

...would have been an opportunity for the board to start a new beginning in Louis and minimize racial tension. But at least the process is fair."

Other caucus member, ... in Bosley St., D-3rd Ward, is "confident" that Berner is ... but at the same time ... "I hope this new chief ... and that black-on-black ... unacceptable to us in North

of "inabilities" for ranking Berner and four captains above lieutenant colonels for the post, said. "This (the selection) could set a dangerous precedent. Not so much because of the selection of a major, but next time the board might step down two notches for a captain. This would lend itself to politics, and it breeds discontent."

Berner generally was praised by high-ranking Police Department

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Man booked in Hyde Park woman's killing

Rodney Lee Lincoln, a 37-year-old convicted murderer, was booked Sunday suspected of murder and assault in the stabbing death last month of a 35-year-old North St. Louis woman and the wounding of her two children.



Lincoln

Lincoln, who was arrested about 2 p.m. in his home at 8116 Minnesota Ave., denied killing Jo Ann Tate or wounding her children, said St. Louis homicide Detective Joe Burgoon.

Mrs. Tate was introduced to Lincoln in the summer of 1981 at a South St. Louis tavern after he met her brother, Dan Clenney, Burgoon said. Mrs. Tate and Lincoln became friendly, although Lincoln said he had not seen Mrs. Tate since last summer, Burgoon said.

Mrs. Tate, described by friends and relatives as a "gentle person who wouldn't hurt anyone," was found April 27 lying face-down in her Hyde Park apartment. Medical examiners said she had been stabbed once in the chest and sexually molested.

ONE OF MRS. Tate's daughters, 7-year-old Melissa Davis, had been stabbed several times in the chest. Her other daughter, 4-year-old Rene Tate, had been stabbed in the right side and had slash wounds on the neck.

Both children recovered and are living with foster parents, police said. Mrs. Tate was divorced.

Burgoon, who could give no motive for the slaying, said police would apply Monday for warrants on Lincoln, who was held Sunday night without bail in the city jail.

A TRUCK driver with Mound City Wholesale Grocers, Lincoln was found guilty of second-degree murder in 1973 and sentenced in St. Louis County Circuit Court to 10 years in prison, records show.

After his arrest in that killing, Lincoln had admitted to police that he had beaten a Lemay man with a stone and pushed him head-first into the Mississippi River. The body was never recovered.

Lincoln served two years for that crime in the Missouri State Penitentiary, police said.

In 1977, Lincoln was convicted of two crimes — second-degree burglary in St. Louis and stealing over \$50 in St. Louis County. He was given two concurrent five-year sentences. Police were not sure Sunday when he was released.

LINCOLN ALSO was convicted in the 1960s on conspiracy to commit embezzlement and operating a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner, St. Louis police said.



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Soviet Union's long-awaited program" is expected to be during a plenary session of the Communist Party Central Committee this week, and sources say there's been an effort to include aphasis on private plots and lized management of farming.

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THE FED now attempts to get s range for the rest of the year, rely be creating inadequate new — and interest rates will stay onably high," he said.

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Harris Survey

ago, 68 percent of Americans reported that crime in their home area was on the rise, whereas this year a smaller majority, 59 percent, feels that way.

A year ago, 48 percent said that they felt more uneasy on the streets compared with 1980. This year that figure is 41 percent, while a much higher 58 percent say they either feel less uneasy or no different from the way they felt a year ago.

Confidence in local and state law enforcement officials seems to be holding at levels considerably above those of the period from 1973 through 1978.

HERE ARE the trends in Americans' assessment of local and state law enforcement agencies.

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