

Raid on Cycle Club Nets Cache of Arms

Prince George's County police raided the Kentland headquarters of the Knight Riders motorcycle club late Thursday night, seizing what they described as "numerous amounts of stolen guns" and charging 15 persons with disorderly conduct.

Police would not list the weapons confiscated and no charges had been placed in connection with their seizure. They said only that the case was "still under investigation" late yesterday.

Meanwhile, 19-year-old Carl (Rapper) Lukat, one of the Knight Riders arrested in the raid, complained about the condition in which police left the headquarters, located at 7572 Hawthorne St., Kentland, after the raid.

While the 15 youths arrested were out of the building posting their \$28.50 collateral on each of the disorderly conduct charges, Lukat said, police continued their search. A hole was punched into a wall, linings were ripped out of club members' street clothing, other personal belongings and papers were left strewn around, and the bike riders' "colors," the "outlaw jackets" worn while riding, were also confiscated, Lukat said.

Police could provide no comment on Lukat's charges.

Lukat, whose listed address was the same as the club's, said that the local chapter of the Knight Riders, a motorcycle group with chapters across the country that total something like 3,000 members, had "made a mistake" by having assorted weaponry around the clubhouse.

Lukat told The Washington Post he did not know the exact number of weapons, nor who owned them, but gave a list of paraphernalia that included some shotguns, rifles, pistols, machetes, switchblade knives and straight razors.

Police said they obtained a search warrant for their 11:45

p.m. raid based on an "anonymous phone call from a confidential informant" that there were stolen guns at the headquarters.

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THE KNIGHT RIDERS — Members of the Knight Riders motorcycle club pose in their Kentland clubhouse after some were released

from police custody. They had been charged with disorderly conduct when a police raid uncovered a cache of weapons. Preferring nick-

names, they are from left: Mellow, Ole Man, Whitehead, Angel II, Hawk, Little John, Rappert, Balli Hai and Kid. Details on Page B3.

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