

TITLE: George Scott collection

DATE RANGE: 1966-1967

CALL NUMBER: MS 1472

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: .25 linear feet (1 box)

PROVENANCE: Donated by George Scott, AKA George Polka

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: George Scott was Tucson radio station KCUB manager and reporter, famous locally for an interview with serial killer Charles Schmid. Mr. Scott was also known as George Polka. This collection contains some of his materials concerning Charles Schmid.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Serial killer Charles Schmid was convicted in 1966 of the murders of Gretchen and Wendy Fritz and pled guilty to murdering Alleen Rowe in 1967. Schmid was a charismatic young man resembling Elvis Presley who wore boots much too large, stuffing them with trash, papers, and cans in order to appear taller than 5'3". His trial was a national sensation, covered by *Life* and *Playboy*. After having been convicted for the murder of the "Fritz girls," Schmid's lawyer, Bill Tinney, recruited F. Lee Bailey to help defend him. Schmid gave only two interviews, one of which was with George Scott. Schmid was later killed in prison by fellow inmates.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: The collection contains several items related to Charles Schmid, including letters written by him from prison to L.E. Hudson, newspaper articles concerning the interview tapes (which figured into the second trial), economics correspondence course worksheets and an essay written by Schmid, and photos, mostly of Schmid and police in the desert (possibly when Schmid took police to Rowe's body). The collection also includes two other KCUB documentaries, one on the Lost Dutchman's Mine and the other on skydiving.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Correspondence from Charles Schmid	1967
	2	Articles about Charles Schmid	1967
	3	Charles Schmid correspondence class paperwork	1967
	4	Charles Schmid photographs	1967
	5	KCUB Lost Dutchman Mine documentary papers	1966—1967
	6	KCUB Lost Dutchman Mine documentary photographs	approximately 1966
	7	KCUB skydiving documentary photographs	undated