



In "Police Story"

David Cassidy is shown in a bedroom scene with actress

Dee Wallace in a scene from an upcoming "Police Story" serial. Cassidy, now 27, has

resurfaced after three years to star in the episode.

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David Cassidy in limelight

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — David Cassidy, who sold 20 million records, starred in "The Partridge Family" and packed concert halls, turned off his career like a water tap three years ago and walked away from it all.

The youthful millionaire bought an estate in Hawaii, a horse farm in Santa Barbara, Calif., and let the rest of the world go by.

During the frantic four years of television series Cassidy was a teen-age idol whose public appearances fostered riot control precau-

tions. To youngsters he was Elvis, the Osmonds and Elton John all rolled in one.

His image was wholesome, drugless and romantic. There was no telling how high his career might have soared. But David quit cold after a concert for 40,000 screaming fans in England.

IT WAS A matter of self-preservation.

Now David, 27, has surfaced to star in a two-hour episode of television's "Police Story," the first step in re-establishing his career.

"I'm glad the mania is over," he said. "It was an in-

credible trip and tremendous experience to go through. I enjoyed it. But I stopped because I was overworked. I didn't think I could take that part of my career any further.

"I needed a readjustment to living and to get in touch with myself and my friends.

"It seemed everyone had a piece of me, pulling in different directions. I'd lost control of my life. I can understand what Freddie Prinze went through. He was younger than I was and had to contend with the same sort of pressures.

"There comes a time when overwhelming success at an early age becomes too much to handle. The only option that made sense to me was step-

ing back from it.

"The whole phenomenon of David Cassidy was a bizarre way of life. And I was fortunate to have come out through the other side with my head on straight. I survived.