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POLICE ARRESTS SIXTY YEAR OLD MAN FOR RAPE

National Office Of NAACP Threatens Suit



Any attempt by the Clark County School District to water down its integration policies will possibly be met with a suit by the national office of the NAACP.

The western regional director of the NAACP in San Francisco, Virna Canson, recently stated that the national policy of school integration has not and will not change. She further stated that the national office would file lawsuits against any school district that attempted to abolish busing for school integration.

Lovell Gaines, President of the local NAACP, and Mrs. Virginia Brewster, the black member of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, have gone on record as favoring the concept of the neighborhood school.

Mrs. Brewster states that she "only wanted a study undertaken to determine the feasibility of modifying the integration plan in order to make it more equitable."

The present Clark County School District integration plan, instituted in 1973, calls for the busing of black children in grades one through five from parts of West Las Vegas to elementary schools in other sections of Las Vegas. White children in the sixth grade are bused to sixth-grade centers in the West Las Vegas area. Black children who live in the area also attend these centers.

Canson has stated repeatedly that local NAACP chapters are governed by the policies of the national office. She requested that blacks not be taken in by the game-plan to throw blacks "off the track".

The Las Vegas Black Caucus in a recent meeting, made plans to protest any attempt at changing the present integration plan at a meeting of the Clark County School Board.

Las Vegas Metropolitan police officers arrested a sixty year old man, and charged him with the rape of an 11 year old West Las Vegas girl on Monday of this week. Quinton Grigsby, of 409 West Van Buren Avenue, was charged with the rape.

The police, acting on a tip from a westside health clinic, made the arrest at approximately 5:00 P.M.

The girl explained to police that she had visited the man, and that he had "played" with her and a friend. She also described how the man had performed sexual intercourse with her.

Crimes of violence, especially against children, are increasing in our community. It appears that we, the citizens of West Las Vegas, must organize in order to make our children more aware of violent crimes such as the one described above.

Physical and emotional scars perpetrated by such acts usually remain with the victims for many years. Innocent persons are usually the most severely damaged by these acts.

Perhaps a youth community center closely supervised would aid in the prevention of future situations of this kind.

This is not to say that Mr. Grigsby is guilty of having committed this crime. He will, of course, have his day in court. However, we must work to prevent crimes of rape and other sexual assaults against our children.

Senator Joe Neal Opposed Bill To Arrest Pimps



Senator Joe Neal was the lone dissenter in a vote on SB-450. The bill would make it easier for the police to arrest pimps when a prostitute was arrested. It would cut out the provision of the requirement of a second corroborating witness before a procurer can be charged.

Said Senator Neal: "Passage of the bill would give police the power to lie about incidents. Police departments are not above being dishonest."