the meeting, and none of them voiced any opposition.

North ward alderman, Richard Davis, who is also See Procedure, Page



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City Man Receives Award For Heroism

VANDENBERG AFB, Calif. -- The Airman's Medal, awarded for heroism involving voluntary risk of life, was presented recently to Captain Bernard S. Cockerham of the Space and Missile Test Center's (SAMTEC) 6595th Space Test Group.

Making the presentation was Major General Warner E. Newby, the SAMTEC Commander. Attending the ceremony were the Cocker-

ham family, members of the SAMTEC Staff, and Sergeant Scott Ptak of the 4392nd Security Police Squadron, who Captain Cockerham rescued from the ocean six months earlier.

Sergeant Ptak was exploring among the rocks north of Surf Beach County Park last April when he lost his footing and fell into the water. Two large rocks

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