

Rape Suspect Charged While Out On Bond

ELIZABETHTOWN — A 21-year-old Clarkton area man who had been charged earlier this year with rape and was free on bond was arrested here Thursday for allegedly attempting to rape a blind, 93-year-old nursing home patient, authorities said.

Elizabethtown Police Chief Michael Royston said Michael McKoy of Route 1, Clarkton was charged with a second degree sex offense and was being held on a \$50,000 cash bond in the Bladen County Jail.

Royston said that an attendant at the Elizabethtown Nursing Center on Mercer Mill Road walked into the patient's room as a man was attempting to rape the patient. Royston said McKoy was picked up within 30 minutes about a mile from the nursing center because he fit the description of the attacker given by the attendant.

A probable cause hearing is schedule for July 30.

Bladen Pedestrian Hit, Killed By Auto

ELIZABETHTOWN — A 55-year-old Bladen County man was killed late Thursday night when he stepped backward into a passing car, according to Elizabethtown police.

Killed was William Rudolph Reeves of Route 3, Elizabethtown, a police report stated.

A witness said Reeves stood up from a crouched position along Quail Street and stepped backward into the side of a car driven by Gloria Olivia Lewis of Elizabethtown, according to the report.

No charges were filed, authorities said.

Assembly

challenge Martin in the 1988 gubernatorial race, said Martin was "more interested in getting his credit than in helping our children."

"I'm disappointed that the governor prefers to sit on the sidelines ... and criticize," Jordan said. "He refuses to understand the process."

Martin said that by generating only \$85 million per year in new revenue, the bill would fall far short of meeting the state's school facility needs. Jordan, however, contends that the entire package — which also includes revenue from 1983 and 1986 sales tax increases and eliminates a 3 percent tax break for businesses that collect sales taxes — would generate \$3.2 billion.

That is the amount that the Department of Public Instruction, which surveyed local officials this spring, says is needed. Jordan and Ramsey have said the figure was exaggerated.

Despite Martin's opposition and last-minute lobbying, there were signs that his House GOP allies were divided on the issue.

Reps. Monroe Buchanan, R-Mitchell, and Tim Tallent, R-Cabarrus, voted for the bill. The House minority whip, Rep. Ray Warren, R-Mecklenburg, left the chamber prior to the vote, as did Rep. Ivan Mothershead, R-Mecklenburg.

No Democrats voted against the bill although Rep. Pete Cunningham, D-Mecklenburg, said he was worried about its impact on small business and local governments.

Jordan said he had been told that House Republicans, who caucused privately before the day's session, had split 10-10 over whether to fight the bill.

"That is absolutely not so," countered the House minority leader, Betsy Cochrane, R-Davie. "Whoever his (Jordan's) source of information is is not shooting straight."

Mrs. Cochrane declined to say

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may call on other experts as advisors in the investigation.

"They are expected to be on Pope for at least two weeks, and then it may be months before the results are revealed," he said.

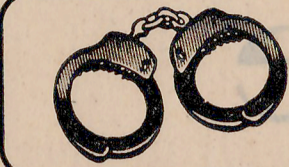
An Army spokesperson said a separate investigation is being conducted into the death of Staff Sgt. Douglas L. Hunter, 25, an 82nd Airborne Division soldier who died when the aircraft struck his Army vehicle.

Sgt. 1st Class Carol Sobel said an investigation is routine any time a soldier is killed. She said details will not be released until the investigation is completed.

Airmen killed in the crash include the pilot, Capt. Garry M. Bardo Jr., 31; the navigator, 1st Lt. John B. Keiser III, 28; and two loadmasters, Tech. Sgt. Timothy J. Matar, 32, and Airman 1st Class Albert G. Dunse, 23.

A spokesman at Brooke Army Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston

Crime Report



\$4,000 Worth Of Items Missing From Cumberland County Home

A Cumberland County man returned home Friday after a month-long absence to discover more than \$4,000 worth of items missing from his home, according to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

John Ralph Sabroe of 36 Crabapple Drive returned from military duty and found that stereo equipment, jewelry, a rifle and a color television had been stolen, an incident report states.

Reports state that a rear window of the home had been broken and the door unlocked.

Money Taken During Pizza Hut Break-In

An undetermined amount of money was taken from a cash register and vending machines in a break-in early Friday at the Pizza Hut at 3404 Ramsey Street, according to Fayetteville police reports.

Someone broke in through a side door and pried open the vending machines and cash register, the report state.

Electricity had been turned off, disabling the burglar alarm, according to the report.

Food, 2 Record Players Taken From Club

Ten cases of beer, two record players and a case of beef jerky were taken from the Inn Between Club at 416 Robeson Street in a break-in Friday morning, according to Fayetteville police reports.

Intruders smashed the glass in the club's front door and removed the beer through a back door, according to the reports. Other rooms were broken into, including private liquor lockers, but it was unknown if any other items were taken, the reports state. The stolen items were valued at \$416, according to reports.

Fayetteville Woman Thwarts Burglary Try

A Fayetteville woman thwarted a would-be burglar Friday morning by hitting the man on the head with a broom as he tried to crawl through a kitchen window, according to Fayetteville police.

Jackie Blackman, 31, of 1923 Corinna Street, woke up at 1:10 a.m. when she heard glass breaking in her kitchen, reports state. She walked into the kitchen where she saw a man trying to crawl through a window over the sink, according to the reports. After Ms. Blackman struck the man, he escaped through her backyard, the reports state.

If you have information that could lead to solving these crimes or others in the Fayetteville area, call Crime Stoppers at 483-8477. You do not have to give your name.

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Lightning Zaps Sheriff's Radio

oxygen and eventually burning a "rust spot" on the leaves, Barwick said.

Smith said the tougher red-variety green peach aphids may be appearing in greater numbers as farmers thin out the weaker green variety. Or, because they are so small, red-variety aphids may have been blown into North Carolina from other states and established themselves over the past couple of years, he said.

Even though the red-variety aphids are more heat- and chemical-resistant, they can be controlled, Smith said.

"I wouldn't call it a threat," he said. "It's a little more difficult to control. ... It's not going to be one that's going to wipe us out. It's not a dark cloud on the horizon."

"It's just a matter of getting our growers to recognize that it's a different one than they're used to. ... It's not a resistant insect that's going to come in and destroy our crop," he said.

Usually, the aphid population declines after the tobacco is topped and the upper leaves begin to grow, Smith said.

Barwick said farmers should consider spraying insecticides when the aphid population reaches "threshold" levels — when 25 percent of the plants in a field have 50 or more aphids on a leaf.

Rick Morris, extension tobacco specialist in Cumberland County,

transportation to bring families to the area but will assist them in arranging private transportation and will escort them once they are here. Members of the 40th Squadron, in which the victims served, will assist in that operation, and the base chaplain's office is handling the memorial service, Irving said.

Another memorial service for Hunter, originally planned for Monday, has been postponed until July 13, Sobel said. No reason was given for the change.

Both services will be limited to families, close friends and co-workers of the victims, the spokesmen said.

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Attempt To Save Bald Eagle Home Is Cause Of Conflict At Jordan Lake

MONCURE (AP) — Eagle-watchers armed with binoculars are gathering this summer in large numbers at a northern finger of Jordan Lake which has become one of the best bald eagle viewing areas east of the Mississippi River.

But the eagles' nesting area near here is also sparking a growing controversy between the bird watchers and others who use the lake.

The conflict basically concerns a single issue:

How much recreational activity at the lake will adversely affect the eagle population?

The Wildlife Resources Commission, which leases 18,000 acres adjoining the lake for public use, is anxious to keep its latest stars from taking their show elsewhere. At the same time, the agency is acutely aware that Jordan Lake was designed primarily for recreation and has become a popular site for boating and fishing.

North Carolina officials began keeping eagle counts at Jordan Lake in June 1985 after local Audubon Society members reported sighting large numbers of the birds. That July, 42 eagles were recorded; the number fell sharply after August, but increased to 53 the following July. Last month, observers spotted a record number of 54 eagles, prompting state wildlife officials to predict that as many as 75 may be seen at the lake later this summer.

One attraction of Jordan Lake, scientists speculate, is its relatively shallow depth, which gives the eagles easy means of plucking their favorite food from the water. Another may be the availability of perching sites large enough to accommodate their great wings.

"See those dead trees? During the day, that's their favorite spot," said Deborah Paul, director of non-game programs for the state Wildlife Resources Commission. She said the bleached, nearly limbless trees, ranged

along the lake's northern shore, are the eagles a roomy place to sit and scan the water for food.

"The tightrope we walk is balancing the needs of an endangered species with the needs of an increasingly urban population," Ms. Paul said.

That balancing act flared to open conflict in September 1985 when officials suggested that the northern area of the lake might be closed to boat traffic.

"The fishermen united in a blow," Ms. Paul said. "I got a lot of telephone calls from people saying, 'I'll blast every eagle out of the sky if you're going to do this.'"

Another source of friction has been a shooting range planned, ironically, for an area where the eagles frequently congregate. Local bird watchers want to scrap that proposal in favor of a nature center, a plan that has drawn fire from hunters.

To resolve those issues, the Army Corps of Engineers, which owns the lake property, has commissioned Fraser to make a study focusing on the effect of recreational activity on the lake's eagle population. While results of the study, scheduled for completion next spring, are still preliminary, Fraser said there is only a remote chance that activities in the popular southern region will have to be curtailed.

There remains, however, the subject of the northern lake area, which is shallower and thus more popular with the birds. Although a final decision hinges on the study's conclusions, recreation in that area might well be limited, according to William Adams, a spokesman for the Corps of Engineers in Washington.

Corps officials especially might choose to restrict motorboat traffic, which seems to frighten the birds, Adams said. Any boat restrictions would be voluntary at first with mandatory controls imposed only as a last resort, he said.

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whose family home is in Robeson County, carried the torch there for a mile.

Jordan said he felt like he did before he entered a competition.

His brother, Robert, also carried the torch, calling the privilege "special."

Boy Scouts gathered in full uniform to watch and wave Ameri-

can flags as the torch passed through St. Pauls.

They were joined by almost 400 of the town's 2,000 residents.

The runners also stopped in Pembroke and Red Springs before heading back toward Fayetteville by way of Parkton, Hope Mills and Cumberland.

Lightning from a thunderstorm knocked out the Bladen County Sheriff's Department communications system on Friday and forced deputies and dispatchers to communicate with short-range walkie-talkies.

Dispatchers said the storms knocked out the radio before noon and the outage lasted until 5 p.m. They said there were no serious problems caused by the outage, although at times officers used telephones to reach the office.

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said the aphid infestation is "not anything out of the ordinary. None of them have really reached the threshold level yet. Growers that are scouting and are doing a routine job of looking for insects can keep the red aphids under control."

Besides aphids, budworms and hornworms are troubling tobacco crops this season, officials said.

"Our biggest threat as far as insect control has been budworms," Morris said. "They're down in the buds, and the buds are tight, and it's hard to get anything down in there to them."

Barwick said budworms "can really chew them up, and that causes a large reduction in yield."

Farmers also are seeing limited outbreaks of diseases such as tobacco mosaic virus, Granville wilt and black shank, Smith said.

"We're a little bit better off from a disease standpoint this year than we were at the same time last year," he said. "We certainly have been dry in some spots. But as a whole, I think we have a pretty good crop of tobacco."

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going to take it rather than hold an 8 to 5 job. Either way — it's a crossroads for him."

The Hansards face a dilemma. They feel if they are too nice to Patrick, he will try to use them. But if they take a sterner line, he will bristle and become alienated.

"I don't feel guilty," said Jelia Hansard. "My love is unconditional. As to what may happen to him when he gets out — I have no idea."

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Patrick

How did it happen? Why did Patrick go bad? Maybe it began when Lelia Hansard got pregnant during her senior year in high school in South Carolina. Her son was born in November of 1967. She graduated the next May.

Lelia didn't marry Patrick's father, and raised the boy by herself. It wasn't until he was 13 that she married Henry Hansard, giving Patrick a father figure in his life.

Of course, he didn't act much like he wanted one.

"He'd say, 'You didn't marry my dad,'" said Mrs. Hansard. "I would tell him that made him no less a person. When I got married in 1981, he told me he wasn't going to change his name like I was doing."

By the time Henry Hansard came along, Patrick was hard to handle. He'd been causing trouble in school since the second grade. Her mother and father would interfere when she tried to discipline the child, according to Mrs. Hansard, and Patrick also became accustomed to getting what he wanted.

"I lived with my grandparents next door to my parents," she said. "When I would spank my son — not that hard — he would scream and my parents would come rushing over. They'd choose his side."

Down A One-Way Road

Patrick bounced from regular classes to special education and back again. He'd do well in special ed because he was ashamed to be there, and poorly in the mainstream classroom because he wouldn't work.

His real father, whom Patrick hasn't seen since 1974, "totally rejected him," says Mrs. Hansard. "He seldom called or wrote Patrick and when he did, he'd lie to him."

In January of 1982 the Hansard family, all three of them, went to Europe where Henry Hansard, a soldier, was to be stationed. In February Patrick was back in the States, with his grandparents in South Carolina.

One incident in Germany particularly worried Patrick's step-father. After a dispute, young Patrick threw a whiskey bottle through the driver's window of Henry Hansard's car.

"He must have thought I was sitting there," said Hansard. "No telling what would have happened if I had been. I made arrangements for him to come back to the States. I told her then he was heading down a one-way road."

Prison At 17

The problems continued for Patrick. He was caught with marijuana. He drank beer in school.

In June of 1984 the Hansards returned to North Carolina. They asked Patrick if he would like to come live with them. He said no.

In August of that year he was caught shoplifting.

In November he was expelled from school.

And that same month he broke into the deputy warden's house at the women's correctional institute near Columbia, S.C. and stole her purse.

In March of 1985 Patrick got his first taste of prison. It was only a youthful offender's camp. He stayed there six months. He was 17 years old.

Henry Hansard's next duty station was Japan. His mother wanted to take Patrick with them, but friends said she'd better not. They had stiff laws in Japan.

Patrick went to live with his aunt when he got out of the youthful offender prison. But she started missing jewelry, including her wedding ring, and he was forced to move out.

He bounced from one fast food place to another, never keeping a job for very long. The Hansards came home in October of 1986 and on Halloween of that year, Lelia Hansard received a telephone call.

Her son had been arrested.

She's A Victim, Too

He and two young men and a woman were living together in an apartment complex. They'd have somebody over for a party and while the person was there Patrick would sneak out and rob their house.

It was a clever scheme. But it didn't keep young Patrick from getting caught.

For the crime, Patrick received a 10-year prison sentence. He'll probably be out in a little under four years and while she waits for that day, Lelia Hansard wonders what went wrong.

"He's told me he thought he had a good home life," she said. "He had everything but a father. But I don't believe this would have turned out different if he'd had one, if I'd married when he was born and we'd have been a regular family."

Patrick's stepfather says he wasn't disciplined properly when he was growing up, and that he was allowed to get away with using people.

Lelia Hansard called me after reading my series on murderers of law enforcement officers who are currently serving time in North Carolina prisons. She wanted me to know that the families of people who commit crimes are victims, too.

"I worry," she says, "but not as bad as when he first went to prison. I'm 38. He's 19. I can't let this boy tear me up. I've hardened with him. But I care. He says he's not going to do it again. But he doesn't sound convincing."

"He can't stay out on the street more than 12 months," said Hansard. "Once he gets out, he'll see what he thinks is an easy way to make money. He's

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Aphids Take Chaw Out Of Tobacco Profits

Tobacco farmers in the Cape Fear Region are seeing red.

It's the return of the red variety of the green peach aphid, the latest critter eating at the farmer's fields and profits.

"A large percentage of (tobacco fields) have some aphids of some sort in them," said Curtis Barwick, extension tobacco specialist in Bladen County. "Just about any field you go in has some."

About 75 percent of Bladen County's tobacco fields have "some level of infestation," he said.

Extension officials describe the aphid as an insect the size of a pinhead that feeds off the underside of tender upper stalk leaves of young tobacco plants.

Green peach aphids are common in tobacco fields, but this is the second year that the red variety has



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By Tim Bass

invaded North Carolina's leaf crop, and officials said the problem is statewide.

"It's pretty widespread, and there have been reports from most counties — particularly in eastern North Carolina," said David Smith, extension tobacco specialist in Raleigh.

Barwick said the red variety aphid is a concern to

tobacco farmers because it tolerates heat better and reproduces faster than the green variety. The red variety also appears to be resistant to some insecticides, he said.

"They're a little harder to control and are giving some farmers some problems," he said.

Aphids usually are first seen in mid-June, about the time tobacco starts to "flower," or sprout its blossom top, Barwick said.

Their feeding does not cut into tobacco yield but does affect quality, he said. Aphids secrete a "honey-dew residue" that falls on leaves. With moisture, the residue creates a mold that covers leaf pores, cutting off

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Hopping Help

Seven-year-old Philip Glazier gets a hand from Emlyn Carter, left, and Becky Burleigh as he tries to clear a line

of bodies in a leap-frog competition. The scene was during Methodist College All Sports activities on Friday.

Condition Of 2 Survivors Of Crash 'Very Serious'

By ELLEN SCARBOROUGH
Saturday Staff Writer

Two survivors of Wednesday's fiery crash of an Air Force airplane remained in "very serious condition" Friday as plans continued for memorial services for five servicemen who died when the plane went down during a demonstration at Fort Bragg, authorities said.

Meanwhile, an investigative board led by an unidentified colonel assembled at Pope Air Force for the grim task of piecing together information that could shed light on why the C-130 Hercules transport plane struck the ground and burst into flames as its six-man crew attempted a low-altitude maneuver

designed to deliver heavy military equipment without landing.

The crash occurred before more than 4,000 stunned spectators at the Sicily Drop Zone.

Sgt. Robert Fortenberry, an Air Force spokesman at Pope, said identities of the colonel, two majors and two captains who are on the investigative team will not be released to protect them from undue pressure.

"They come from different units from the Military Airlift Command," he said. "We are not releasing their names because the investigation is for official use only."

Fortenberry said the five-person team

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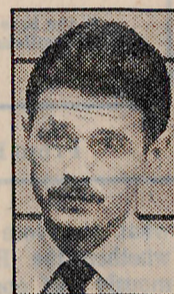
Jurors Delay Huff Sentence With Mix-Up

By JOHN BRAY
Saturday Staff Writer

Jurors deciding whether to sentence convicted murderer Everett Randolph Huff to life imprisonment or death announced an erroneous verdict Friday in Cumberland County Superior Court and were asked to continue deliberations.

The 28-year-old Huff was convicted Wednesday of two counts of first-degree murder in the 1984 deaths of his 9-month-old son, Crigger, and his mother-in-law. He had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to charges of burying alive his son and shooting 46-year-old Gail Alderson Strickland.

Jurors, scheduled to resume



HUFF

deliberating Monday at 10 a.m., presented the verdicts at 3:50 p.m. after two hours and five minutes of deliberations.

But after the court clerk read aloud the verdict indicating a unanimous decision for a life sentence in Mrs. Strickland's death, the jury foreman reported the decision had not been unanimous as required.

"It was our understanding that if it was not a unanimous decision for death, the alternative would be life," jury foreman Kerman A. Russ said.

But Judge Coy E. Brewer Jr. told jurors they must be unanimous in their decision. Without a unanimous decision, the court is required to impose a life sentence.

Jurors returned to the jury room and deliberated for 40 minutes before Brewer recessed court for the weekend.

Assistant Public Defender John

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School-Construction Bill Backed In House

RALEIGH (AP) — House Democrats gave an overwhelming vote of confidence Friday to their leadership's \$830 million school financing package, rejecting Republican protests that Gov. Jim Martin's proposed bond issue was a better approach.

The House tentatively approved the bill 77-27. It would raise business taxes by more than \$1 billion over 10 years and abolish the inventory tax while creating two trust funds to pay for public school construction and maintenance across the state.

A final House vote is scheduled Monday. If it passes, the package will go to the Senate, where Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan and his allies stand



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The Legislature

ready to give it quick approval.

The House action came moments after Martin, who withheld judgment on the compromise bill after Jordan and House Speaker Liston Ramsey unveiled it Thursday, issued a statement saying he could not support it.

"If the leaders of the General Assembly insist upon a modest program based on an unnecessary tax increase on business, they have the votes to do that without my support," Martin said, complaining that the Democratic plan "trivializes a large problem."

Martin has called for a \$1.5 billion bond issue to create a revenue pool from which counties could borrow to build schools.

Jordan, who is expected to

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Region Residents Help Bear Olympic Flame

By MADELYN ROSENBERG
Saturday Staff Writer

The Olympic Torch made its way into Cumberland County on Friday, and spectators stood along roadsides for hours waiting for it to pass.

The torch run, scheduled to cover 2,800 miles in 26 days through 400 communities, is part of a celebration for the N.C. Olympic Festival to be held July 13-26.

Impatient children kept a close eye on the intersection of U.S. 401 and N.C. 217 where they would see the torch pass from Harnett County, almost two hours behind schedule, into Cumberland County.

Billy Wade, 31, of Harnett County passed the torch over the line to Bob Boeder, president of the Fayetteville Area Runners Association.

Deborah Miller of Fayetteville was watching when it happened.

"My wife is a fish for everything patriotic," her husband, Jack Miller, said.

Mrs. Miller took her husband and 3-year-old son to the county line at 10 a.m. and planned to follow the torch through Cumberland County.

"I've been out here for two hours, but it's worth the wait," she said.

Boeder said he enjoyed participating in the run. Boeder was accompanied by his two children for part of a designated mile run.

"I was looking forward to carrying it," Steve Boeder, 9, said.

His sister, 7-year-old Tisa, also was allowed to carry the torch part of the way.

About 150 volunteers carried the torch in Cumberland County, Tony Britt, a U.S. Olympic Festival representative, said.

Fayetteville Mayor Bill Hurley was one of the volunteer runners. He carried the torch around the Market House in downtown Fayetteville, where the Olde Fayetteville Association sponsored a celebration. About 500 people greeted the flame's arrival.

"It's quite an honor to be a part of this," Hurley said during the half-hour ceremony.

Some sadness mingled with the joy of the occasion, as the mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember five servicemen killed in Wednesday's crash of a C-130 transport plane at Fort Bragg.

The torch ceremony continued as the 82nd Airborne Division band played and the fitness bears, mascots for the Festival, entertained onlookers.

A Festival representative presented Hurley with a souvenir torch.

Phil Clark, a catcher for the Fayetteville Generals baseball team, was the next to take the torch, sharing the honor with Samantha Fettes, Miss Fayetteville Dogwood, as the runners left the ceremony for Lumberton.

Jon Jordan, 26, from East Carolina University and

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