

"I'd Like to Make a Complaint"

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Many members posted throughout Canada at Provincial and Federal Parks come across a great variety of routine and not-so-routine occurrences during the busy summer months. One such occurrence provided us with a good laugh during the summer of "76".

On May 21, 1976, members of Falcon Beach Detachment, located in the Whiteshell Provincial Park near the Manitoba/Ontario border, were in the office preparing for the usually busy Victoria Day weekend. Into the office came two young men and one woman obviously up-tight about something. One of the men stated that he wanted to lodge a complaint about being "hassled" by the Parks Officers. He went on to say that he and his friends were just enjoying themselves in their campsite, listening to music and so on but the parks officers kept bothering

them telling them to quiet down or leave.

As the young man was talking I happened to notice a plastic bag sticking out of the young man's jacket pocket. He noticed my observation and attempted to conceal the bag. It was pulled from his pocket and lo and behold it was full of marihuana. He immediately became considerably less vehement and, in fact, became quite red-faced. He was asked to have a seat on our side of the counter, the local magistrate was contacted and in a short time swift justice had obtained a fine and costs from our "complainant". The ironic part of this story is the fact that the second young man became quite upset with his friend when he realized they had lost the weight out of their complaint — about 1 ounce to be exact. They decided to forget their original mission and left the office, leaving us doubled over in laughter.

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