

Car Thief Seized as He Enters F. O. P. Meeting Hall

Because a 25-year-old Portland, Ore., man made the mistake of visiting a place where the Tucson chapter, Fraternal Order of Police, was holding its monthly meeting, he is being held today on grand theft charges.

Before Patrolmen Larry Wilson and Jack Wollard left police headquarters at midnight Tuesday to attend the F.O.P. meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars club, a radio report came in on the theft of a 1937 Dodge automobile in Yuma. The report gave a description of the alleged thief.

As the patrolmen entered the club they saw a man who fitted the description and who was wearing a Masonic ring and a service emblem similar to those

taken from U. L. Smith of Yuma, who lost the Dodge.

The man was questioned and then taken to police headquarters, where he identified himself as Clifford B. Chenoweth of Portland. In his possession was found a billfold containing identification papers of Smith, and he finally admitted that he had brought the Dodge to Tucson and sold it to a used-car dealer here for \$50. A .22-caliber rifle he found in the car was sold at a second-hand store for \$5, according to police reports.

Yuma authorities have been notified and Chenoweth is being held at police headquarters pending the arrival of officers from that city.

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