

5 KILLED IN AREA TRAFFIC CRASHES

Cop Files \$120,000 Lawsuit

Torrance Policeman Sues for Crash Hurts

A Torrance police officer has filed a \$120,000 suit for damages in Compton's Superior Court.

As a result of an accident Aug. 3, 1956, Albert W. Winkler, of 2008 Kathy Way, has asked the court to rule on the matter, according to his attorney, Boris S. Woolley of Torrance.

List Defendants

Defendants in the suit are listed as Arthur Perry Collins, 1820 Belmont Lane, Redondo Beach, and three John Does.

The complaint charges Collins with being the driver of a car which hit the police officer. It also states that the automobile was being driven in a negligent, careless, reckless and unlawful manner.

Unlawful Wheeler

The accident occurred on Mullin St. east of Border Ave. when Winkler was driving a three-wheeled police motorcycle.

Winkler is asking \$50,000 for sustained physical pain and anguish, profound shock to his nervous system, bodily injuries, mental anguish, and charges he was bruised, lacerated and lamed, and unable to work.

Another \$10,000 for medical bills and \$80,000 for costs of the suit and other relief also is being asked.



(Herald Photo)

SHERIFFS CHANGE JOBS . . . Capt. Robert Karney points out the area which Capt. Robert K. Weddle will head as the new commander of the Lennox Sheriff's Station. Karney, head of this area's station for three years, is moving to the Maximum Security Unit at the Wayside Honor Rancho. A veteran of 17 years as a deputy, Weddle previously was acting captain at the Firestone Station.

New Commander At Lennox Station

Capt. Robert Karney, commander of Lennox Sheriff's Station, for the past three years, has been transferred and will be replaced by Capt. Robert K. Weddle, acting commander at Firestone Station.

The changes were announced by Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz as part of 13 transfers and promotions of captains in Los Angeles County. The transfers were made in accordance with a policy of varying duty assignments to broaden experience of executive and supervisory personnel, he said.

Security Head
Karney will be in charge of the Maximum Security Unit for the Department of Corrections at Wayside Honor Farm, north of Los Angeles. Maximum Security is a new idea, with the transfer of the most dangerous prisoners to the farm instead of the County Jail. They live in barracks instead of barred cells, but are kept under close supervision. This will be the only County Jail in the country using this idea.

A sheriff's deputy for 16 years, Capt. Karney has commanded Lennox Station for the past three years. He previously served two years as a lieutenant at the station, which handles crime in unincorporated districts of the Torrance area.

New Captain
His replacement, Weddle, recently was promoted to captain, although he had been acting captain at the Firestone Sheriff's Station for the past three months. He was previously in charge of the Patrol Division at Firestone and worked out of the Lennox Station several years ago.

10 Years Work
"Development work on the Navaho has been in progress for 10 years, during which North American pioneered in the scientific areas relating to automatic guidance systems and liquid propelled rocket engines. Progress in those technical fields made possible the development of the nation's ballistic missile program."

North American is now producing the F-100 Super Sabre for the Air Force, and the FJ Fury series of carrier-based jet fighters for the Navy. In addition, the company is developing a long range jet interceptor and conducting studies on the Air Force WS-110 strategic bomber for the Air Force; has a production contract for the Navy T21 jet trainer and is developing the A3J attack weapons system for the Navy.

Police Chief Exam Asked By Board
City councilmen have been requested to order an examination for chief of police. The city civil service board also recommended a change in the qualifications for the vacant post of assistant police chief.

Both positions are now open, with Percy Bennett serving as acting police chief. W. H. Haslam retired April 1 as chief and Bennett, assistant chief, took over acting duties.

The civil service group suggested that qualifications for the assistant police job be opened to lieutenants with 10 years on the force and three years of supervisory experience.

Under the current qualifications, Bennett and Capt. Ernest Ashton are the only two eligible to take the examination for chief and only Ashton could try for the assistant post.

Tragic Crash Kills Children

Four dead — four seriously injured. This was the grim count following a searing, grinding accident Wednesday night which claimed the lives of three children and one teen-ager.

Parents of two youngsters who were killed, were horrified as they witnessed the tragedy from their car—only a few feet behind the auto involved in the collision.

The dead were identified as Corrine Smith, 17, of 1353 W. 112th St.; Pamela, 10, and Vicki Rackham, 8, of 22659 Nicole St.; and Jeanette Smith, 9, of 22709 Nicole St.

Fair Condition
Reported in fair condition at Harbor General Hospital were Howard Smith, 42, of 22709 Nicole St., father of Jeanette Smith and driver of the car in which the three small children were riding; Arthur Jeter, 21, of 1643 E. 118th St., driver of the car in which Corrine Smith was riding; his brother Claude, 19, and Corrine Smith's sister, Zinna, 13.

Smith's car was making a left turn into the driveway of Smith's business concern when Jeter's car collided with it at 223rd St., and Vermont Ave.

Spilled Out
All eight occupants were spilled into the street as the impact hurled the two cars an additional 90 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rackham, parents of the two young victims, told police they were traveling in a car behind Smith's. They were treated for shock following the accident.

Funeral services for Jeanette Smith will be conducted tomorrow 1 p.m. in the Halverson-Levell Mortuary Chapel, with interment in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Survivors include her parents, a brother, Tom, all of the home address; and a grandfather, C. E. Brewer of Kansas. The two Rackham children are being sent to Ogden, Utah, for burial with Halverson-Levell in charge of arrangements.

U. S. Steel's Safety Advisory Committee Here
United States Steel Corp.'s 12-man safety advisory committee rounded out its first visit to the West Coast Friday by inspecting safety conditions and procedures at the Torrance Works of Columbia-Geneva Steel Division.

The visit to the local mill ended a week-long inspection of U. S. Steel operations in California. San Francisco Bay area installations of Columbia-Geneva and other corporation divisions were checked earlier in the week.

In addition to the Torrance Works, the group inspected the Vernon and Maywood plants of Consolidated Western Steel Division and the Los Angeles warehouse of U. S. Steel Supply Division in Southern California.

Headed by D. A. Farrell, safety director, U. S. Steel Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa., the committee is composed of representatives from the corporation's operations across the country.

F. H. Kobely, manager of safety and casualty for Columbia-Geneva, is the western member of the committee.

Don Lasell, general superintendent, and E. J. Ahlstrom, supervisor of safety, of the Torrance Works, co-hosted the group during the visit to the local mill.

Following inspection of the mill, the committee reported to local management.

Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	77	64
Monday	86	62
Tuesday	81	63
Wednesday	78	63
Thursday	77	66
Friday	82	66



(Herald Photo)

JOIN TITLE RACE . . . Janice Green (left) and Tondie Hazel this week joined the contest for the title of "Miss Torrance," to be selected Saturday night, July 27, as part of the Rancho Days celebration. The beauty pageant is sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands.

One Injured In Two-Car Collision
One person was injured in a two-car crash Thursday at Carson St. and Cabrillo Ave.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital was Vera H. Tuttle, 49, of 1666 W. 216th St., a passenger in a car driven by Clarence James Tuttle, 50, of the same address.

The Tuttle car collided with one driven by Davis Robert Henley, 60, of Harbor City, according to police.

Henley reportedly was turning off Carson onto Cabrillo when the collision occurred with Tuttle who was westbound on Carson.

'Lucky Lady' On Display
"Lucky Lady II," the famed B-50 Superfort which made the first non-stop flight around the world, will be on public display as a highlight of Torrance's "Ranchero Days" July 24-28.

The "Lady" has been modified, to permit spectators to enter and examine all the intricate controls and instruments. The ship will be here for the full five days and will be located behind the new civic center.

Weighing 54,200 pounds, two tractors and two 40-foot trailers will be used to haul the plane here.

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Hot Wire Scorches Boy, 12

Youth 'Good' After Fall Into Substation

A 12-year-old Lomita boy was miraculously reported, in good condition yesterday at Long Beach Osteopathic Hospital after he touched a 16,500 volt wire while climbing on an Edison Co. substation. Apparently he was saved when the fuse blew.

Donald Reed, 529 Harbor Hills, Lomita, reportedly was climbing a 12-inch chain link surrounding the Edison Co. station which serves the Palos Verdes Water Co. substation at 28901 Western Ave. According to one witness, the boy apparently touched a hot wire at the top of the fence and fell inside the fence.

Blue Flash

A caretaker for the water company who was mowing a lawn nearby saw the accident and rushed to the lad's aid. He said that there was a blue flash as the boy touched the wire and that most of the boy's clothes were burned off his body.

The caretaker quickly cut through the fence, which has no gate, with a pair of pliers and rescued him. He was taken to Hillside Emergency Hospital, where he was treated for first and second degree burns on his hands, legs, and body, and transferred to the Long Beach hospital.

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SAFETY PROCEDURES . . . Don Lasell (second from left), general superintendent, and E. J. Ahlstrom (right), supervisor of safety of the Torrance Works of Columbia-Geneva Steel, discuss metal sawing safety procedures with two members of the touring U. S. Steel safety advisory committee—R. S. E. Holmes (left) and F. H. Kobely.