

Warrant Names Captain Immoos

CASSOPOLIS — Cass County Prosecutor William Grimmer authorized a warrant Tuesday charging Berrien Sheriff's Department Capt. Ronald Immoos with possession of a firearm while under the influence of intoxicants.

The Cass County Sheriff's Department reported that the charge grew out of an incident Saturday in Silver Creek Township while Immoos was off duty. Grimmer said the weapon involved was a revolver, but declined to release any other details.

Conviction of the misdemeanor charge carries a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$100 fine.

Berrien County Sheriff Forrest "Nick" Jewell said Immoos has been suspended without pay pending the outcome of the Cass County case and also a re-

view of Berrien Sheriff's Department rules and regulations regarding conduct.

Grimmer told The Herald-Palladium that "I'm not going to try this case in the newspaper" and that the facts would come out later in open court.

Grimmer admitted that he had been under a lot of "pressure" because the charge involves a police officer, but said, "I'm trying to treat this like any other case."

According to Cass Sheriff's Deputy Robert Szymanski, Grimmer issued the following press release late Tuesday afternoon:

"The Cass County Prosecutor's Office has reviewed an incident report submitted by the Cass County Sheriff's Department involving a Ronald Immoos of St. Joseph, Mich. The alleged incident took place on Oct. 31, 1981, in Cass County. This office has issued a misdemeanor charge against Mr. Immoos for possession of a firearm while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, the charge which, upon conviction, carries a maximum penalty of 90 days and/or a \$100 fine."

Cass Undersheriff Larry Gorham said late Tuesday that Immoos had not yet been advised of the charge, but that he expected Immoos would be asked to voluntarily surrender for arraignment.

Immoos has been a policeman since 1963. He was



RONALD IMMOOS
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serving as captain of road patrol after previously being captain of detectives.

Injured In Crash

Benton Township police said a 27-year-old woman suffered minor injuries Tuesday afternoon when the car she was driving went off the road and struck a utility pole.

Cleo D. Dukes, of 134 Hastings Ave., Benton Harbor, was taken by Medic I ambulance to Mercy Hospital where she was treated for injuries and later released.

Patrolman David Nelson said Ms. Dukes was westbound on Napier Avenue near Milton Street about 5:41 p.m. when her car went over a curb and struck the pole. Ms. Dukes was ticketed for failure to maintain control.

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The comment was made in connection with a lawsuit filed by the village's insurance company over its liability for any damages that might result from the Tisdal suit.

Johnson was quoted as saying "We're in big trouble here." Johnson said he did not make the comment during nor after the meeting.