

Another two-death crash occurred on U.S. 1 south of Miami. The victims were Lee John Doyle, 27, and his wife, Rose, of Miami. Their car collided with a passenger truck.

An 80-year-old pedestrian, John A. Johnson of Dover, was struck and killed in that city. Another pedestrian, Mary Schiavelli, 66, of Miami, was fatally injured when struck by a 18-and-a-half-ton car on Biscayne Boulevard in Miami.

A 36-year-old Hometown Air Force base sergeant, Sumner Lloyd Champion, died when a car in which he was a passenger crashed through a barricade and plunged into the Snake Creek Canal south of Miami.

A 79-year-old Tampa man, Arthur Martin, was killed when a car in which he was riding failed to make a curve on State Road 5 near Terryton.

Lara Browning Wilson, 52, of Punta Gorda, was killed in an accident near that Charlotte County city.

## Charlotte Deputies Nab Suspect in Mangroves

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PUNTA GORDA — Leading suspect in the Barbara Mackle kidnapping, Gary Steven Krist, 23, was arrested shortly after midnight yesterday by Charlotte County Sheriff Deputies.

Partners in the arrest were Maj. Richard McLeod and Deputy "Butch" Buffington, of the west shore of Hog Island, about six miles northwest of Punta Gorda.

The capture culminated one of the most extensive man-hunts in the area's history.

with combined forces of the Charlotte, Lee, Sarasota and DuSoto County sheriff's departments plus scores of FBI agents, highway patrol officers and auxiliary deputies from the area.

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Small Hog Island, off the shore of St. Johns, a tiny fishing resort near Port Charlotte, is where McLeod and Buffington were searching, along with dozens more, for Krist after

he had been pursued to that area.

McLeod said he and "Butch" were walking along the west shoreline of Hog Island about 10 p.m. Saturday night in ankle-deep water.

"We would make a few feet and then stop and listen," he heard sounds, about 200 yards ahead of us, of a person who was reading their watch, also listening for sounds.

"We decided that the only way to keep him from hearing us was to go out into deeper water so that he couldn't hear us coming in closer. We got out in water a little above our waist and started moving up toward him.

"We got closer to him when an airboat was started up on the other side of the island and he ran into land, through the mangroves along the shoreline, into the bushes inland.

"We stayed where we were a while for more sounds and after what seemed about 20 minutes we heard a sound inland. After another 15 minutes we heard a sound again, and then he got closer.

"We waited until the sounds faded and then the person had reached the edge of the water, about 15 feet away from where we were, and there we both turned on our flashlights and moved the light across the area for three or four sweeps. Our light caught him at the water's edge and I told him he was under arrest.

"He was carrying a suitcase. We went up and took him into custody. I searched him for weapons, found a knife, and advised him of his rights before we started walking him back toward the camp on the other side of the island.

"DeSoto Sheriff Frank Klone came by in an airboat, with some other men, about 20 minutes later and we got him in that and took him back to the headquarters set up by the FBI agents and other assisting officers at the Lash E. Fish Camp.

"We turned him over to the FBI agents who took him into custody and we kept the suitcase as evidence until it is needed later."

McLeod and Buffington, released yesterday, sounded weary after their all day, all night trapper through the mangrove swamps.

Krist was taken to Fort Myers in Lee County by FBI agents and was hospitalized there with exhaustion and mosquito bites. A hearing held in the hospital room early yesterday resulted in his being placed under \$100,000 bail by court officials.

FBI agents in Miami were quoted as saying that the search for Krist's suspected accomplice, Earl Eugene Shier, would continue in the area where Krist was captured.

Port Charlotte, the huge housing development near the site of Krist's capture, was built by Mackle Brothers 19 years ago and was later sold by Mackle Brothers to General Development Corporation.

—AP

## Beauties Sought

D A D E CITY — By Staff Writer — With the number of pretty girls who live in Pasco County, sponsor of contest in the annual beauty pageant at the Pasco County Fair next month may have as hard a time making a choice as will the panel which selects a new queen.

Mrs. G. H. Whitman, longtime director of the contest, will be receiving entries from throughout the county until the Jan. 19 midnight deadline as she prepares for the Jan. 23-25 fair.

Businessmen, merchants, clubs and civic organizations all over the county are being invited to sponsor an entry in the fair — Pasco's "Heart of Florida Fair Showcase of Progress and Beauty."

To qualify the girls must have been residents of the county for at least six months prior to Jan. 24, 1969, single and between 16 and 23 years old.

## 10 Sarasota Police Get New Titles, More Money

SARASOTA (Special) — Ten members of the Sarasota Police Department have been promoted to ranks ranging from sergeant to major, it was announced Friday by Chief Francis Scott.

Those promoted, with the promotions to become effective on Jan. 1, are: Captains J. N. Ward and E. O. Parker to the rank of major with base annual pay of \$11,000.

Training Program BRADENTON (Special) — Registration for a management training program at Manatee Junior College will be held January 2, with courses beginning January 6, it was announced yesterday by Prof. Burnett Tinsley, director of technical education.

Lieutenants C. A. Kessler and Floyd G. Bowers to the rank of captain, with annual base pay of \$9,760.

Sergeants Jack Lerer, C. H. Shoemaker and E. L. Agnew to rank of lieutenant with base pay of \$8,794 annually.

Patrolmen D. J. Sauer, R. A. Scroggs and S. A. Lasher to rank of sergeant with base pay of \$8,160 yearly.

The rank of major is a new one to the Sarasota Police Department. The duties are expected to be similar to inspectors or deputy chiefs, like those that may be found in departments in other southern cities.

The new rank of major, Scott said, will provide more incentive for captains and another position to which they may aspire.

Scott announced that the promotions were based on scores made in competitive examinations.



Mel Spencer, owner of a West Palm Beach boat equipment store, Friday sold \$400 in navigational equipment to a man identified as Gary Steven Krist, who has been charged with the kidnapping of Barbara Jane Mackle of Miami.

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