

Woofter, Outstanding D. A.

It is with a great deal of pride we call attention to the outstanding achievements being compiled by the District Attorney's office of Clark County.

With crime rampant in most of the country, there is a sense of comfort and security to know that Las Vegas is in the hands of a capable and thorough prosecuting attorney. Here is his story:

By D. A. Roy Woofter

I'd like to direct my remarks today on the accomplishments of the District Attorney's office. This concerns what the District Attorney's office is really organized to conduct, prosecution of crimes committed against the people of the state and Clark County. The record we have compiled is a good one and all of us in the District Attorney's office take

pride in our accomplishments thus far.

In the past two months we have obtained more murder convictions in the preceding full term of four years of the former District Attorney. There have been eight murder cases scheduled this month alone, with two decisions favorable to the prosecution and the others pending, either in jury or ready for trial.

This week we have been involved in six important trials of murder, armed robbery and rape, with five winning verdicts favorable to the prosecution and optimistic about one concerning Dennis Jacobs. The conviction of Jimmy Owens, the Carole Gillette killer of first degree murder; Ralph Riley, guilty of infamous crime against nature, rape and robbery; the murder trial of Dennis Jacobs accused of the shotgun slaying of a 7-11 store clerk; Richard Foreman, guilty of attempted robbery; Larry Hanrahan, found guilty of attempted murder and two counts of assault with

a deadly weapon and Larry Brooks, guilty of battery to commit rape. Other victories of the prosecution have been notably abundant, although the cases have not been so celebrated as the six mentioned.

Facts and information compiled by the Nevada State Department of Parole and Probation in its biennial report reveals the progress of this office. Pre-sentencing convictions of all crimes nearly doubled in our first year in office over the preceding District Attorney's convictions. Homicide convictions doubled as did narcotics possession, with sale of narcotics convictions tripled, according to the report. We are certain that the new report will show that this office has progressively increased its conviction record in 1972 and 1973.

The case load has increased enormously, placing extra emphasis on the work and knowledge of everyone in the District Attorney's office. During our first year in office, traffic was up over 70% from the year before, making our first year in office a demanding and challenging one. We had to get organized and take care of that increased case load in a very short time. We did it and went on to chalk up new records in handling felonies and misdemeanors.

Comparing felonies handled in the first six months of 1972, 1,249, over the first six months of 1973, 1,617, that is an increase of 25%.

Congressman David Towell maintains an office in Las Vegas for persons with problems relating to the federal government. It is in Suite 4 - 620, Federal Building, 300 Las Vegas Boulevard South. His assistants are Mike Moody, Diana Blasdel and Dedra Geran.

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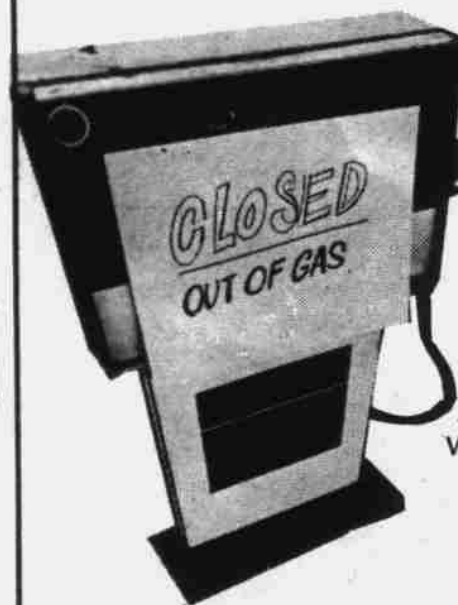
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