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To lie or not to lie: polygraph assists police in investigating

Mark Murphy doesn't talk about his job in courtrooms very often, but his work helps police solve many crimes.

Murphy, an Illinois State Police polygraphist, talked about his work and displayed a lie detector machine at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Illinois, unlike 20 other states, does not admit polygraph results in court. However, Murphy's interpretation of the results helps police fine-tune their investigations.

Lie detectors now use computer technology, but rely on the same peripherals as their older counterparts, Murphy said. Blood pressure cuffs, two tubes and electrodes measure changes in blood pressure, breathing and skin conductance – "in laymen's terms...changes in sweat due to an emotional reaction," he said.

Test results are interpreted by the polygraphist who determines if the subject is truthful, not truthful or trying

to manipulate the test. A fourth result is "I don't know," Murphy said.

Certain drugs, like those for heart and psychological conditions, may affect results. Pregnant women are not tested; testing of children under 13 years old "is rare," he said.

Ninety percent of all polygraphs are given to people under suspicion, but witnesses are sometimes tested, as well. For example, in the death investigation being played out at Neighborhood Watch, one witness was "tested" because she disliked the victim's grandson. Police wanted to be sure the witness did not exaggerate her claims against the grandson.

See LIE on other side

Lie continued from other side

Hoopeston Area lists registration, orientation times, fees

Hoopeston Area schools have listed registration times for the 1999-00 school year.

Registration for Maple, Honeywell and John Greer students, including Early Childhood and developmental kindergarten, will be held from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the middle school.

Other grades and times include:

Grade 7 – Wednesday, Aug. 18. Last names A-L, 8:30-11; M-Z 12:30-3.

Grade 8 – Thursday, Aug. 19. Last names A-L, 8:30-11; M-Z 12:30-3.

Grade 9 – Monday, Aug. 16. Last names A-L, 8:30-11; M-Z 12:30-3.

Grade 10 – Tuesday, Aug. 17. Last names A-L 8:30-11; M-Z 12:30-3.

Grade 11 – Wednesday, Aug. 18. Last names A-L,

8:30-11; M-Z 12:30-3.

Grade 12 – Thursday, Aug. 19. Last names A-L, 8:30-11; M-Z 12:30-3.

Orientation for kindergarten students will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at Maple School. Seventh grade orientation will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 12 and ninth grade orientation will be at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 12, both in the high school auditorium.

This year's fees are kindergarten \$24; Early Childhood \$20 (includes most supplies needed during the year; developmental kindergarten and first through sixth grade, \$24; middle school, \$27 plus \$1 locker fee; high school \$31 plus \$1 locker fee.

Lunch prices this year are \$1.40 for grades 1-6 and \$1.50 for grades 7-12. Extra milk will be 25 cents per carton.

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— **Briefly** —

Bowlers needed
 The Sunday Night Mixed League needs two full, two-man, two-woman teams. If interested, call Suzanne Lawson, (217) 283-5326.

Coaches meeting
 A meeting for all youth soccer coaches and anyone interested in coaching soccer will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Kankakee Federal. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Contact Kathy Franklin at 283-9540 for details.

Bowling meetings
☐ Thursday Night Men's City League, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5.
☐ Friday Mixed League 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6.
☐ Tuesday Night Classic Men's League, 7 p.m. Aug. 17.
 All meetings will be at Pla-Mor Lanes. For more information, call the bowling alley, 283-5195.

 **Police News** 

A boy's 20-inch bicycle was found Tuesday in the 700 block of East Seminary. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Jarred I. Stone, 18, of 215 E. Penn, was arrested at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday at East Penn and Market. Stone was charged with purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor prohibited after officers saw him walking and noticed a strong odor of alcohol. He was released on a notice to appear.

Nakisha N. Rhodes, 17, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, at 313 N. Seventh Ave. after she was seen riding a stolen bicycle. She was also charged with criminal damage to auto in connection with an Aug. 3 complaint.

Rhodes was released on a notice to appear.

Christopher T. Ford, 17, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 8:49 a.m. Wednesday in the 800 block of East Seminary. He was charged with aggravated battery and illegal consumption of alcohol by a person under 21. Police said Ford hit a 40-year-old man.


He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

While most people are anxious about taking the test, ~~Murphy said he looks for those who are nervous.~~ "There's a difference between nervousness and anxiety," Murphy said. If you're nervous, it's my job to make you more nervous."


By law, polygraph tests last only four minutes, but pre-test interviewing may take much longer. Questions are divided into three categories: relevant, irrelevant and control questions, those which determine the person's bodily reactions.

While results are inadmissible, occasionally a suspect will confess to a crime in Murphy's presence. He may then testify about the statements made outside of the testing. Recently, he said, a baby was severely injured – and will probably die – from being shaken by the mother. The mother confessed to Murphy. "It's those times that make it worthwhile," he said.

To become licensed, Murphy obtained a college degree then had a six-month internship. He has worked as a polygraphist for 21 years testing more than 10,000 people. One of about 100 licensed polygraphists in Illinois, he covers an 18-county area.

In the Hospital 

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Aug. 3
Admitted: Ethel Huckleby, Hoopeston.
Discharged: none.

Weather 

Mostly sunny today. High 83. Tonight, clear. Low 60. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 85, low 62.
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