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NEWS DIGEST

Black affairs adviser questioned on drugs

Compiled by Greg Brown

RALEIGH -- A State Bureau of Investigation agent who lost his job says that last fall he told campaign aides to Gov. Jim Martin that the campaign's minority affairs director had been questioned in connection with a drug case.

James J. Dever, who resigned at the SBI's request for undisclosed reasons, told The News and Observer of Raleigh last week that he helped detain and question 21-year-old Thomas A. Stith III, who is now the governor's minority affairs adviser. Stith was never charged in the case.

Jack Hawke, Martin's special assistant for policy, said Dever telephoned him on Oct. 17 and told him Stith was driving a car in which another man was found to have heroin. Stith's brother-inlaw, Hollis Freeman Vines, a passenger in the car,

was charged with possession of heroin with intent to

Hawke said he learned of the incident through an anonymous phone call the day after Vines was charged, but that Dever identified himself as the caller after the election in which Martin defeated Attorney General Rufus Edmisten.

Hawke said Stith was "an innocent bystander" in the case and Stith said he had known nothing about the heroin. "It was a situation of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," he told reporters. "I had no idea what was being transacted."

Dever was assigned to a security guard detail to protect Martin and his family, but was removed from the post two weeks later. He apparently was asked to resign from the SBI because he tipped off the campaign about the incident.

NAACP to move headquarters to Baltimore

Advancement of Colored People will move its headquarters to Baltimore, its spokesmen say, because it can't find an affordable and suitable site in New

NEW YORK -- The National Association for the

York City, where it was founded 76 years ago. "We're near the nation's capital and we're not as expensive," said mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the national organization and its Baltimore

chapter. The NAACP board of directors approved the move on Feb. 16, McMillan said. The organization moved its headquarters to Brooklyn 2 1/2 years ago when rent for its Manhattan offices quadrupled. Its officials had hoped to stay in New York, but could not find an affordable site among 100 possible loca-

The NAACP also has been under severe financial

strain, according to Executive Director Benjamin Hooks.

The move probably will take place in August, when its present lease expires. The NAACP's national organization has rented property since its founding in 1909 and never has owned its own headquarters, McMillan said.

"We don't need a real large building, but it should be larger than what we have," she said. "We're a little crowded in New York. We need a space large enough to accomodate us and allow a little expansion."

The national organization had considered relocating to Atlanta, but the organization in Georgia was unable to provide needed funding to finance the move.

CRIME PREVENTION

Masked man with shotgun robs bank

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your neighborhood during the past week and to help you protect your family and property from crime.

Bank robbery

• 2200 block, Old Lexington Road

A man entered a bank carrying a sawed-off shotgun and told the bank employees, "Don't anyone move." The robber then took money from the bank and ran from the building. He was described as a black male, 5 feet 3 inches tall. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing jeans, a navy blue coat, a toboggan and a black mask over his face.

Armed robbery

• 2100 block, Stadium Drive

A man walked into a store, grabbed the store clerk by her neck, held a knife to her head and ordered her to open the cash register. The robber took money from the cash register and ran out of the store. He was described as a black male about 5 feet 10 inches tall to six feet tall weighing about 175 pounds. At time of the robbery, he wore a brown scarf over his face.

4200 block, Cherry Street

A man entered a store and told the store clerk, "Give me all the money." The robber then pushed the store clerk out of his way and opened the cash register. The robber then removed money from the register and struck the clerk before he left the store. The clerk was slightly injured, but needed no medical attention. The robber was described as a black male, 35 years-old, about 5 feet 11 inches tall.

He was last seen wearing a brown scarf over his face.

• 2100 block, Old Lexington Road

A man entered a store and man placed a pistol against the back of the clerk's neck, saying, "Give me all your money." The robber took the money and ran from the store. The robber was described as a black male about 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds and in his early 20s.

Strong armed robbery

• 1100 block, East 19th Street

A man was standing on the sidewalk waiting for the bus when someone grabbed him from the rear and held his arms. A second person reached into his pockets and took his money. The two robbers are described as black males about 5 feet 5 inches tall. They were wearing blue jeans and tennis shoes at the time of the robbery.

Storebreaking.

• 2000 block, East End Boulevard

Someone saw a man break into a school and reported the break-in to the police. The police chased a suspect and caught him not far from the school. He was charged with storebreaking and larceny.

• 900 block, Patterson Avenue

Police responded to a reported break-in at Crisis Control. After searching the building, police found two men hiding in the basement. Both men were charged with storebreaking and larceny. One man was carrying a concealed weapon.

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What does it take to get my tote bag?

By DAVID R. RANKIN Chronicle Staff Writer

Q: I recently donated money to the United Negro College Fund during its December telethon. I used my credit card for the donation. The phone number I was told to call was a Winston-Salem number. I donated \$25 dollars, a sufficient amount to receive a tote bag the UNCF said I would get for my pledge. But what bothers me most is that I have yet to receive a receipt for my pledge. I need a receipt so I can use the donation when I file my income taxes. Furthermore, the credit company has not sent me a credit slip adding the \$25 pledge to my account. What can I do to get both the receipt I need for income tax purposes and the tote bag the UNCF promised for my donation?

A: Dianne Autry, special liaison and administrative assistant for the local chapter of the UNCF, said that the UNCF's national office in New York is receiving all credit card payments. She said that due to the number of payments, there may be a delay in receiving credit for a pledge. She said that the tote bag promised during the telethon will come from Trans World Airlines (TWA). "UNCF and TWA have an agreement where if a person made a \$25 donation, they would receive a tote bag for their pledge," Autry said. "The person making the donation will receive a receipt for their pledge," she said.

Q: I'm concerned about someone breaking into my house. What can I do to make my home less likely to be broken into? Also, what should I do if I am at home and think someone is trying to break in? A: Officer Frank Green of the Winston-Salem Police Department's crime prevention unit said there is no simple answer to preventing crime in

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your neighborhood. "Security is everyone's job and crime is everyone's problem," he said.

Green said there are three basic steps to preventing a break-in at your home.

First, he said, you should work with your neighbors to form a neighborhood crime watch. "If you see something happen, call the police," Green said. He said the criminal's greatest ally is invisibility. "If the neighbors don't help us by telling what they saw -- if anything -- the criminal will usually get away free," he said. Neighbors should call and report strange happenings in their neighborhoods.

Second, homeowners should make their homes seem occupied, even when no one is there. "Have your neighbor check on the house from time to time," Green said. "Move the car around and cut on certain lights in the house. You want the house to look just like you are home."

The third step homeowners can take is to install security devices, like door locks and secondary locks on windows. "A homeowner should have adequate locks on the doors," Green said. "A popular one is the double-key, deadbolt lock." But the right locks also depends on the frame of the door assembly.

He said window locks range from a price of \$1 to several hundred dollars.

"A homeowner should remember that if a criminal has enough time and privacy, he can get into your house," Green said. "These devices simply make it much harder for him to get in. Of course, this will allow more time for a neighbor or passerby to see the criminal and call the police."

Green said the time to be concerned about breakins is when one happens in your neighborhood. He equated break-ins with a cancer in the neighborhood. "If it happens to one home, it can

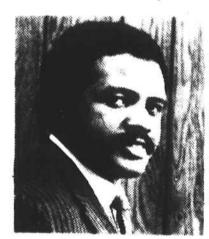
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