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"Your next-door neighbor . . . ordinary citizens . . . the guy who cuts your meat — they buy it. The average citizen was my biggest customer. If they weren't, If he out of business, said the professional burglar.
"People call me and order something, Someone tells me what's there, and I'd go get it. They have where it came from," said No. 104534 from Southern Michigan Prison.

His proper name No. 104534 from the said of the

act happened to be a micingan other. Police trooper.

That conviction being his fourth, Love is spending a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of 20 in prison. If there should be a fifth conviction when he gets out in 1988, he will be in for life.

LOVE HAS been getting a tour of the state, courtesy of the Michigan Sheriffs Association and State Farm Property & Casually Insurance. Last week he was in Southfield, along with Oakhard County Sheriff Johannes Spreen and Farmington Hills housewife Gwen Milne.

Milne.

Love tells insurance agents and local police officials why they should help homeowners set up Neighborhood Watch programs to curb the 170,000 burglaries a year which occur in Michigan.

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Sometimes Love tells them things they don't want to hear:

• A Neighborhood Watch project? That didn't stop him if he had a "setup" — that is, if someone had told him about a particular owner's jewelry and valuables and wanted to buy. Generally, however, Neighborhood Watch projects discourage burglars, particularly amateurs, who do 85-80 percent of the jobs.

• A deadholt lock, recommended by this transca agains? Love would get in through a window, thus the keys the owners had to the don't will study we go out the done. It's easier to carry a microwave through a door than to climb

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Burglary rates lower in suburbs agents and local police officials last week, Oakland Sheriff Johannes Spreen boasted that "Our burglary rate is going down. Our arrest rate is going ""

Want to reduce your chances of bur-glary in your home? Move out of De-troit.

troit.

A Detroit resident stands three times as much chance of having hig/her home or business broken into as a resident or suburban Waye County or Oakland County, according to statistics compiled by the state's Office of Criminal Justice.

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With a population of 1.2 million, Detroiters last year suffered 47,000 bur-

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going down. Our arrest rate is going up."

The figures bore him out. One ben-glary in seven was "cleared" by arrest in Oakland County last year. For subar-ham wayne County, the arrest rate was one in 10; for Detroit, one in 15. In general, arrest rates in outstate cities such as Flind, Grand Rapids and Abbion were even better — one in five to sir.

A DAY PERSON, Love would scout "suburbs, rural homes set back, with not a lot of activity" for his next vic"Ille daytime better in rural areas.
Dusk to 10 p.m. is better in suburbs. I don't know any burglars who work after 10 p.m.
"Most of the time, I go right in through the front door. Most of the

time, I can get in faster than you can with a key, I look for the easy ones.

"I knocked a hole in a glass door one time. Three months later I went back and reached right through the same hole. They'd never repaired it.
"I started at (ago) 12. Our neighbors left their doors open. 7 go in and take dods and ends, and small change."

He did his first prison term at 17. There he got his "doucation." Many wete contacts who would buy things.

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REHABILITATION? "There is no
such thing as rehabilitation in prison.

Rehabilitation is a word."

Yet Love is not eager to return to
burglary when his 10-20 years are up.
"Yee never come out of the pen looking
for trouble. Next time I'm in for life,"

for trume. No. 1 he said. He said he carried a weapon only once — a .22 on a "setup" job when he thought he might encounter a dog. Otherwise, he's unarmed and not physical-

thought he might encounter a ong. Unterwise, he's unarmed and not physically dangerous. He called the law providing for a life term for habitual criminals "a back law. I'm not a killer, but I'm facing (a) life (term), on a meak thief. I'll avoid a conformation. (if caught I won't stand there and beat on you, but I'm desperant. I want to get away.

"I'll you're home, and somebody is burglarizing your house, make a noise. I'll leave. I don't want to see you."

Love thinks juvenile courts should get tougher on kids. "Bust their ass. Don't just send them back in the street with a slap on the wrist.

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out a window," he said.

• Operation Identification, where valuables are marked by the owner? "Identification is good for one thing—recovery," said Low. "In ever had no one turn it (stolen property) down because it was marked. They rou solen to advertise where they got it."

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NEVERTHILESS, Love, Spreen and Milne were strong supporters of Neighborhood Watch, a federally funded citizen burglary prevention program run by sherilf's departments and promoted by State Farm.

"You can beat locks. You can get around dogs. But you can't beat them eyes and ears," said Love.
"Citizen involvement," Spreen repeated and repeated. "The police can't do it alone. Police are in a response mode." They want to lock the barn door after the horse has been stolers.

Informed neighbors are the first line of detenes, said Milne, who found her house ransacked in February 1981 when she and did Milne, who founder from a week-and she half business trip. More lightly, and locks were other conditions, and locks were other conditions. remedies, she said. Some 300 people are involved in her Neighborhood Watch program now. Love added: "A dog is the biggest de-

terrent after (human) eyes and ears. And they bite."

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