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Lie-Detector Tests For All E.K. Police, Firemen

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It's being called The Case of the Missing Christmas Fund.

It's responsible for the dog-eat-dog attitude which has prevailed in the East Kildonan civic offices since \$95 disappeared from an open boot locker in the city's fire hall.

The case is the reason lie-detector tests were being taken "voluntarily" Tuesday by all the 64 men in the city's police and fire departments.

"We had to do it," said Police Chief Chris Einfeld in an interview Tuesday. "Everyone was accusing the other guy and it was getting to be too much."

Chief Einfeld said however, that he doesn't have too much faith in the lie-detector machine.

Misplaced?

"If you ask me, the money was just misplaced. I'm sure it will turn up."

The \$95 had been gathered for a Christmas fund started by six firemen. The money disappeared in late November.

Chief Einfeld said the lie-detector tests were being taken voluntarily. The men "don't have to take it if they don't want to."

Asked how many had refused the test, he said none. "They all seem quite happy to clear themselves."

Someone, however, was dissatisfied because an anonymous person telephoned the Winnipeg Free Press early Tuesday and said:

"You'd better get out to East Kildonan."

"Why?" the caller was asked.

"All policemen and firemen have been given lie-detector tests."

"When?"

"Today," said the informant and hung up.

Asked to comment, G. N. Suttie of East Kildonan said he had been out of town and knew nothing of the matter. Mayor Suttie is chairman of the city's police commission.

Fire Chief Henry G. Williamson of East Kildonan in reply to a press inquiry, said, "It's a

police matter. I just can't give you a straight answer. You'll have to talk to the police."

Asked again if the information about lie-detector tests was correct, Fire Chief Williamson said, "Just ask the police — but you're liable to get a pretty rough answer."

Police Chief Einfeld, however, was glad to explain.

Not Others

He said his police officers and the entire fire department staff — including Chief Williamson — were standing in line to take the lie-detector test. However, he said it wouldn't be necessary to ask all civic employees in the municipal offices to take the test. "We're not going to bother with them."

Chief Einfeld said that he would be taking the lie-detector test himself.

What's more, said the police chief, he was going to ask everyone to go through another lie-detector test in an attempt to find out who had tipped off the Free Press to the East Kildonan situation.