

Suspected Slayer Of Deputy Surrenders In North Collins

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NORTH COLLINS, N.Y. (UPI) — While more than 300 law enforcement officers searched rural southern Erie County for him, Efrain Rodriguez was deciding whether to surrender to face a murder charge in the death of sheriff's deputy William Dils.

Sheriff Kenneth Braun said he had enlisted the help of the area's Spanish speaking community Sunday afternoon after patrols, many of them volunteers from other communities' police forces, were unable to locate the 20-year-old Rodriguez.

The surrender took place at a Sherman Street home only a few doors from where Dils was fatally shot Saturday.

Dennis Repka, an assistant district attorney, and Deputy Louis Gonzalez were sent "to a residence Rodriguez was very familiar with," Braun said. Shortly afterward, "Rodriguez showed up at that address."

Braun said the deputy talked to Rodriguez in Spanish, "talked him into the house and, with the assistance of Repka, the shotgun was turned over."

Rodriguez was ordered sent to the Erie County Holding Center without bail pending a Nov. 11 court appearance. He was arraigned in North Collins Town Court on a charge of first-degree murder.

Braun said Dils, 52, and Detective Sgt. William Dispenza went to a North Collins home Saturday afternoon to investigate a report that stolen property was kept there.

Dispenza said that as they approached the house Rodriguez ran upstairs to a second floor apartment and locked the door.

"As we walked up to the bedroom door, he fired two shots through it," the detective said. "One shot hit Dils in the right side of the stomach. The second whistled over my shoulder."

Dils died about two hours later at Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Lackawanna.

Braun said he had concen-

trated the massive manhunt for the suspect, described as a migrant laborer, in the North Collins area.

"His friends are here," the sheriff said before the arrest. "We know he doesn't have any money on him. He doesn't own a car, and no cars have been stolen."

All day Sunday, Braun said, the officers made house to house searches in North Collins, and then teams patrolled the fields and woods in the area on foot and in cars. He said four helicopters, bloodhounds and mounties were also used.

"We covered the world," said Lt. Stephen Qualey, of the Buffalo Police Department SWAT team. "It was very tough terrain — quite an exercise."

There were 50 Buffalo policemen, including 10 from the SWAT unit, 24 from precincts and 16 from its tactical unit. Qualey said most of the men, including himself, were volunteers.

A Cheektowaga officer, who did not want to give his name, said many of the 16 officers from the Buffalo suburb were off-duty.

He said the massive response from the officers was "a universal, strong feeling of camaraderie." The officer's badge still bore a black band mourning the death of Cheektowaga officer David Tolsma, 34, who was killed on duty Oct. 20. Another Cheektowaga officer, Robert Burgess, 27, was killed in July.

"It's tough to take... It's tough to explain the frustration," he said of knowing three policemen from the county had been killed in four months.

Dils, who was assigned to the North Collins substation, had hoped to retire next year after completing 20 years with the department.

"He was truly an all-American cop to the people of his North Collins district," Deputy Michael Hilliker said.

Funeral services for the deputy, who was married and the father of three, will be Wednesday at the Holy Spirit Church in North Collins.

Library System In Need Of More Radio Readers

The Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System needs more volunteers for its radio reading service UPDATE. Library officials report that 40 individuals have volunteered to participate in this program designed to provide up-to-the-minute informational and recreational listening for the visually and physically handicapped, but 100 more volunteers are needed.

UPDATE will be carried over a sub-channel of radio station WHUG-FM, Jamestown, with broadcasting originating from a studio located in the offices of the library system. UPDATE volunteers will be responsible for reading area newspapers live over the air, recording current best-sellers for future broadcast, delivering radio receivers and conducting telephone surveys with users and potential users of the service.

Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Mrs. Christine Prinzi at the library system, phone 484-7135, for more information.

Two volunteer orientation sessions have been scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 2 and 7 p.m. in the conference room of the James Prendergast Library.

UPDATE is a pilot project funded through a grant from the Federal Library Services and Construction Act.

Falconer Man Hurt, Charged In Crash

GERRY—A Falconer man was injured and charged following a one-car accident on Route 380 here at 9:40 p.m. Sunday.

The sheriff's department identified the victim as John W. Harle, 31, of 10 Second St., Falconer.

He was admitted to the WCA Hospital in Jamestown after being transported there by Gerry volunteer firemen.

Authorities said his southbound auto crossed into the northbound lane and went into a ditch. The car hit a utility pole, breaking it at the top and bottom. The vehicle continued down the ditch and rolled over, coming to rest on its top.

Mr. Harle was charged with traveling at a speed not reasonable and prudent and failure to keep right. He will appear before town of Gerry Justice Roy Lindsley on Nov. 23.

Sheriff's Patrolman Gary Wallin investigated.

COI Will Have Open House At New Offices

MAYVILLE — Chautauqua Opportunities Inc. has completed its move to South Erie Street from Blanchard Street. On Sunday, Nov. 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. there will be an open house at the new address.

Area residents are invited to meet the staff, view the location and inspect a photo display of the organization's current activities.

Principal speaker will be Stanley Lundine, representative of the 39th Congressional District.

History repeats itself. That's one of the things wrong with history. — Clarence Darrow.

Ripley Woman 'Satisfactory' After Car Struck By Train

RIPLEY—Marie A. Case, 55, of West Side Hill Road, Ripley was listed in "satisfactory" condition today at the Hamot Medical Center in Erie with injuries sustained when her auto was struck by a train here Saturday.

The sheriff's department said Mrs. Case was injured when her southbound car was hit by a Conrail freight train on the Brockway Road crossing at 1:45 p.m.

Authorities said the car stopped at the first set of tracks at the unguarded crossing. The auto started across the second set of tracks and was hit by the eastbound train and dragged 95 feet down the tracks. The train was traveling at around 48 mph.

The victim, who sustained massive side injuries and a punctured right lung, was


transported to the Westfield Memorial Hospital and later to the Erie facility.

Sheriff's Patrolmen Randy Vander Schaaff and Richard Delcamp were assisted by Ripley Patrolman Donald Johnston in the investigation.

County Health Board To Meet

MAYVILLE — The Chautauqua County Board of Health will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Webb's Captain's Table, Mayville.

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Car Rolls Several Times Injuring Two Sanborn Men Sunday

VERSAILLES—Two 20-year-old Sanborn men were injured in an accident on the Versailles Road in the town of North Collins at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, state police in Fredonia report.

The men, identified as Rick Henhawk and Donald Stafford, were both admitted to the Tri-County Hospital in Gowanda after the crash.

Police said a car driven by Henhawk was southbound and left the highway on a curve. The auto struck a tree and came back onto the road and overturned several times. Stafford was a passenger in the car as was Mona Henhawk of Sanborn, who escaped injury.

Another southbound car, operated by Valerie Watts of Sanford, rounded the curve and hit the overturned Henhawk car. The Watts auto then spun around in the road. Valerie Watts escaped injury.

Rick Henhawk was charged with speed too fast for conditions and failure to keep right. Troopers Jack VanZile and Leon Winkowski investigated.

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