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## OBJECTIVES

As a result of attending this program, participants should gain a greater understanding of the:

- beginnings of satanic worship and its progression through the modern day
- differences between paganism and satanism
- new self-styled religions
- ancient religions of the Hispanic and Caribbean cultures, including Santeria
- actual ritual items and photographic depiction of local occult ritual activities
- techniques to link criminal activity to certain occult groups
- ways to recognize cult related problems with the youth that police and other organizations serve

## INSTRUCTOR

Sergeant Edward Maxwell, Investigator, New Castle County Department of Police, New Castle, Delaware.

Sergeant Maxwell is a fifteen year veteran of the New Castle County Police Department. Over the past several years, he has spent considerable time working with and studying occult groups along the east coast. Sergeant Maxwell has investigated criminally motivated groups and has attended many local rituals of legitimate neo-pagan groups. Sergeant Maxwell is an outstanding instructor on this topic and has served as guest lecturer to numerous agencies on the east coast as well as appearing on various television and radio programs.

## OUTLINE OF CONTENT

### INTRODUCTION TO SEMINAR

#### SATANISM

- \* History of the devil
- \* Traditional worship
  - OTO
  - Church of Satan
  - Temple of Set
  - Psychic Youth Temple
- \* Self-Styled Worship
  - Night Stalker
  - Son of Sam
  - Manson
  - Sean Sellers
- \* Dabblers
  - Profile of young dabblers
  - Inducements
  - Party motifs
  - Power seekers

#### NEO-PAGAN WORSHIP

- \* Wicca
  - Gardner
  - Alexander
  - Generational
- \* Ar N Draiocht Fein - Modern Druidism
  - Ancient teachers
  - Blood sacrifices
  - Modern revival
  - Differences from Wicca
- \* Shamanism
- \* Self-Styled Pagans
  - Temple of Women's Spirits
  - Crystal Magic
- \* Pagan Networking

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- \* Graffiti
- \* D & D (Dungeons and Dragons)
- \* Heavy metal
- \* Local markings
- \* Signs and symbols
- \* Candles and ritual items

#### SANTERIA

- \* History of Yourba Tribe
- \* Saints
- \* Ache/Ebbo Concepts
- \* Poly Mayombe
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- \* Ritual items

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# Ideas & Trends

## Police Departments Try To Pick Up on Satanism

By WAYNE KING

**W**HEN sheriff's officers in Camden County, N.J., began to find obscure symbols, what appeared to be runic writings and some tombstones turned over in a county cemetery last spring, they thought it was nothing more than the work of teen-age vandals.

But then shocked officers discovered the newly opened grave of an infant in the cemetery. The body was undisturbed, although someone had dug down four feet before apparently being frightened off. Undersheriff George Fallon was convinced that bizarre as it seemed, some sort of satanic cult, possibly bent on sacrifice of an infant's body, was at work. He did what a growing number of police departments around the country are doing these days: he sent a pair of officers to a seminar to learn more about the workings of satanic cults.

"Basically," they went for general intelligence purposes," said Sgt. Phil Dohrton, a spokesman for the sheriff's department. "We want somebody who's well-informed in all aspects of criminality."

The Camden officers were among some 45 people,

mostly police officers, who attended a three-day course

on Satanism and the occult and their connection with criminal activity conducted last April in Philadelphia under the auspices of the University of Delaware. It was the second course of its kind offered by the university and interest has mushroomed.

"This is a very popular course," said Jacob Haber, the school's continuing education specialist who develops seminars for the criminal justice community.

Because of the growing interest in Satanism and cult activity, Mr. Haber has organized more than a dozen such seminars around the country.

While skepticism remains about the prevalence of the practice of Satanism, law-enforcement officials said they needed to know more about it because, they said, skeptical or not, they are having to deal with what appears to be growing incidence of cultism.

The New Jersey State Police now have two officers assigned to investigate cult crimes, including Satan rituals. The Chicago police department has an officer who specializes in gang and satanic cult crimes.

In Worcester, Mass., where a Satanism seminar for

police officers will be held in mid-December, Lieut. Paul Campbell, a police department spokesman, said that a number of incidents had spurred interest in learning more about Satanism and the occult. The incidents included desecrations at a synagogue and a Roman Catholic church, toppling of more than a hundred gravestones at a cemetery, and the scrawling of the numerals "666," symbol of the Antichrist, on a religious statue.

By coincidence, the Satan course last April convened

the day that the discovery of 13 bodies, victims of what law-enforcement officials said was a drug ring's cult sac-

rifice, was announced in Mexico.

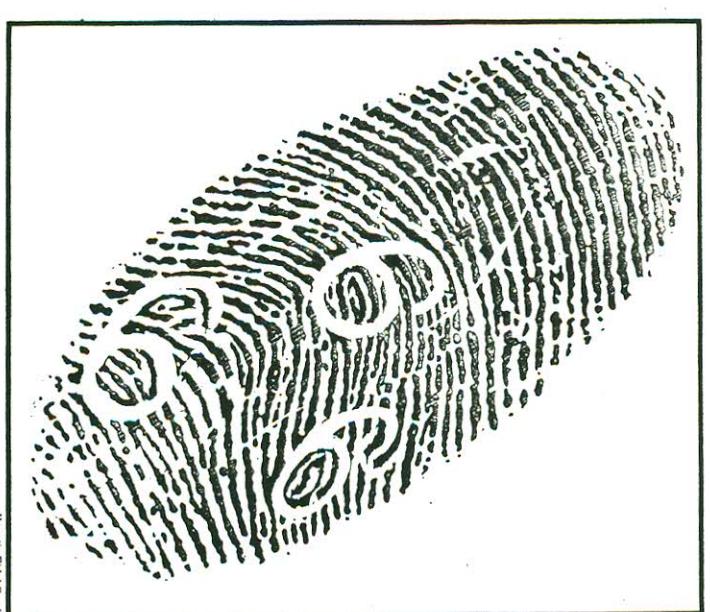
For most Americans such incidents probably seem to be just another streak of madness running through society. And to those who have studied the subject Satanism is a handy catchall for a range of dark beliefs. The crimes run from what might be regarded as vandalism to much more serious matters of grave-robbing and ritual murder. There is no central clearing house for the tabulation of such offenses, so there are no hard numbers to go by.

But there are straws in the wind, and some are disturbing.

Earlier this year, about 25 teenagers were arrested during a mock satanic ritual in an abandoned building near Albany.

Thomas Wedge, a former Ohio police officer who conducted the April seminar in Philadelphia, showed a photograph of an Oklahoma City teenager who killed his parents because he believed they interfered with his Satan worship. A New Jersey teen-ager a few years ago killed his parents because, he said, Satan commanded him to.

Researchers like Mr. Wedge, the author of a book, "Satan Hunter," said that Satanism is in fact a recognized and constitutionally protected religion and no irrefutable results so long as no laws are broken. It is, he said, the "non-traditional" Satanist, the drug-driven dabbler or the deranged, who is apt to cause trouble.



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Buffalo News

Buffalo News (April 5, 1987)

# Facing a grisly tentacle of the occult

## SPOTLIGHT

By MARJORIE HYER  
*Washington Post*



### SATANISM

"Want to know what a Satanist looks like?"

The instructor pushed a button, and on the screen appeared a snapshot of a middle-aged couple with their apple-cheeked, neatly dressed 16-year-old son.

About

midnight

March 5, 1986, not long after that photograph was taken, authorities said, that youth with the

nearest Prince Valiant haircut donned black underwear and, standing before a makeshift altar in his Oklahoma City bedroom, performed a ritual summoning demons to enter his body.

Then he took a .44 magnum pistol and killed both of his sleeping parents because, he told police, "they interfered with my religion."

The grisly story of Sean Sellers, now on death row in Oklahoma, was part of a seminar for law enforcement officers on "Cults and the Occult" by Thomas W. Wedge, 45, a former deputy sheriff from Logan County, Ohio.

For 14 years, Wedge has prowled graveyards and crime scenes, investigated charred and bizarre residues in abandoned houses and interrogated a wide range of people, including Sellers, to learn more about Satanism. He has written two books on the subject.

For three days recently, he shared his knowledge with 40 police officers from the Eastern Seaboard in the seminar.

Wedge told the group repeatedly: "It doesn't matter what you and I believe. It's what they believe that makes them dangerous. We might laugh, and you might think it's funny, but it can cost you your life."

Police traditionally are trained to deal with things we can lay our hands on," he said. "For the first time, we in law enforcement are dealing with something we can't shoot at, can't handcuff. And it is very dangerous."

Wedge demonstrated how to distinguish between Satanists — more likely to be subjects of

members are useful as informants.

"Pagans are fascinating people. You can learn so much from them." But, he added, "I don't misunderstand me; they're still pagans."

PHILADELPHIA — He passed around a little green pouch, a Satanist's "mojo bag," he said. "Don't you ever grab this," he warned. "It's worn on the belt or around the neck for spiritual protection. ... You can ask them to remove it, but don't you grab it. They'll fight you for it. ... You might even instruct your jailers about this. It can save a lot of people from getting hurt."

He taught the officers how to decode symbols used by Satanists and other occult groups such as the one on the Mexican border that is believed to have led to the deaths of at least 15 people. They included:

■ The inverted pentagram, or five-pointed star, with two points up, representing the goat's

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Thomas W. Wedge  
Satanism expert

head, or Satan. Pagans use it with the two points at the bottom.

■ The cross of Nero — the peace symbol in the 1960s — and the upside-down Cross of Confusion with a question mark. Both demean Christianity.

Wedge began his seminar with the fundamentals, starting with the Bible.

"Satan wanted to become God, he wanted other angelic beings to worship him," Wedge said. God punished the rebellion by casting him out. "One-third of the angels chose to follow him," he said. It is these fallen angels that Satanists try to conjure up, he said.

Satanism "is the dark side," the reverse of Christianity, Wedge said. Satanists shun "everything that deals with the right hand," because Christ sits at God's right hand, he said. They take as their commandment "Do what thou wilt" instead of service to others, he said.

Wedge made a distinction between "non-traditionalist" Satanists and "traditionalists" in such organized groups as Anton LaVey's Church of Satan. Those groups, Wedge noted, are protected under First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom, as long as no laws are broken.

Traditionalists tend to shun the spotlight

and do not actively recruit new members, he said: "It's probably easier to get elected to Congress than into the traditionalist groups."

The nontraditionalists are more likely to be a cause for police concern, he said. Those who become involved with nontraditionalists tend to be "white males, extremely intelligent, from upper-class homes, with very little self-esteem," Wedge said. "There's a void in their

killed, found with their heads missing and that have been bled out," he said.

Bechtel said "a lot of symbols" have been found, including pentagrams and inverted crosses. "We're not sure exactly, ... but when you come to something like this and you put it all together, it does create a suspicion," he said.

An officer from Bucks County, Pa., who asked not to be identified, had more than suspicions. In the unsolved file, he said, is the case of a young woman who "disappeared from a bar." Her body was found decapitated and eviscerated "like you'd dress a deer."

Gordon Eyler, an investigator for the Essex County, N.J., prosecutor's office, said Satanism is a new phenomenon, and it's a phenomenon we have to learn how to deal with in law enforcement."