

OTIS warns about magazine salesmen

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State College apartment dwellers should be cautious about admitting magazine salesmen into their apartments, Jeremy Abrams, president of the Organization of Town Independent Students, advised.

OTIS has received several complaints in the past week from tenants who have noticed code markings on their door frames after magazine salesmen had visited their apartments. Many residents are worried the marks could indicate to a back-up crew which apartments are to be looted.

State College Police Chief Elwood Williams said the police department had received no reports of robberies from tenants whose door frames had been marked.

Stereo equipment was stolen from several apartments last weekend, Williams said. A suspect has been apprehended.

The suspect is not known to be associated in any way with the 21 individuals from the magazine-selling organization which had been soliciting in the area, Williams said.

A representative of the magazine salesmen told police any marks made in doorways were purely routine, to assure that an apartment would not be approached twice.

Last week the magazine sellers' group had its solicitation permit

revoked by Mayor Jo Hays, on Williams' recommendation, because of what Williams called "questionable sales practices." One salesman attempted to pose as a Penn State student, according to Williams, and another asked that a check for a magazine subscription be made out not to the magazine company, but to an individual other than the seller.

After the permit was revoked the salesmen left town, Williams said. To the best of his knowledge they have not returned.

A notice has been prepared to be distributed to tenants of apartment buildings owned by Schlow Enterprises urging them to be cautious about letting salesmen into their apartments.

Harold Zipser, of the Apartment Owners and Managers committee of the Chamber of Commerce, said tenants should be careful not to give anyone the opportunity to case their apartments for televisions, stereos and other valuables.

"Although Williams has assured me there is very little likelihood that these magazine people are involved in a robbery ring, just to be on the safe side, people who have been contacted by salesmen should check for marks on their door frames," Abrams said. "If they find marks they should remove them."

Court upholds Hearst decision

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A federal appeals court yesterday upheld Patricia Hearst's 1976 conviction for robbing a San Francisco bank while underground with the Symbionese Liberation Army.

The government said she will be permitted to remain free on bail pending further appeal.

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said it found "no reversible error" in the celebrated two-month trial of Miss Hearst, who was found guilty and sentenced to seven years in prison for participating in the bank robbery 10 weeks after she was kidnapped by the terrorist SLA.

She has been free on \$1.2 million bail since November of last year, and would be eligible for parole after serving another 14 months.

U.S. Attorney James Browning Jr., who prosecuted the case, said the government would not seek to have her bail revoked and have her returned to custody until her attorneys decide whether to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Albert Johnson, one of Miss Hearst's attorneys, said the case will be appealed, and said he expected Miss Hearst to remain free until the appeals process is completed.

He told KCBS radio in a telephone interview from Boston that U.S. District Judge William H. Orrick, who is handling her case, "ordered her release on bail pending appeal and I would expect

that order to remain in effect during the pendency of appeals to the Supreme Court."

Miss Hearst, 23, was found guilty by a U.S. District Court jury of participating in the April 15, 1974, bank robbery. She remained in hiding for a year and a half after the holdup, and was arrested in San Francisco in September, 1975.

Miss Hearst had contended that she was forced to take part in the robbery after undergoing weeks of duress and torture while locked in a closet by members of the SLA following her kidnapping. Her attorneys argued that if she had not been kidnapped in the first place, she never would have been involved in the robbery.

In a 35-page opinion, the appeals court said: "We conclude on the basis of well established principles that no reversible error occurred and that the judgement must be affirmed."

Miss Hearst had raised several points in her appeal. First, she said trial Judge Oliver J. Carter had improperly allowed testimony about her subsequent activities with the SLA following the robbery, particularly a shooting incident she participated in at a Los Angeles sporting goods store a month later.

The appeals court said because her defense was that she participated under duress, the court had to prove that was not true.

"The evidence of appellant's involvement in the Los Angeles activity was relevant because it tended to show appellant willingly engaged in other criminal activity with persons of the same group at a time not unduly remote," the opinion said.

She also contended that the trial judge erred in allowing the government to cross-examine her on the stand about a "missing year" of her time underground. She took the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination 42 times when questioned about it.

The appeals court said "a defendant who testifies in his own behalf waives his privilege against self-incrimination with respect to the relevant matters covered by his direct testimony and subjects himself to cross-examination by the government."

The court also rejected defense contentions that the judge erred in admitting a jailhouse tape recording of a conversation between Miss Hearst and a friend, and that testimony by a defense expert witness on psycholinguistics should have been allowed.

On the other hand, the appeals court said the judge acted correctly in admitting the testimony.

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- The Graduate Student Association Res Committee will meet to consider the charters of the Nigerian Student Association and the Organization of Ab Students at 7 tonight in 305 Kern.
- Fig. Gen. Richard Eaton will discuss "Strategic Intelligence and Espionage" at 8:30 tonight in 101 Winer.
- The Life Sciences Interest House will present a lecture by Hayes Gamble on "Water Dilemma" at 8 tonight in the Wnook Union Building, North Halls.
- German film, "Der Zerbrochene Krug" ("The Broken Jug"), will be shown at 7:30 tonight in 271 Willard. A \$1 donation is requested.
- The following events will be held tonight at Hillel, 224 Locust Lane.
- "Learn to Read and Write Hebrew" at 7.
- "Conversational Hebrew" with Marnie Rabinovitch at 8 in the lounge.
- Bea Walden will conduct a class, "Introduction to Yiddish," at 8 in the library.
- The Agronomy Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 15 Tyson.
- The College of Science Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in 106 Boucke.
- Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 7:30 tonight in the library of St. Andrews Episcopal Church at the corner of Fraser Street and Foster Avenue.
- The Dance Interest Group will meet at 6:30 tonight in 108 White Building.
- The Nittany Color Guard will meet at 7:30 tonight in 133 White Building.
- The programming and planning committee for the Graduate Student Association will meet at 7:30 tonight in 305 Kern.
- The Canoe Division of the Penn State Outing Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 214 Boucke.
- The Science Fiction Society will meet at 7:30 tonight in 273 Willard.
- The Student Film Organization will sponsor a special program along with their regular meeting tonight at 7:30. Bob Smith from the DuArt Film Lab in New York City will speak on lab processes and preparation in 62 Willard.

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