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Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille speaks to members of the media after being cleared by a grand jury yesterday. Wille's wife looks on left.

Grand jurors clear Wille, indict McGinn in K-9 case

By Scott G. Campbell Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille left the County Courthouse yesterday a happy man. A grand jury had not only cleared him of a variety of allegations regarding abuse of his position — it had even complimented the K-9 unit that lost at the heart of the controversy.

The K-9 dog named "Diagnose," "deducted" and have received "superior levels of achievement," the grand jury said.

ed Wille for "Clearly a mistake"

McGinn abused Wille's "open-door" policy toward his deputy and override the chain of command and create the illusion he had a special relationship with the sheriff where-by he could get approval of whatever he, McGinn, wished," the grand jury said.

before going to meet the press. Wille spoke about the mix of feelings brought on by the long investigation and its ending.

"I'm happy, frustrated and a little bitter," Wille said. "It's time to get on with business. It's time to get on with business."

Wille would not comment on McGinn, but he said he agreed with the grand jury's report "100 percent."

Sealed indictments

The indictments were sealed so the exact charges against McGinn are not known. McGinn's attorney, Barry Krueger, said one indictment is a single misdemeanor count and the other contains four misdemeanor counts. The maximum penalty if convicted is one year in prison per charge, but McGinn could not be reached at home for comment last night, but

Turn to WILLE, 6A

4 PB County men tied to heroin lab

By Carol Martin Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — Four Palm Beach County men — including one allegedly tied to the infamous French Connection drug ring — yesterday were accused in a federal complaint of being part of a heroin network that police say first hit the large cocaine processing lab in the United States.

The 24-page complaint also names Michael C. Maerzi, 39, who was convicted on absentee June 5, 1982, by the French government of heroin trafficking; Maerzi, of 2048 29th Lane in Greenacres

Palm Beach, was convicted along with Jean Jabari, who was described as a major player in the French Connection.

Maerzi now owns Advantage with Computers, a store on Okeechobee Boulevard in suburban West Palm Beach.

Bonovetti's accomplice, Ernest A. Bonovetti, 28, of 1825 Drift Horse Lane, is named as a conspirator, along with Earl Adolph Keller, 41, of 2048 29th Lane in Greenacres

held in the Palm Beach County Jail on Jan. 21 Greenacres City arrest for drug charges and violation of probation.

Ernest J. Bonovetti, Ernest A. Bonovetti and Carmine Leticiano — who was arrested in Las Vegas yesterday morning — faced the

Turn to RING, 5A

Vagrant's relatives recall 'road man's' bottle-driven life

By Tim O'Melia Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — Michael Cadreux liked to tell people he was a "road man" who liked to roam.

Three weeks ago he called his aunt and uncle in West Palm Beach and said he was coming home.



Tomatoe artist Bill Wrigley poses out of limbed Potomac of Tomatoe, Wrigley in his studio window to smash up a neural halfway through the project.

Treasure Coast disaster maps contain errors

By Jim Reeder Staff Writer

FORT PIERCE — Booklets mailed to thousands of Treasure Coast residents to help them prepare for an emergency at the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant contain an incorrect map showing evacuation routes that don't exist in St. Lucie County, officials said yesterday.

The map, prepared by the state Department of Community Affairs Division of Emergency Management, shows a non-existent bridge across the Fort Pierce Inlet and has arrows suggesting motorists drive Midway Road to a non-existent interchange at Florida's Turnpike.

"It was our error, very simply," Community Affairs spokesman Bob Nave said. "It was just one of those regrettable human errors."

"We're trying to figure out how the error happened and the best way to correct it," he said.

Similar arrows indicate, but don't clearly mark, the turnable interchange on Okeechobee Road and the

Turn to EMERGENCY, 6A

Argentine condemned

Britain protests fiery confrontation between Taiwanese fishing boats and Argentine Navy, Sheny, 2A

Weather

Mostly sunny today, High in mid- to upper 80s, low in the low to mid-70s, Wind easterly at 10 mph, Details, 2A

Table with 2 columns: Category and Price/Value. Includes Business, Classified Ads, Comics, Crowder, Dear Abby, Editorial, Fran Hathaway, Horoscope, Letters, Legislature, Dan Morfitt, Obituaries, Stocks, Ron Wiggins, TV Listings, TV Sports.

West Palm man charged in girl's '78 killing

By Steve Peters Staff Writer

Eight years ago, 15-year-old Linda Pickett left her Fort Charlotte home on her bicycle. She was on her way to a convenience store to buy a pack of chewing gum.

and his place of employment for at least 24 hours prior to his arrest, according to Charlotte County Sheriff John McDonough.

Scott was being questioned by police from both counties at Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office headquarters last night.

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his work and handed over a report to the Charlotte County State Attorney's Office, which prepared a warrant for Scott's arrest.

Paul Pikaritz, brother of the dead girl, said his family was pleased the arrest had been made but would not comment further.

Linda had left her home on Alhambra Circle in Fort Charlotte on her bicycle headed for a convenience store just one mile away. When she didn't return home by 10:30 last night, her father, Delmar, called the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and reported her

missing. Just one hour later, Charlotte County firefighters were battling a brush fire on a deserted road not far from the Pickett family home. It was then they discovered Linda's body.

Sheriff's officials said the girl was abducted while standing home from the store. Her bicycle was found abandoned about 2 miles from where her body was discovered.

Staff Writer Lindsey contributed to this report.

Yesterday, police from the Palm Beach and Charlotte County sheriff's office arrested a suburban West Palm Beach man and charged him with the Oct. 12, 1978, slaying of Pickett.

Bradley Philip Scott, 32, of 134 N. Tropical Ave., suburban West Palm Beach, was arrested on his way home from work, Sheriff's Office spokesman Mike McInerney said. The 5-foot-10-inch, 170-pound Scott was stopped about 4 p.m. on his way home from West Palm Beach by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

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Air Force copter crash kills 5

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — An Air Force helicopter crashed yesterday for a minute maintenance ground crew member killed yesterday by the crash, Brown said.

The Bell helicopter was carrying two crew members and four medical patients when it crashed at 4:30 p.m. near the town of Sturgis, S.D.

Edwards Air Force Base near San Diego City is a training center for Air Force helicopter pilots. The base is responsible for 180 Bell Helicopters currently in its fleet. It is up to identify