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## Ex-Alcoholic Young Aided Other Victims

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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Aubrey Young had a pet project while he was personal security officer for Gov. John J. McKeithen.

At his desk in the governor's office, the 44-year-old police lieutenant colonel sought ways to help victims of alcoholism. He was a former alcoholic.

The soft-spoken Young promoted state support for rehabilitation centers, charity hospital beds for the acutely ill, and outpatient care units. He made public speeches for Alcoholics Anonymous and other such organizations.

TODAY, HE is a patient at Mandeville State Hospital, a mental institution which has a specialized alcoholism unit.

He also has been accused by Life magazine of keeping contact with rackets figure Carlos Marcello, by way of his direct line telephone in the governor's office.

McKeithen said the evidence now is overwhelming that Young received calls from the private telephone of Marcello at a motel near New Orleans.

Young is a native of Monroe. McKeithen's home is at nearby Columbia.

THEY APPARENTLY met through mutual friends at an exclusive semi-private club in which Young once owned an interest. Young had lost his interest in the Monroe club and a north Monroe hamburger stand. He became McKeithen's driver during McKeithen's campaign for governor.

McKeithen followed political custom in bringing a close associate into the governor's office as his security officer on the state police payroll. Young's background included two years as a deputy sheriff in Ouachita Parish. He also had been in the real estate business.

McKeithen refused to allow Young to drive him after the governor's limousine was involved in a collision near New Orleans.



AUBREY YOUNG

YOUNG ONCE announced he was running for tax assessor in Ouachita Parish, but withdrew from the race.

Strain between McKeithen and Young began to show last summer, when Young resigned. He returned to the post and departed again twice.

Life claims Young took trips to the Sands Motel in Las Vegas, Nev., and gave dozens of waitresses \$100 tips.

Young finally quit the governor's office after an incident involving alleged efforts to get former Teamster president James Hoffa out of prison. Young said he introduced a man he knew as a contractor to Edward G. Partin, local Teamster boss.

PARTIN GAVE key testimony in the conviction of Hoffa for jury tampering. Young claimed he left the meeting which he arranged when they began talking about Hoffa.

A federal grand jury in New Orleans is probing a claim that Partin was offered \$1 million to change his testimony in the Hoffa case.

McKeithen said Young was committed to the hospital about 10 days ago by Victor Bussie, state AFL-CIO president and close McKeithen associate, and Young's mother, Mrs. W. E. Young of Monroe. He said a security guard was placed on Young yesterday.

"The governor said he previously had suggested that the family commit Young. He said Young had been 'drinking heavily.'"

## McKeithen on Crime

Despite initial skepticism, Gov. John J. McKeithen says he is now convinced "as I had not been convinced before" that organized crime exists in Louisiana, and, indeed, that there is "hard evidence" of the fact.

The days of local law-enforcement officials having "complete control" over criminal investigations, the governor said, are over.

"We are going to expect them to do their job," he continued, "and if they don't, we're going to step in immediately" with the state police.

This comes as welcome news in light of repeated breakdowns of law enforcement in some parishes, specifically in the failure to crack down on illegal gambling, as revealed by this newspaper.

We believe the governor's announced intention to treat the problem of crime as a state problem is a wise one. For even where the will exists, the problem of crime, particularly organized crime, cannot be solved exclusively on the local level. For the tentacles of organized crime reach out across political subdivisions and police jurisdictions.

The governor said he will center his attack on Carlos Marcello, who is alleged to be the kingpin of organized crime in Louisiana.

"We are going to clean up this state and we are going to move immediately," the governor vowed. "You just sit tight the next few days and watch how fast we move."

And watch we will, along with thousands of other interested Louisianians.

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