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2010 APOA Crime Conference

The Farthest North Chapter [FNC] has worked long and hard to put together an outstanding Crime Conference for next year. Those of you who have attended the past Conferences in Fairbanks know the chapter goes all out. For 2010 they are again raising the bar, FNC has arranged for three world-class speakers:



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- **Col. Danny McKnight (ret.)** was commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment elements in Task Force RANGER of the United States Army. Col. McKnight served during the intense 18-hour battle against the Somali guerillas in downtown Mogadishu. He now uses the experience as a tool to speak to organizations and groups all over the country, citing the fight's incredible acts of bravery and leadership. Col. McKnight presents an impressive program on the necessary commitment and leadership required in order to be successful, especially when operating in a difficult, adverse, and less than perfect conditions.
- **Lt. Col. Dave Grossman (ret.)** is an internationally recognized scholar, author, soldier, and speaker. He is one of the world's foremost experts in the field of human aggression and the roots of violence and violent crime. He has been an expert witness and consultant in state and Federal courts, to include serving on the prosecution team in United States vs. Timothy McVeigh. Lt. Col. Grossman's presentation is "*The Bulletproof Mind: Mental Preparation for Combat.*"
- **Gordon Graham**, over the last decade, has made over 3,000 presentations to various groups including law enforcement, corrections personnel, fraud investigators, fire professionals, EMS, and other first responders. Since 1990, he consistently received the highest evaluations on P.O.S.T. critiques. His penetrating wit coupled with his vast knowledge in multiple disciplines provides the enlightened listener with an information packed seminar. Mr. Graham will speak on the "*Five Concurrent Themes for Success.*"

And that's just for starters! Look for the complete schedule and registration information on our website at APOAonline.org and click on the Conference link.

APOA Annual Crime Conference
The Premier Training Event in Alaska for 50 Years!

Plan now to attend May 10 – 14, 2010 at the Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Conference Center.



Upcoming Changes To Constitution and Bylaws

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The Constitution and Bylaws Committee began meeting in October to consider updates and changes. APOA was established in 1947 and incorporated in 1952. While there have been some tweaks over the years, it is now time for a sweeping revision to bring us “up to code” for the 21st century.

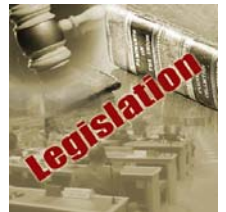
The committee’s recommendations will be reviewed by the Board and must be approved prior to any further action. If approved, the proposed documents will be posted on the APOA website late this year or early next for all members to review.

The final step would be a ratification vote by secret ballot at the General Membership Meeting at the Crime Conference in Fairbanks next May.



New Legislative Session Begins January 19, 2010

Every January, the APOA State Board meets in Anchorage to consider proposed legislation affecting our members. APOA provides an effective, statewide forum to promote the objectives of peace officers. Through involvement with the legislature and the Governor, we offer suggestions to improve Alaska's justice system.



Got something you’d like to see us run with? E-mail us your suggestions at apoa@gci.net or talk with any chapter president. Please remember that APOA cannot address any labor issues.



Correction

Pat Messmer, the first place finisher at the July APOA shoot in Fairbanks, was incorrectly associated with the Homer Police Department in the September 2009 newsletter. Pat is a corporal with the Seward Police Department.



President's Message

John Lucking, Jr.

Greetings All,

Well, winter's here! Have you put on your studded tires yet? I hope so because a little extra diggin' in is always a good thing this time of year. As with tires, it is also the time of the year for our organization to shift into gear and gain traction in the "business" of our winter work.

The legislature is about to enter into its second year of the current session, which means that many bills will now be moving to and through committees. This also means that our Legislative Advisory Committee will become more active in reviewing and tracking bills, and helping to develop an organizational position on those that may have an effect; whether positive or negative, on us and our profession as peace officers. If you weren't aware of it, APOA has, over the course of many years, become a credible and important voice in the legislative process, and it is not uncommon for an individual representative or senator to call upon us for our opinion or support. In January, your Executive Board will once again be coming together face-to-face to jointly review different bills and to decide whether APOA will support, oppose, or refrain from commenting on them. Please keep in mind that your opinions and ideas are welcome and encouraged even though you may not officially be on this board or committee. Anyone with a question, idea, or opinion on any legislative matter should feel free to contact Angella Long, the chair of our Legislative Advisory Committee. We welcome your input; please give her a call!

On another note, our Constitution and Bylaw Committee continues to work hard at completing a comprehensive rewrite of our organizational documents. The group is holding regular teleconferences, emailing, researching, and refining what is becoming a more and more complete draft. In any event, you will be seeing a final draft posted with plenty of time for comment and review before it goes in front of the entire body for ratification. Expect to see a very different, comprehensive, and professional document.

In closing, let me sincerely wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season. Now, let's all grab a professional friend who is not an APOA member, get them signed up, and drag them off to an APOA holiday event! And if you're wondering what to give that person at the office who has absolutely everything; how about an APOA membership? Now there's a gift that will keep on giving!



John Lucking
APOA State President



Mental Health Courts: A Guide to Research-Informed Policy and Practice

In recent years, the large number of individuals with mental illnesses involved in the criminal justice system has become a pressing policy issue within both the criminal justice and mental health systems. The prevalence of serious mental illnesses among all people entering jails, for example, is estimated to be 16.9 percent (14.5 percent of men and 31 percent of women).¹ People with mental illnesses often cycle repeatedly through courtrooms, jails, and prisons that are ill-equipped to address their needs and, in particular, to provide adequate treatment. Over the past decade or so, policymakers and practitioners have been exploring new ways of responding to these individuals to break this costly and damaging cycle and to otherwise improve outcomes for the systems and individuals involved. One of the most popular responses to emerge has been the mental health court, which combines court supervision with community-based treatment services, usually in lieu of a jail or prison sentence.

Mental health courts generally share the following goals:

- to improve public safety by reducing criminal recidivism;
- to improve the quality of life of people with mental illnesses and increase their participation in effective treatment; and
- to reduce court- and corrections-related costs through administrative efficiencies and often by providing an alternative to incarceration.

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This guide is intended to assist policymakers and practitioners in assessing the utility of mental health courts. After briefly describing who participates in mental health courts and how these courts function, this guide reviews research findings that address the extent to which mental health courts have been found to achieve their stated goals. Because mental health courts are relatively new, many unanswered questions remain on how they work, for whom, and under what circumstances; these outstanding research questions are highlighted in the final portion of this guide.

Read more at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/CSG_MHC_Research.pdf



APOA Featured Association of the Quarter

International Police Association (IPA)

By Terry Games, APOA Life Member

Become an IPA member and gain from the many benefits offered. Travel the world at reduced costs and see many sights the tourists miss. This is a great way to meet police and see sights escorted by men and women who work and live in foreign countries.

I'm told its been eight years since I first wrote about the IPA in this newsletter. Since then, many changes have occurred.

Now in the U.S. any individual defined as a "Peace Officer" by state statute is eligible for IPA membership.



Per Alaska Statutes/Title 39/Chapter 35/ Section 680.htm(28), "peace officer" means an employee occupying a position as a peace officer, chief of police, regional public safety officer, correctional officer, correctional superintendent, or probation officer, but does not include a village public safety officer employed by a VPSO program established under AS 18.65.670. Military police are still excluded from membership, and we are still trying to get that changed.

I joined IPA in 1999 and have traveled to Australia, New Zealand, and Costa Rica several times. It's a good feeling to have a cop meet you at the airport and invite you to stay at his/her residence and DO ALL THE DRIVING (they drive on the wrong side of the road "Down Under" you know). I figure I saved between \$1,000 and \$2,000 on each trip "Down Under" on ground transportation and accommodations alone. One underlying tenet of IPA is that it is reciprocal. We are encouraged to do our share of hosting officers from other countries which allows us to compare LE techniques, laws, local problems, etc.

Membership is open to both active and retired (state, federal, local) law enforcement personnel. Retired applicants must have the bottom of their application forms endorsed by a current IPA member. Go to www.ipa-usa.org for more information and application forms. We currently have 23 members in the Alaska Section of IPA Region 24, which is centered in Seattle and encompasses four NW states. The leader of our merry band in Alaska is Region 24, 3rd VP Dan Loy: 522-3893. Dan is dedicated to IPA, is further dedicated to promoting local member activities and get-togethers, and nothing would make him happier than to see our membership grow. For further local information, feel free to contact me at 349-9934, Joseph Young: 277-0515, Michele Logan: 786-8706, or Ron Rice: 263-4765.



Aleutian Islands Chapter

By John Waldron

The Aleutian Islands Chapter is already making preparations for the holidays. We will again participate in the “Shop With a Cop” program to help needy children at Christmas. The school “district will be providing the names of the kids who will be picked for the shopping excursion. This is a very worthwhile event for our members and especially for the children and their families.

Our chapter supplied drivers to provide rides home from various community holiday events last December and will do the same again this year.

The chapter is also looking at what we want to do for fund raising in the next couple of months.

Anchorage Chapter

By Michele Logan

Our Crime Conference committee started meeting and preparing for 2011. We will again be using an event company to facilitate online registration and easy reservations.

The guest speaker for the October 6 luncheon was Lt. Jeffrey Laughlin of the Alaska State Troopers who provided information about a law enforcement recruiting event at the University of Alaska Student Union on October 22.

Our speaker for the November 3 luncheon meeting was FBI Special Agent Derek Espeland who reported on some interesting developments in Homeland Security.

The Chapter Christmas Party and annual mid-winter business meeting is Saturday, December 19. Tickets are currently available at \$40 each. The Westmark is once again providing a special room rate of \$75 to APOA Christmas party attendees. If you can't find someone who's selling tickets, send an e-mail to our Treasurer, at Maxine.Andrews@apoaonline.org.

The board approved a \$4,000 donation for the Food Banks of Alaska, and \$1,000 for Safe Harbor a program to provide affordable housing to homeless individuals, to help these organizations with the additional demands of the upcoming holidays.

Capital City Chapter

By Kris Sell

The Capital City Chapter had its last meeting at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center Range. The chapter's training subcommittee is working with multiple agencies on range improvements. The LCCC range is the only range available for law enforcement training. Upcoming projects may include installing outdoor lighting, improving the chip sealing, and covering the firing line at the handgun range. Rayme Vinson is heading up the project for APOA.

December 12 will be a busy day for APOA members. That day there will be a charity shoot/recruitment drive at the indoor Hunter Education Range. Between 30 and 45 shooters are expected. There will be individual prizes and team prizes. The grand prize of the day is a .22 which will be given away as part of a drawing. Teams must have one APOA member and one non-member. The chapter has invited Forest Service, Coast Guard, Army National Guard, and Corrections officers. We are hoping for a diverse group.

The evening of December 12 is the APOA Christmas Party hosted by Trooper Aaron Frenzel and his wife, Suzee Frenzel.

Farthest North Chapter

By Brad Johnson

The Farthest North Chapter continues our efforts in planning for the 50th Crime Conference here in Fairbanks at the Westmark Hotel. We have created a logo for the conference (pictured) and are finalizing the training schedule, which now includes:

- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)
- Glock Armorer Course
- Advance Roadside Impaired Driver Detection and Enforcement (A.R.I.D.E.)
- Behavioral Detection (TSA)
- IED detection and range demonstration (TSA)
- Close Quarters Battle (CQB) firearms course (tentative)

Guest presentations and lunch keynote addresses by:

- LTC Dave Grossman (ret.)
- COL Danny McKnight (ret.)
- Gordon Graham

Along with several hosted receptions, a themed dinner and the annual banquet, it should provide tremendous training and professional/social networking opportunities with something for everyone. We are very excited to be hosting the 50th Crime Conference and look forward to seeing everyone here in May!



First City Chapter

By Charlie Johnson

The First City Chapter has seen a changing of the guard. Short-term Chapter President Howard Townsend retired on October 23 and left Alaska to join his wife in sunny Arizona. I'll be the acting president until a new one is appointed.

With Fall comes the onset of the holiday season. APOA was pleased to donate \$250 to PSEA-KPD for Halloween on the Hill. Every year, over one thousand children visit the same 80 houses located on Jackson Street. The money donated from APOA and local businesses is able to buy candy to distribute to these hard hit residences to offset their costs.

Another local Halloween event, Haunted Ghost Town, was assisted by a \$228 donation by APOA to advertise this free event that promoted safety and gave kids a dry place to trick-or-treat.

With 2009 coming to an end, the First City Chapter wishes all a safe holiday season.

Kenai Peninsula Chapter

By Kim Wannamaker

The Kenai Peninsula Chapter re-convened our monthly meetings in October with a BBQ luncheon at Soldotna AWT, having taken the summer off to enjoy life on the Kenai. Mitch Langseth (Kenai PD) has replaced chapter Treasurer Randy Kornfield, who retired from Kenai PD earlier this year and has moved to a place with an average year-round ambient temperature of 80F.

Mat-Su Chapter

By Sam Edwards

Greetings from the Mat-Su Chapter and happy holidays to all.

As a chapter, we are continuing to focus on the issue of domestic violence. We have published a letter in the Frontiersman newspaper to focus attention as well as set up a supply drive to address shortages in the local women's facility (pots, pans, small appliances, etc.). We will be collecting through the holidays. Additionally, and staying with the same theme, we will support a family of 6-10 for a holiday meal and will contribute towards Christmas gifts for children in foster care.

The other focus is encouraging increased attendance from our membership. If we are successful in identifying the needs of our members and making it worth their while to attend, new members will follow. We will be making an effort to get out and talk with all the agencies represented and encourage their involvement. Our future officers and board members are out there waiting for the right inducement to add one more item to their already full schedules!

Wrangell Chapter

By Thecla LaLonde

The Wrangell Chapter is hoping to increase the dollar amount of our scholarship next year. It has been at \$750 for the last two years and we would like to increase it to \$1000. The Fourth of July fundraiser has helped us raise the money for this in the past and we think it will continue. We were also able to donate some supplies to the middle school wrestling team for their November 7-9 tournament.

We are now busy planning our holiday gathering. We are going to adopt a family again this year for Christmas. We usually provide Christmas dinner along with some necessities for the family and few toys for the kids.



Unexpected Drops in Crime Fly in the Face of Conventional Wisdom

With the economy in recession, one could hardly expect crime rates to go down. However, that is just what is happening in some big cities.



Crime has dropped dramatically in several cities, despite the recession.

National statistics are not available yet for 2009, but anecdotal information and statistics kept by some major cities indicate that violent crime is dropping. According to an article in the [Washington Post](#), violent crime has plummeted in the Washington, DC, area and other major cities such as New York, Minneapolis, and Baltimore. It appears that the common belief that crime rises as the economy declines may not always be true, at least in some parts of the country.

“Experts did not see this coming at all,” said Andrew Karmen, criminologist and professor of sociology at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, who was quoted in the [Washington Post](#) article.

From a criminologist’s perspective, the decline in crime might not be surprising. During the Great Depression in the 1930s, crime was relatively low compared to the Roaring Twenties, when the country experienced a greater amount of crime.

Whatever the cause for the decrease, however, police are taking credit for it. As

Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier said in the [Washington Post](#) article, “Everybody wants to beat us up when [crime] goes up, so we’ll take credit for it when it goes down.”

And crime certainly has gone down. In Baltimore there has been a dramatic drop in all violent crime this year, except for homicides. According to an article in [The Sun](#), the Baltimore daily, major crime between January and July 2009 declined 7 percent, with a 30 percent drop in shootings, 10 percent drop in robberies, 7 percent drop in assaults, and 5 percent drop in burglaries. Armed robberies were down by 21 percent and armed assaults were down by 26 percent. In the Washington, DC, area, the [Washington Post](#) says homicides have dropped by 17 percent.

Perhaps this decrease in crime is related to the strategies some cities have been implementing to prevent crime. The Baltimore police are currently using technology called Comstat, which allows police to analyze crime trends and predict when and where future crimes may occur. According to the article in [The Sun](#), “this allows the cops to deploy and alter strategies as needed.”

Washington’s drop in crime may be due to the same thing: advanced strategies and adeptness that facilitate crime prevention. The city has created a computerized weekly report that alerts the police to which gangs or “crews” may be feuding that week and when and where they may be gathering. With this knowledge, the police are more prepared to prevent crime. The city this year is on track to have fewer homicides than it has had since 1964, when racial unrest and civil disturbances over the Vietnam War were just beginning.

D.C. Police Chief Lanier mentions that the drop in crime may also be related to improved relationships between the police department and the community. Residents frequently provide tips to the police that can help officers

keep violent offenders off the streets. "The community is giving us more information than ever," Lanier said in the *Washington Post* article. "They're used to seeing the same cop in the neighborhood every day. They feel comfortable. They have a connection to that officer."

Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Washington-based [Police Executive Research Forum](#), said, "This does come at an important time... summer is when you see the most significant increase in street violence. Departments have had to be more strategic in terms of gangs and hot spots."

Despite the impressive decrease in crime for many cities, crime does not seem to be down everywhere. In Detroit, murder rates appear to have increased to the point where the city is the murder capital of the country—or is it? The FBI says crime rates have dropped. Recently appointed Police Chief Warren Evans

explained that the city's crime is not increasing; the apparent increase is due to past errors. In an article published on [TV20 Detroit.com](#), Evans described how crimes have previously been underreported because of errors in manual record keeping over the last few years. Now, with improved, computerized record keeping, there appears to be an increase in crime, when, actually, rates have gone down, he said.

Washington and Baltimore, and maybe even Detroit, are among a number of major cities

that have recently — and unexpectedly — experienced drops in crime. Although this finding, if proven to be accurate, flies in the face of conventional wisdom about the link between a sour economy and an increase in crime, it is certainly good news for law enforcement and citizens alike.



In some cities, crime has dropped unexpectedly. Better policing strategies and new technology appear to have helped.

Quotes

O n Decisions

"Be willing to make decisions. That's the most important quality in a good leader."

George Patton, World War II General

O n Criticism

"Make sure you have someone in your life from whom you can get reflective feedback."

Warren Bennis, Founder, Leadership Institute

O n Service

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity."

Douglas Adams, Author



Proper Evidence Submission Guidance Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory

By Hayne Hamilton, Forensic Scientist IV and
Turner Pippin, Forensic Scientist III

Request for Laboratory Services form

Evidence submission requirements are addressed on the State website (www.dps.state.ak.us/crimelab/services/evidence). There, under Resources, is a copy of the Request for Laboratory Services (RLS) form. The information you enter on this form drives the creation of your case in our system so that we can best serve you in the scientific analysis of your evidence. Please print legibly, as all the information entered into the database is taken from the RLS.

1. Write the name of your agency in the space as well as the address. The person entered in the Reply to slot is to whom the report will be addressed. Please enter your agency number in the slots the way your agency prefers. When we create your case in the Crime Laboratory, we follow the pattern you list on the RLS. (In searching a database, if you have extra zeros one time and not the next time, it is a little harder to locate your case by agency number.)
2. Enter each individual involved in the case in the proper areas along with the APSIN number and date of birth.
3. Answer the questions about previous evidence and Cross Reference information.
4. Write a brief synopsis, if desired.
5. List offense and date of offense.
6. List each item submitted separately. (Item number, description and examinations requested on separate lines for each item.) Be specific, yet brief in your descriptions. For example: Known swabs from John Doe, swabs taken from the broken window, assault kit from Jane Deer, knife, S&W revolver, etc.
7. Each item should have all examinations requested on that item listed. For example: Latent prints, DNA for item 1
Controlled Substances, Latent prints for item 2
8. Back up to the Chain of Custody. Your name goes in the Received From line. Then the date. When delivering the evidence in person, the Laboratory technician can sign the TO: at the door. If you are putting the evidence in the mail, the TO: can be the appropriate mail service (USPS) and the Registered Return Receipt or Certified number.
9. If you list several items and only submit one of the items on this date, list the item number of the items submitted next to your name. Alternatively, only list the items submitted at that time on that RLS.

Editor's Note: We use this space to provide information, guidelines, or helpful tips on topics of interest to our readers. Have a suggestion for this column? Please send an e-mail to apoa@gci.net.

This quarter we asked APOA members Hayne Hamilton, Forensic Scientist IV and Turner Pippin, Forensic Scientist III for evidence submission guidelines for the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. Thanks to APOA Life Member Ron Rice for the topic suggestion.

10. Items for submission can be placed together in another container and sent via Registered mail, Certified Mail, or hand-carried to the Crime Lab. Alaska Air Cargo, FedEx, and other securely tracked shipping organizations may also be used to meet special timelines. It is acceptable to place all items from several cases (each properly sealed and marked) in the same box for transport. The RLS for each case must be included in the box with the evidence.

Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

The Crime Laboratory installed a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) in January and has gone paperless, which has generated new Business Rules. In the interest of streamlining the flow of evidence in and out of the laboratory, we physically sign only the paper Request for Laboratory Services (RLS) when evidence is returned. A signed copy is included with the evidence. No tags or other forms are signed. The chain of custody is electronic only within the laboratory.

Packaging of Evidence

Each item of evidence submitted is to be sealed in its own proper container with the minimum of the agency case number and agency item number item attached to or written on the packaging.

Packaging and Containers

A proper container is a receptacle which encloses the evidence and allows it to be shipped or handled without unnecessary damage to the evidence, the container, or the handler. The type of evidence and the request for service dictate the proper container. Small items such as swabs, pills, prints, drugs, etc. can be placed in envelopes or baggies. Guns, knives, tools, etc. can be wired to the bottom of a box so the item does not puncture the packaging. Biological samples can be dried and packaged in envelopes. Glass pieces and other sharp objects should be placed in a box heavy enough that they can't puncture the sides. If strong strapping or mailing tape is necessary to hold the box together, use it. Evidence tape will not hold the box together. The evidence tape would then go on top of the strapping tape on the final flap.

Items too large to package, such as doors, wall panels, a piece of furniture, lamp, axe, etc. the area for examination should be covered and protected.

Sealing your Evidence

Proper seals may be accomplished in various ways such as evidence tape, heat seals, or commercial tamper proof packaging. The seal should bear the initials, badge number or other personal identifier of the person sealing the evidence. An evidence tape seal is applied over the container's opening. For example: across the folded down flap of a paper bag or envelope; along the open edge of a box; over the opening of a zip lock bag; etc. A heat seal or tamper proof package does not need the addition of evidence tape, just the unique identifier of the person sealing the evidence. A container is properly sealed when its contents cannot readily escape and when entering the container results in obvious damage or alteration to the container or its seal.

Discipline Requests Related to Your Evidence

Latent Prints:

Please supply APSIN numbers on suspects and victims. Fingerprint cards are retrieved with APSIN numbers, not Driver's License numbers.

When sending in illegal booze case evidence in the original shipping box, do not send the items in the box that do not have a direct evidentiary value, i.e., sleeping bags, other packaged food that could have been handled in the store by anyone, or oily or perishable items.

Do not put tape over any endings of the original tape on the box. We need the tape ends that are lying on other tape and not stuck to the cardboard.

Tire and shoe tracks:

Use a large L scale, not the small ones.

Do not put the scale over the track itself.

If the track is in snow, cast it.

If the track is in dust or other residue, lift it.

Photographs are for documentation, not identification.

Tools & Firearms:

Ship sharp tools and weapons in boxes, not paper or plastic bags.

Never ship loaded weapons.

DNA Swabs:

Explicitly label each swab container as to where or what that swab was taken from, not just an item or evidence number.

Evidence Work Expectations

Do not wait until the last minute to send in your evidence to be worked. Notify the lab supervisor in the section working your evidence of any court dates that are set.

Contact Information

Four Forensic Technicians currently handle Evidence Control for the Crime Laboratory.

Questions or requests of an Evidence Technician may be directed to:

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If They Were Smart... We'd Never Catch Them

Burglar Falls at Feet of Cops

NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. -- Police in downstate New York said they were searching for a burglar at an eyewear store when the suspect fell through a false ceiling and landed at their feet.

Nassau County police said they responded to a report of a 6:45 a.m. burglary at the store in New Hyde Park and were told by a witness that the suspect was still inside, the New York Post reported.

A police spokesman said officers were searching the store when Seamus Troy II, 19, fell through a false ceiling to the floor right in front of them.

Troy was arrested on suspicion of burglary, car theft and other charges.

A Picture Worth a Thousand Words



Asking a fashion designer to create the new patrol uniforms was widely regarded as a bad move.

Teen Steals to pay for Lawyer

JANESVILLE, Wis. -- Police in Wisconsin allege a teenager burglarized cars to get money to help pay for a lawyer.

Investigators said Jason Leigh Markham, 19, of Beloit was arrested about 4:30 a.m. after a Janesville homeowner allegedly discovered the suspect inside his car, which had been parked inside the home's garage, the Beloit Daily News reported.

Markham was charged with burglary, possession of burglar tools and bail jumping. Police said the suspect is also facing charges from previous arrests.

"Markham indicated that he was in serious legal trouble and was trying to get money to help pay for a lawyer," the criminal complaint filed in the case stated.



Thanks to our many readers who provide these entertaining articles. Have a funny joke, photo or news story? Send it to us at apoa@gci.net.



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