

# Marijuana Barbituate Pills Seized

Sheriff's deputies cracked down on nine local youths Friday night in a narcotics raid which netted \$4000 in dope.

Officers nabbed the youths described as members of a ring supplying teen-age dope users when they swept down on the suspects in two raids—one at a bowling center just outside of Torrance and the other in the

1200 block on Madrid ave. The raid was led by Sgt. Jay Stroh of the Sheriff's narcotics detail.

Stroh said the raid netted more than 7000 barbituate pills, and a half-pound of marijuana, valued at about \$4000. Five weeks of investigation by members of the narcotics detail and Torrance police preceded the raid.

Two of the nine suspects arrested are juveniles who have been turned over to Los Angeles juvenile court authorities.

One of the suspects, Merton Neil Stoner, 20, of 4244 W. 179th st., Torrance, was released on a writ of habeas corpus, after posting \$5000 bail. Arraignment date has been set for December 3.

He was booked on one count possession of marijuana and two counts of possession and sale of dangerous drugs.

**Others**  
The other suspects were arraigned Tuesday in South Bay Municipal Court, as follows:

Tony Albert Almeida, 18, of 5202 W. 182nd st., Torrance, charged with three counts of selling marijuana, bail set at \$5000.

William Charles Codd, 20, 1138 1/2 Ocean ave., Torrance, charged with one count possession of marijuana, bail set at \$1000.

Jack William Boal, 21, of 2360 Torrance blvd., charged with one count possession of mari-

juana, one count possession of dangerous drugs, bail set at \$2500.

Burt John Smith, 21, of 23304 Falena ave., Torrance, charged with one count possession of marijuana and one count of possessing dangerous drugs, bail set at \$2500.

Dick Farrell Fields, 20, 1620 W. 219th st., Torrance, charged with one count possession of narcotics, bail set at \$1000.

Robert Eugene Fulbright, 19, of Manhattan Beach, charged with one count of narcotics violation, bail set at \$1000.

Preliminary hearing has been set for December 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the South Bay Municipal Court.

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Sgt. Stroh gave this account of the raids:

A sheriff's deputy met Stoner, Almeida, and Fulbright at the bowling center where he reportedly bought \$100 worth of benzidine tablets from Stoner.

Arrest of the three men followed. Deputies said they found seeds and fragments believed to be marijuana in both Stoner's and Fulbright's cars. Several thousand tablets believed to be barbituates were found in Stoner's car.

Going to the Madrid address, deputies found Smith and Boal in a car.

They found some tablets in a jacket in the back seat of the car, as well as fragments believed to be marijuana.

Codd, Fields and one of the juveniles arrived at this time. A marijuana cigaret was found in their possession. All were arrested and Torrance officers were called.

Stroh, Deputy B. Hatfield, and Torrance Lt. D. C. Cook accompanied Boal to a garage which he rented. They found a four-ounce bag of marijuana and 600 tablets. Officers found a bottle of tablets believed to be barbituates in a dresser and garage at Smith's house.

## Wife Of Dope Suspect Hurt Critically

Four days after her husband was arrested on a narcotics charge, Mrs. Earsie Codd, 19, of 1130 1/2 Ocean ave, was involved in a spectacular traffic crash, suffering critical injuries.

The attractive blonde woman was taken to Harbor General hospital with a skull fracture, fracture of the left clavical, fractured ribs and cerebral contusions, according to officials.

The accident occurred at Pennsylvania ave. and 229th st. at 7 a.m. Tuesday. Mrs. Codd was still in critical condition yesterday.

Mrs. Codd's car and one driven by Richard L. Coolbough, 28, of 2334 W. 229th st., collided at the intersection. The woman's car then broadsided into a wooden power pole, according to police.

It took about 20 minutes to extract Mrs. Codd from her car, according to police. Coolbough reportedly received minor injuries.

The woman's husband, William C. Codd, 20, was one of nine youths arrested Friday night as suspects in a narcotics ring.

## Oil Drilling Permit Asked

Permission to drill for oil from a site near Rolling Hills road and Crenshaw boulevard is being sought from the city by K. Sande Senness.

Request for a variance has been asked of the City Planning Commission. The matter was sent to committee composed of Commissioners Elvin F. Schoonover, Laurence Wing, and Burt Lynn.

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