

## CARRY BIG HANDBAGS

# Females Ticklish, Frisker Discovers

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Deputy Sheriff Rosemary Allen probes purse-onalities.

At the door to the Jack Ruby courtroom the green-eyed brunette frisks women visitors and delves into the deepest, darkest recesses of their handbags.

She's reached some conclusions.

1. Most women are ticklish and carry big handbags.

2. Orderly purse, orderly mind. And vice versa.

"You see a woman who looks neat. Her hair is perfect. Then you look in her purse. Ouch. It's full of loose cigarettes, used Kleenexes and junk. That says something about her personality."

In one purse was a ham sandwich, wrapped in wax paper with a rubber band around it.

From another Rosemary dumped five beer openers. The owner had doubtless heard this was a big case.

Sheriff Bill Decker has banned weapons and sharp objects. Judge Joe B. Brown has banned cameras and recorders.

So Rosemary looks at every tube of lipstick to make sure it has lipstick in it. One woman had a cosmetic case with 15 tubes.

While Rosemary and other women deputies frisk females, male deputies shake down the men. A standing jest that Rosemary hears 100 times a day is that the situation should be reversed.

Rosemary takes knitting needles and files them away with other objectionable property of visitors in the courtroom. "A knitting needle is a potential weapon," she said.

During a bond hearing for Jack Ruby last December, Rosemary arrested Karen Lynn Bennett, one of Ruby's strippers, who had come to court with a roscoe in her handbag.

During a change of venue hearing for Ruby early this year, Rosemary confiscated a water pistol from a mother who had earlier confiscated it from her small son who'd been playing with it in church.

Women have more hiding places than men, Rosemary believes. She has deftly plucked bundles of cash from bras and then diplomatically returned the money to its owners.

She has collected pocket knives, long fingernail files, a dinner knife from a Dallas restaurant and even a midget camera no bigger than a cigarette lighter.

There's a lot of giggling. Especially when Rosemary runs her hee hee fingers briakly from the subject's backbone around the ha ha subject's wheeeeee waist.

Rosemary congratulates herself on having recovered the family jewels for a Massachusetts couple.

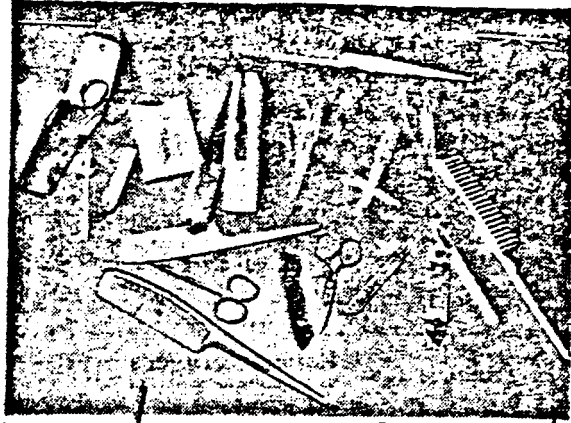
While searching the wife, Rosemary dug from her purse a brown envelope. "What can that be?" the wife asked.

Rosemary opened the envelope. A handful of sapphires dropped out.

"My studs!" exclaimed the woman's husband. "Those are the studs I was going to wear to our wedding!"

"How'd I get them?" asked the wife.

"They probably hadn't been married long," said Rosemary.



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*Mrs. Flechtner with Paige, left, and Tod. Mrs. Holton with Mark, Julie Ann, J. G. III.*

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