

100 Guns Seized In Takoma

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Prince George's County sheriff's deputies confiscated more than 100 handguns, 3,000 rounds of ammunition and large supplies of Mace and tear gas after arresting a 33-year-old Takoma Park man Wednesday night.

Deputy Sheriff Michael Moriarty discovered about 50 of the guns in the trunk of an automobile parked in a Queenstown drive-in restaurant after hearing a shot fired. The shot, it was learned later, was a blank.

Moriarty apprehended William Don Robertson Jr., 780 Fairview Ave., and a 17-year-old juvenile who had been in the car with Roberson. Roberson also is known as William D. Campbell, according to the sheriff's office.

Major Dan Ballard of the sheriff's office said that Moriarty, who was in uniform, was searching for a man for whom he had a summons about 8 p.m. when he heard the shot and checked Roberson's car.

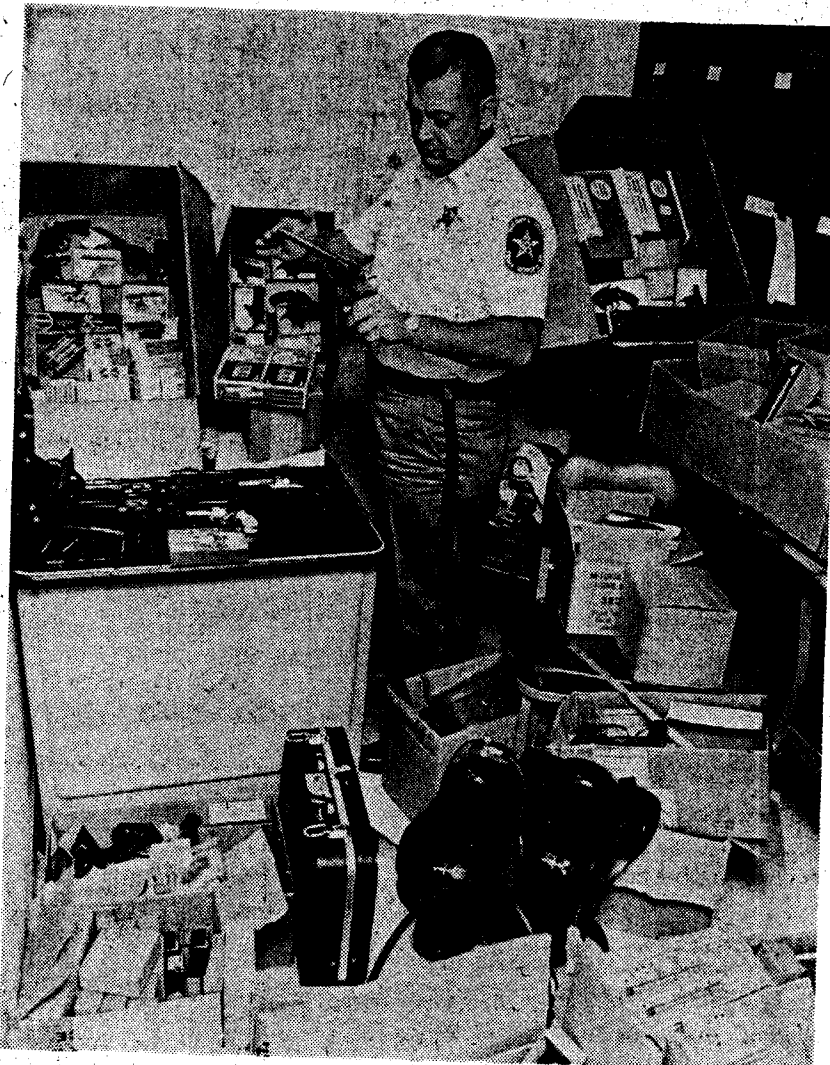
Ballard said that after Moriarty found a loaded automatic pistol on the rear floor of the car, he had the trunk opened and discovered about 50 revolvers resembling .22-caliber and derringer types, but made so they can only fire tear gas and blank shells.

Also in the collection were 60 cans of chemical disabling spray, several hundred tear gas and blank cartridges, some tear gas pins and a bottle tank that could be strapped on a person's back to shoot chemical spray through a hose in a 50-foot range, according to the sheriff's office.

Ballard said that deputies went to Roberson's Takoma Park apartment yesterday after receiving written consent from him to search it. Ballard said they then confiscated 50 new and used handguns capable of firing bullets, more than 3,000 rounds of ammunition and 20 vials of suspected narcotics.

Roberson told sheriff's deputies and federal investigators that he was planning to sell most of the weapons.

Roberson was charged with



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Some of the confiscated arms and material are shown by Lt. Clair Schleg.

grand larceny, possession of stolen property, possession and control of amphetamines and possession and control of barbiturates. Yesterday he was being held in the county jail in lieu of \$4,500 bond.

The juvenile was charged with disorderly conduct and released in the custody of his parents.