

On Scene at UW Bombing Site

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# County's Mobile Crime Lab Starts Rolling

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Dane County's new evidence truck was introduced to public roads Tuesday by Sheriff Vernon (Jack) Leslie after an unscheduled "baptism" last week at the University of Wisconsin bombing site.

The \$3,000 truck, with its \$9,000 worth of equipment, was authorized by the County Board as the first mobile "Crime Scene Unit" of its kind in the state to collect and preserve evidence.

**THE TAN TRUCK**, with its gold, blue, and black sheriff's-badge star decal and lettering, will be used 24 hours a day when needed at any crime scene, Sheriff Leslie said.

Sheriff's Capt. Stanley Klein and Evidence Technician David Niemann, both trained in operating the unit's evidence-collecting, will man the unit until about Oct. 1 when six newly-trained sheriff's men will start around the clock operation.

"With courts limiting law enforcement officers in the use of interrogation and confessions, we are compelled to be more dependent on technology to obtain evidence admissible in court," Capt. Klein said.

The new county mobile unit is "not a laboratory on wheels for analysis of evidence, but to provide the basic function of properly collecting and preserving evidence for later laboratory analysis," Niemann said.

**THE UNIT GOT** its first test, before its paint job, last week when its equipment supplied



**IN OPERATION** — Sheriff Vernon (Jack) Leslie, right, and Capt. Stanley Klein survey the new Dane County "Crime Scene Unit" evidence-collecting truck as Evidence

Technician David Niemann puts it in operation Tuesday from the City-County Building.

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cameras, lights, ropes, ladders, and probing equipment at the UW Sterling Hall Army Mathematics Research bombing. When FBI investigators moved in the following day, the county unit returned to quarters for its final outfitting and scheduled use.

Six of Leslie's sheriff's detectives, Darrell Lien, Ted Oasen, Michael Olson, David Cochems, James Meicher, and John Connell, will start training this week in the Chicago Police Laboratory and its mobile field units, to take over full time operation of the Dane County mo-

bile evidence unit next month.

The truck's equipment includes several types of cameras; special equipment for finding and recording fingerprints; casting equipment for recording foot, tire, and tool marks; a metal detection sweeper to recover minute evidence;

portable lights and ladders; video tape equipment; ultraviolet lights; a narcotic analysis field kit; saws and heavy equipment for recovering hard substances, and numerous other items used in evidence collecting and preservation, Capt. Klein said.