

# Deborah Sykes case reopened by police

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Deborah Sykes case," Masten said. When asked which other cases, Masten said, "I don't have that in front of me."

"It is extremely serious for the public to lose confidence in its police department," Masten added. "That is of concern to me."

Masten said the Sykes murder investigation has never been closed.

He said his comments three weeks ago that there were only "loose ends" to tie up in the Sykes case are no longer true.

"The investigation has become more intensive," he said. "We will be examining every aspect of the case."

Masten confirmed that new information concerning the case had come from District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale, who has been asking the police department since October to pursue new leads possibly linking someone else to the crime.

"There is some concern in the community that more than one person was involved in the crime," Masten said. "We have to answer that question to the community's satisfaction."

## New Head

Saying that the department needed "a fresh perspective," Masten announced that McCoy, 33, will become the new head of the Crimes Against Persons section of the Criminal Investigations Division, replacing Sgt. F.E. Mason. The Crimes Against Persons section handles all murder investigations.

Masten said McCoy, as supervisor of the section, will be the chief homicide investigator for the city. Tisdale had stressed to Masten in a private letter last year the need for some type of specialist for murder cases.

McCoy, an 11-year veteran on

the force, has been in the investigative services bureau since March. He has been in charge of the administrative section, which reviews all investigations. He says he has worked on eight to 10 murder investigations.

"I hope to work on good, sound case management and good investigative techniques," he said, adding that he has not yet had a chance to review the Sykes investigation.

Redd noted, "We intend to get Sgt. McCoy involved in this case (Sykes) as soon as possible. We want to review the case thoroughly."

Masten said all murder cases since 1980 that have not been cleared will be re-investigated by different detectives.

However, he would not comment on an internal police department inquiry into the

handling of the Sykes case. A report is expected to be completed by the end of January.

## An Invitation

Masten invited the Darryl Hunt Defense Committee and any citizens with information about the Sykes case to contact the police. He said the police would contact the committee's leaders in three days if he did not hear from them.

At a rally for Hunt Saturday at Emmanuel Baptist Church, the Hunt committee's co-chairman, the Rev. John Mendez, looked cautiously on Masten's offer.

"Why didn't they cooperate when Larry Little (founder of the committee) and Charles 'Slick' Poteat (a private investigator hired by the committee) tried to tell them what happened from the start?" Mendez said. "We tried to cooperate and Tisdale took us to court."

Tisdale tried to bring criminal charges against Little and the

committee for interfering with the investigation, but a State Bureau of Investigation probe revealed no wrongdoing.

Tisdale said on Thursday that he was glad to see the department restructure itself. "Anyone can restructure to do a better job," Tisdale said. "I'm sorry it had to come about this way, but I'm glad it has come about."

Masten also announced that the number of officers in the Crimes Against Persons section will be increased from four to six. In addition, the Crimes Against Persons section of the CID will investigate all murders. Previously, detectives in the Crimes Against Property section also handled murder investigations.

## Executive Session

Also on Thursday, the aldermen's Public Safety Committee met in executive session for two hours to discuss the police department's handling of the Sykes case and police protec-

tion in general.

Alderman Vivian H. Burke, chairman of the committee, said she told City Manager Stuart that "the taxpayers are not satisfied with the level of police protection in the city." She said Stuart was instructed to go ahead with the changes recommended in his report and was given until early February to make the changes.

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# Local UNCF telethon

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ficers, 80 percent of all black federal judges and 85 percent of all black doctors."

At a press conference following the signing of the proclamation, Corpening said it is important to recognize the contributions the administrations and students of black colleges are making to the community as a whole.

"I think the importance of black colleges is evidenced by Winston-Salem State University (a non-UNCF school)," said Corpening. "It is one of the outstanding universities in North Carolina largely because of the support from the community and the leadership of Dr. Cleon Thompson."

Corpening said the future of the community depends on educating the young people which, in turn, will help improve the city's economic base. The mayor said he is "interested in providing jobs for people" and feels that the UNCF will help provide "extra assistance in educating young people to fill those jobs."

The "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon, which benefits the UNCF, will be aired locally on WNRW, channel 45, beginning at 6 p.m. Coverage of Winston-Salem activities will be broadcast from the Stouffer Winston Plaza Hotel, and portions of a viewing party at the Black Velvet Lounge will also be telecast during local cut-ins.

The UNCF helps predominantly black private and fully accredited institutions function by providing funds from its pool of donations. The money is used for faculty salaries, library purchases, construction, recruiting, scholarships and laboratory

equipment. Approximately 45,000 students are enrolled in the 43-member UNCF schools.

Six UNCF schools in North Carolina will benefit from the telethon. They are Barber-Scotia College, Bennett College, Livingstone College, Johnson C. Smith University, Shaw University and St. Augustine's College.

Lester Ervin, local telethon co-chairman, said he is pleased with the progress of the local telethon committee.

"I feel pretty good about where we are with our plans," said Ervin, who shares the committee chairmanship with attorney Michael Grace. "We have regular committee reports and meetings, and we're all very optimistic about the telethon."

The Winston-Salem telethon committee has set a goal of \$26,000 to be raised in the city. The telethon raised a total of \$78,000 from Winston-Salem, High Point and Greensboro last year.

"There's no doubt that the mayor's proclamation will be a tremendous boost to the telethon," he said. "The support of the city government and the official body of the city lends a lot of credibility. It gives the assurance that this is a community effort."

A number of activities have been scheduled in connection with the six-hour telethon. UNCF staff members and volunteers will set up an information booth and solicit contributions during a Christmas party at Conrad's Hair Design on Saturday, Dec. 14.

A highlight of the pre-telethon activities will be an invitation-only party at the Hyatt Hotel on Dec. 22. Invitations to the party, which will feature a live band, are

available for a \$25 contribution to the UNCF.

In addition, Twin City churches have been asked to set aside United Negro College Fund Sunday as a day to promote the UNCF and help raise funds for the telethon.

Members of the local UNCF staff report that all facets of the community have assisted in the preparation for the telethon. Diane Autry, special events coordinator for the Winston-Salem telethon, said efforts to recruit volunteers and sponsors have been well received by the community.

"The response to our call for volunteers has been excellent," said Ms. Autry. "We've had no problems getting volunteers for the initial work or for the telethon. We've gotten good response from the schools, and Winston-Salem State students have volunteered to spend time at the shopping centers collecting donations. We anticipate having a total of 300 volunteers at the telethon."

Also, many businesses in the city have donated food and supplies and the use of their facilities to help promote the telethon, Ms. Autry said.

The Black Velvet Lounge will sponsor a jazz hour each Sunday before the telethon with all proceeds going to the UNCF. Likewise, the Winston-Salem Shriners will host a benefit dance at their headquarters Dec. 26 and will contribute all donations to the telethon.

"The members of our local business community have been very supportive of this effort," said Ms. Autry, "and we're expecting more community residents to get involved as we get closer to the telethon date."

# Urban League president visits

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Jacob had said in a pre-luncheon press conference, is educational improvement, reducing teen pregnancy, providing relief and job training to female heads of households, reducing crime in the black community and political empowerment.

He said that all of the League's 113 affiliates are conducting programs to raise the performance level of black children in schools. He also said the League is trying to invigorate the slow systems of government with political action.

For instance, he said, the Oakland Urban League picketed drug pushers in the black community. "We have to take the black community back from the criminals," he said. "No Urban League can solve the problems alone, but I believe we sit on the cutting edge of finding problems and finding solutions."

Jacob said during his speech that, despite the fact that America has come a long way in a

short time, its accomplishments have not reached far enough. "We are sliding backwards," he said.

He cited the 15 percent black unemployment rate and the fact that half of black children live below the poverty line as evidence that the masses of black people have been left behind.

"We cannot measure progress by the accomplishments of the few, but by the inclusion of the many," Jacob said.

A recent trip to East Asia, Jacob said, demonstrated the need to expand opportunities for all.

"They have gone from the breadline to the production line in less than a generation," he said of the Far East nations. The result, Jacob said, is an influx of Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese imports into this country that have caused the loss of millions of jobs for Americans.

In some East Asian countries, 70 percent of the students are

trained as technicians, he said, while the other 30 percent are academicians. "Just look at the Seiko watch you're wearing, and the Sony tape recorder you brought with you, and when you leave here, open the door to your Toyota, and you'll realize what I mean," Jacob said.

Also during the program, Marshall Bass, vice president of R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc., presented Jacob a \$75,000 check. Reynolds also has given \$150,000 toward the renovation of the new facility.

Thomas J. Elijah Jr., local president of the Urban League, said the new facility will allow the branch to expand its services to the needy.







"It means an awful lot to our programs," Elijah said. "It means we have enough room to put on more quality programs. It means greater access for the people we serve. It just means a great deal to the total community."

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