

## GEORGE KIRBY AGAIN ARRESTED FOR DRUG DEALING

Comedian George Kirby, recently released from Terminal Island Federal Prison to finish out two concurrently running 20-year prison terms and one 10-year federal term for drug dealing, was again ar-



rested Monday afternoon a few blocks away from the halfway house where he was serving out the remainder of his drug conviction terms. He was arrested on Hollywood Boulevard while allegedly picking up a package believed to contain narcotics which was to be delivered to Samuel Toussaint, an escaped federal prisoner, authorities said.

Toussaint, who had escaped from Lumpoc Federal Prison while serving time for bank robbery, was arrested Monday night in South Los Angeles. Details of

the actual contents of the package and of how Kirby and Toussaint were connected were not immediately disclosed.

Deputy Federal Marshal Bob Whisnant, who arrested Kirby, said the comedian, who was supposed to be staying at the Vinewood Community Treatment Center on Vine Street just two blocks north of Hollywood Boulevard, also maintained an illegal residence at the nearby Hollywood Vine Motel.

Kirby, 55, was a popular performer in well known Las Vegas Casinos in the 1970s. He was first convicted on drug charges in Florida in 1957 after having violated probation served times in a federal hospital. In December 1977 he was again convicted in federal court on charges of selling heroin and was sentenced to a 10-year term. The following year he was found guilty in Las Vegas of selling cocaine and giving heroin to a federal agent. It was before the latter trial that he admitted he used his show business career as a cover up for his drug dealings. He was sentenced to the two 20-year terms to run concurrently with each other and with the federal sentence at that time.

Kirby admitted that he had been a drug addict for 20 years.

## Four Gunmen Go On Crime Spree

Three of four suspects have been arrested following a wild crime spree waged last weekend.

The crime spree began shortly after midnight Monday morning, when three men and a juvenile boy riding in a 1976 Lincoln, pulled a gun on a man in a parking lot of the Paradise Resort Inn on Paradise Road and robbed him.

A short time later, the four persons stopped at Ronald's Doughnut Shop at 4550 Spring Mountain Road, where they fled without getting any money, after they had shot the 17-year-old clerk in the chest. The clerk was rushed to Sunrise Hospital, and was listed in stable condition the following day.

At approximately 1:45 a.m. the same four men entered the 7-Eleven Store at Charleston Boulevard and Antelope Way, robbed the cash register and shot twice at

the store clerk. No one was hit by the bullets.

About thirty minutes later, the same suspects entered the Circle K Store at 5400 Vegas Drive, robbed the store and again fired shots at the clerk, but missed him.

Following that robbery, Police patrol units which had been following the string of crimes over the radio, closed in on the suspects and pulled them over on Hart Avenue in North Las Vegas.

Two of the men were captured in the car, while the other two were chased on foot by patrolmen. One of them was apprehended, while the other escaped.

The three suspects arrested were Bernard Hale, 19, of 1831 Nelson Ave., North Las Vegas; Larone Edwards, 20, of 1340 Hassel Avenue, North Las Vegas; and a juvenile. The search was continued for the

fourth suspect.

The .32-caliber weapon, which was recovered by the police, was found to have been stolen recently in North Las Vegas.

The suspects have been charged with three counts of attempted murder, three counts of robbery, one count of attempted robbery and possession of a stolen weapon.

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## MULTI-FAMILY UNIT CLOSED BY EOB

Lee Walker, Chairman of the Economic Opportunity Board announced that the Agency successfully concluded the initial closing of a Multi-Family 202-Section 8 project with Regional HUD officials in San Francisco on Friday, resulting in the signing of a \$343,000 contract. Through its not-for-profit corporation, Comstock Community Homes Development,

Inc., EOB will act as the landlord for chronically mentally ill clients referred by the State Division of Mental Health, who are capable of independent living.

Walker said he was delighted that the papers had been signed, culminating nearly two years of efforts by many officials from the state and local office of the Division of Mental Health.

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