

so without jeopardizing the case. To this they agreed.

Now, Monroe would go to almost any length for a scoop. He was perhaps best known for his exposure of corruption in the Vancouver City Police in the early fifties, an exposure that led to the suicide of the deputy chief and criminal charges being laid against the chief, leading him to flee the country.

But before that happened, Monroe had already gained local fame for his part in trapping two Stanley Park lovers' lane mugger-rapists, who used to lie in wait at night for young couples smooching in parked cars, then beat the man into unconsciousness and take turns at raping the woman.

The police patrolled the area at nights but the culprits eluded them. Monroe, on the police beat for the Vancouver Sun at the time, took mat-

ters into his own hands. Disguised as a woman, he and a friend parked in lovers' lane for several nights, posing as lovers.

Finally their ruse paid off. When the muggers struck, they got the surprise of their lives as the "girl" stepped into the fray with kicks and karate chops. The end result was that the rapists were delivered, tied hand and foot, to an astonished desk sergeant at the police station.

That's the kind of reporter Monroe was and I was understandably apprehensive when one day he informed me that he was on to my booze trips and planned to follow me and take pictures. Only when threatened with a complete blackout on police news did he agree to forget about this particular scoop. For him, this must have been the supreme sacrifice.

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## Gone to the Dogs

Driving in Port Stanley has gone to the dogs. St. Thomas detachment got a call from a Mr. Alex Collins, deputy chief of the village's fire department, late last spring.

"You might not believe this, but my dog drove my truck into another car. Would you send an officer down?"

Sparky, a Dalmatian, had turned on the key in the ignition of Mr. Collins' pick-up truck with his teeth. That problem solved, he went for a ride down the street, onto a sidewalk, across a driveway and back into the street, striking a parked car about 50 feet from where he started.

Investigating officer Cst. Dennis Adkin of the Ontario Provincial Police didn't charge Sparky, although he wasn't wearing a seatbelt, didn't have a licence and was driving underage (he's five).

Each vehicle received about \$200 damage.

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