Leaks to the Mob

U.S. Police Network's Big Problem

Washington

A national police intelligence organization, set up in 1966 to develop files on organized crime, has been plagued for years by leaks of material to the mob. FBI files showed yesterday.

FBI officials have been particularly concerned about the leaks because of repeated proposals for linking the organized crime files of the bureau and the police organization — the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit — by computer.

The LEIU consists of more than 150 state and local law enforcement agencies that have developed a large data bank by exchanging material on the mob.

But one of LEIU's "biggest problems has been that of keeping information out of the hands of the hoodlums themselves," says an internal FBI memo written in the early 1970s.

According to FBI files made available to United Press under the Freedom of Information Act, the latest leak was this year.

An FBI wiretap disclosed that an intelligence specialist with the Las Vegas Police Department was passing organized crime information from the LEIU computer to reputed mobsters.

The Las Vegas chapter was thrown out of the LEIU in September and the police official was fired, an FBI spokesman said.

The files showed that during the 1960s, LEIU evicted member agencies from Denver and Kansas City "on corruption charges."

In 1960, a memorandum said, the FBI learned "that the Pueblo, Colo., police department was controlled by hoodlums and that the LEIU data received by the Pueblo police had, in turn, been passed along to the underworld."

The FBI apparently regarded a 1969 leak as the most serious — because it involved an FBI file detailing membership in the Cosa Nostra — although there is no indication that material fell into the hands of the mob.

According to the files, a photocopy of the FBI investigative report was found in the hands of Captain John Yarnell of the Los Angeles Police Department, a LEIU national officer.

An FBI memo says a Dallas police official "surreptitiously obtained a copy of this report from which he made copies and forwarded one to Yarnell."

The memo, referring to the "unscrupulous acts and critical comments of Yarnell" and the "atrocious activities of Revill," urged that all FBI agents be discreet in future dealings with the police group.

Big Hips Get High Marks

Greencastle, Ind.

The hip measurements of female college students may be an indication of their grade-point averages, a DePauw University computer student has discovered.

The conclusion: The bigger the hips, the better the grades.

James George, who teaches computer programming, said one of his woman students this week found a correlation between hip size and grade point average. The assigned programming project was to correlate two quantities.

George said the student asked her sorority sisters to list their grade point averages along with bust, waist and hip measurements.

She found no correlation between the upper two measurements and grades, but the larger the hips were, the better the grades.

George declined to comment on the significance of the finding but a colleague said the student "took her figures seriously."

$174 Hotel Bill

Trips Big Spender

Atlanta

F. Masoud Khan, who wrote checks totaling $2 million to a waitress and two dancers at a Dallas disco last month and then stopped payment on them, was arrested yesterday in a dispute over a $174 hotel tab when his credit card wasn't honored.

Khan, a Pakistani with a Washington address, was arrested in the Omni International Hotel just hours after federal authorities decided not to prosecute him for a remark he made about a missed airline connection — which airport officials had considered a threat.

After his appearance in Municipal Court on a charge of theft of services involving the $174 hotel bill, Khan was bound over to state court for trial. He told a city judge, "I'm most grateful, your honor."

He was held under $1100 bond on charges of criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. The police said these charges involved his arrest at the Omni.

Acting in his own defense, Khan said, "I have one special lawyer, but he's in jail himself at the moment."

Last month, Khan caused a stir at a Dallas disco, Elan, where he wrote $50,000 checks to two dance contest winners and another $1 million to a waitress who arranged the contest for him.

Khan told Atlanta authorities he would settle his $174 dispute with the Omni by buying the huge hotel.

"I'm a very, very powerful man and I would like you to go and tell this to the world," he said.

Khan said he had "absolutely no idea" why his credit card was not honored at the Omni.

Marjorie Hurley, an official of the Union First National Bank in Washington, said Khan had told another credit card company that he was the brother of the prince of Pakistan. She said she was not sure why the Dallas checks, written on an account at First Union, were not paid.

Khan said he stopped payment because the recipients were not supposed to have talked about his spending, but had told reporters the story.