

Is Sex In Durham's Jail A Routine Affair, Or A Passing Fancy

By Isaiah Singletary
On a recent hot summer night, a woman was arrested on drunken driving charges and taken to the local magistrate's office to have the charges processed.

The woman claims that, while in the basement of the county courthouse with its seventh floor jail area, a magistrate and a sheriff's deputy assigned to the jail promised to "fix" the charges for her if she would have sex with both of them.

Though this might sound like the beginning of a good piece of fiction, a Durham woman, Ms. Deborah B. Summey, claims it is all true. As a result of her complaint, a magistrate, who resigned recently after these charges were leveled against him, and a sheriff's deputy are awaiting charges of soliciting to commit a felony and accepting a bribe.

Durham County sheriff's deputy, Mark

L. Woolwright and former magistrate, Denie Farmer, are scheduled to be tried in district court on September 23.

But the incident raises larger questions than the guilt or innocence of these two men. Just a few of the questions for example, are:

- How easy is it for men, whether police officers, deputies, jailers or magistrates, to solicit sexual favors from women under arrest?

- In the aftermath of such charges, what proof does a man have that the woman didn't initiate the sexual overtures, and then squeal when things didn't go her way?

- Why haven't moves been made to better protect both women under arrest, and men who must deal with them, often in one-on-one situations away from the general public's view which makes both parties subject to abuse and unfairness?

Though there are no precise figures on how many women are ar-

rested in Durham in any given month, law enforcement officials estimate the number at about 40.

Both city and county law enforcement officials say the goal is to have two men present at each stage of the process when a woman is arrested. But they concede that this is not always possible, mostly due to manpower shortages.

Officials—such as Lt. J. Pendergrass of the Durham Public Safety Department—also say that police officers refrain from making thorough searches of women prisoners.

"Normally, most officers will not do any kind of search on a woman," said Lt. Pendergrass. "Some of the exceptions include times when the woman has suspicious bulges in her clothes that could be a weapon, or something else material to the case. But even then, a male officer uses only the back of his hand. He never uses the palm of his hand

or his fingertips. He may also search her pocketbook, but in the majority of the instances, the search is only to make sure the woman is not carrying any concealed weapons."

In that same vein, Durham County Sheriff Bill Allen said that when a woman prisoner is brought to the magistrate's office, the deputy in charge should immediately call for a matron.

But there are no precise records to show how often a matron is called, and Allen concedes that sexual propositioning could easily occur before the matron arrives.

And while law enforcement officials contend that no woman under arrest is ever taken into an interrogation room by a male officer alone, several women who claim to have been there, deny that assertion.

Ms. Cynthia Bynum, for example, who was arrested several weeks ago on charges of obstruct-



BLACK REPUBLICAN—Claude Allen, a recent UNC graduate is press secretary for 4th district congressional candidate, William Cobey. He is one of a handful of black Republicans in this area. Photo by Sila Mayfield

Black Republicans Beckon Brothers To Party Of Lincoln

By Joseph E. Green

According to many Black Republicans throughout the state, more blacks should climb out of the "hip pocket" of the party of the Roosevelts and the Kennedys and support the party of Lincoln.

One long time Republican black from Durham said that the Republicans have made a "greater contribution to blacks than the

Democrats" and that the latter party as consistently "fooled" blacks into supporting it.

"Every social program that benefits blacks in this country, originated with the Republican Party," said Lenzie Barnes, a lifelong Republican and a congressional candidate in 1976. Barnes lost in the primary.

According to Barnes, former President Franklin Roosevelt im-

plemented the social programs called the "new deal" but he used President Herbert Hoover's ideas.

"Hoover tried to get those programs passed, but the Democratic-controlled Congress blocked them," said Barnes, who served during World War II and worked for the government for more than 30 years.

"I was a soldier,

drafted into the Army by a Democratic administration that had a segregated army," he added. "I am black and I think that the Republican Party is best for blacks because of its history."

The words of Barnes and others are encouraging to national and local Republican Party officials who are wooing blacks.

Recently, Richard Richards, chairman of the National Republican Party, told the Urban League annual conference that blacks were "welcomed and needed" in his party.

Two local Republican congressional candidates, Jack Martin Marin and Bill Cobey, have indicated that they are after black support and that they intend to include blacks on their congressional staffs if they are successful against their Democratic rivals in the fall. Cobey has at least one paid black staff member at present while Marin has an all-white paid staff. His press secretary told *The Carolina Times* that the staff did include black volunteers.

Claude Allen, a recent black graduate of the University of North Carolina and the press secretary for Cobey, said that he is a registered Democrat, but he thinks that the Republicans have "more to offer blacks" than the party that currently gathers the largest number of black votes on election day.

"The Democratic Party does not represent the interests of blacks," said Allen who studied political science and linguistics. He said that he is seriously considering becoming a member of the Republican Party. Allen added that he was disillusioned with the Democrats. "They have neglected blacks," said Allen, who is probably the highest level paid black official on any area congressional candidate's staff.

Rex Harris, a Fayetteville businessman and former member of the Democratic Party, said that the Republicans had more to offer blacks economically. "The Democrats give you a fish and if you are a good boy you may get another," said Harris. "The Republicans will give you a pole, and that's what blacks need."

Harris said that blacks in the Second District where a black candidate, H.M. "Mickey" Michaux was defeated by Tim Valentine, a white candidate, should "teach the Democrats a lesson" and vote Republican during the general election.

Harris said that Michaux was much more qualified than Valentine, but lost because he is black. He was critical of white state Democratic officials who refused to endorse Michaux's candidacy.



PHILADELPHIA—Rev. Edward Dorn tells SEPTA bus driver, Thomas Johnson and Ethel Cora Deloatch, another SEPTA bus driver that they are now man and wife in Philadelphia. The couple were married aboard a SEPTAS bus at a SEPTA depot where they both work out of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority. (SEPTA). UPI Photo

ting an officer and disorderly conduct, says an officer took her into an interrogation room and said that if she agreed to have sex with him, he would "fix" things for her.

Ms. Bynum filed a complaint with the police department's internal affairs division, but there is no indication that the police even investigated the charges.

More than a dozen other women interviewed on this issue, all of whom asked to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals from the police, said it is common practice for police officers to promise to "go easy" on them in exchange for sex.

And though each of these women has been arrested several times on various charges, ranging from larceny to prostitution, if what they say has any credibility at all, then the situations with Ms. Summey and Ms. Bynum could really be just the tip of the iceberg.

And so the nagging questions remain, and will probably continue to go unanswered until local government officials decide to clear the air.

Mixed Anxiety, Depression Is Common In Elderly

TORONTO, ONT.—

Depression accompanied by anxiety is common in people over the age of 65, according to Thomas H. Crook, PhD, of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Addressing a symposium on "Anxiety and Depression in the Elderly" on the eve of an American Psychiatric Association meeting, he explained that mixed anxiety-depression may be associated with very real environmental changes, or changes in neuromuscular, mental, and social capacities of the elderly representing serious losses to the individual involved.

While available drugs for anxiety and depression may be safe and effective in younger individuals, he said, these same medications may at times aggravate the emotional states of older patients. Side effects may produce confusional states and cardiovascular effects which could increase the dangers of falls and consequent serious injury in the

frail, elderly patient.

Dr. Crook described a new antidepressant available in the U.S. as trazodone (Desyrel), and said it appeared to be a relatively safe agent for elderly patients and virtually free of anticholinergic effects (dry mouth, blurred vision, constipation, delayed urination, hypotension). (The medication is also reported to have fewer cardiovascular problems than other antidepressant agents).

In treating an older patient, Dr. Crook cautioned that "the most well-intentioned and seemingly logical advice regarding living arrangements or the logistics of daily life may produce an exacerbation of depression and anxiety if it leads to a further loss of control over the environment and further increases a sense of helplessness."

Dr. Crook is Chief, Drug and Alcohol Program at the Center for Studies of the Mental Health of the Aging, NIMH.

Haystown Seniors Plan Anniversary Program

The Senior Citizens Club of Haystown held its monthly meeting, August 16, at the Haystown Community Center. The meeting was opened by the vice president, Mrs. Annie M. Webb. Plans were discussed for the Sixth Anniversary program which is scheduled to be held Sunday, August 29, 4 p.m., at the Orange Grove Baptist Church, 509 East End Avenue. Rev. James Daniel is the pastor. Everyone is invited.


Members present were Mmes. Annie Allen, Georgia Williams, Alice Carrick; Messrs. Henry Hubbard and Jesse Ferrell.

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