

## HELP WANTED IN PAYING BAIL OF ALLEGED WANT-AD CON MAN

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Jackie G. Turner is charged with using misleading newspaper advertisements to attract investors in confidence schemes. Now he is using want ads for help getting out of jail.

'FATHER AND/OR MOTHER WANTED,' reads the ad, which ran in the personal column several days last week. 'Young professional man, excellent career, became compulsive gambler via family tragedy. Needs legal & financial help.' Readers are asked to write to 'Scott Turner' at the address of the City Workhouse, 7600 Hall Street. The name is one of those police say he used in his earlier ads. Turner is in the medium security institution. He has not paid his bail of \$17,000.

He was charged last month with deceptive business practices and attempted theft. Police are investigating confidence schemes they say Turner operated. Victims may have lost as much as \$50,000 in bogus checks, video game franchises and other frauds involving computer stores and service training.

Detective Ronald Young said Turner, 35, had a career as a computer trainer and salesman until he became a compulsive gambler. He is reported to have lost hundreds of dollars a night at horse races. But his claim of 'family tragedy' has been disputed by his estranged wife. She is living with their four children on welfare assistance.

'He is brazen,' Young said. 'The ad shows how gullible he thinks the public is.'

Willis A. Roberts, superintendent of the Workhouse, said he had heard Turner was using the address of the Workhouse in a want ad. But he said he did not know whether the inmate had got any response. No rule prohibits him from placing such ads, Roberts said.

'Because of his status as a pretrial prisoner, he's innocent until proven guilty,' Roberts said. 'We are restricted from interfering with his correspondence with the media.'