

Police officer in Raleigh shooting not indicted

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RALEIGH (AP) — A grand jury's decision not to indict a white Raleigh police officer in the shooting of a black man was "wicked and demonic," a New York civil rights activist said in calling for a second grand jury probe.

"This is absolutely racist," the Rev. Al Sharpton said Tuesday. "This goes back to the olden days when if you're white you're right, if you're black get back."

About 75 people marched in front of City Hall while Sharpton urged city leaders to take respon-

sibility to protect the public.

The marchers chanted "Stop Killer Cops," "No Justice, No Peace" and "Who's got to go? Heineman's got to go. Glover's got to go."

A Wake County grand jury Monday refused to indict Raleigh Police Detective Jimmy Glover in the shooting of television engineer Tony Farrell.

Raleigh Police Chief Frederick Heineman watched from the rally from a second-story window, waiting to address the city council on another matter.

"These are people exercising their First Amendment rights," Heineman said. "The police are

out there making sure they can do that."

Heineman refused to comment on the case. Farrell was shot the night of Jan. 24 while on his way home from work. He was shot after Glover, thinking the man was a robbery suspect, approached his car with a gun drawn.

Farrell, not knowing the plainclothes detective was an officer, pulled his car out of traffic and sped away. The officer, a 24-year veteran of the force, fired into the car and wounded Farrell in the leg.

After the shooting, a Raleigh Police Department inquiry found

the detective had failed to use his blue light and had failed to show his identification during the encounter.

"Why should Farrell obey any white man who tells him to get out of his car?" Sharpton asked the crowd. "He should have gotten out of the car and kicked his butt."

David Foy, a member of a group formed after the shooting called Raleigh Citizens For Justice, said they have filed a written request in Washington to be included in a nationwide Justice Department investigation of police brutality.

"It is my understanding that

Raleigh, North Carolina, is on their list and they will be here within 30 days," Foy said.

The federal investigations were started at the request of U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., in the wake of alleged police brutality against a black man in Los Angeles. The investigation includes 22 U.S. cities, which have not been publicly identified, according to the congressman's office.

In his speech, Sharpton drew similarities between the Raleigh shooting and the incident in Los Angeles. He said the only difference is that a videotape was made of the L.A. incident.

City man charged in robbery

Chronicle Staff Report

A Winston-Salem man was charged last Friday night in the armed robbery of the Kroger store at 1925 Silas Creek Parkway.

Twenty-nine year-old Grady Conway Parmon, of 1633 Marble Street, is under an \$80,000 bond in the Forsyth County Jail charged with taking \$61 from the store after telling an employee that he had a gun.

As of presstime no trial had been set.

NAACP announces plans for the Freedom Fund banquet

Chronicle Wire Report

On Sunday, Mar. 31, the Forsyth/Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP completed plans for its Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, and launched its mammoth county-wide program to obtain 5000 new membership registrations by 1992.

The Annual Banquet program will be power-packed with inspiration, education, and promotion. The NAACP public relations strategy is to sell its theme: black Awareness and Afro-American Togetherness For justice, Respect, and Peace. The organization is concentrating on its case against the city-county school board to legalize a districting plan which will finalize with a majority of black voting district.

The banquet program will feature the Honorable Annie B. Kennedy, State Representative and senior partner in the law firm of Kennedy, Kennedy, Kennedy as Keynote Speaker. Also being recognized and honored are Mrs.

Bessie Allen, prominent educator; and Mrs. Sallie Mitchell, civil rights, human relations leader, and community worker.

An honorary plaque and an NAACP Life Membership will be given in memory and honor of Pfc. Jerry Leon King, a local soldier killed in Iraq, to his family (in the name of his mother, Mrs. Vernelle King Faison.) Several others will be recognized at the Annual Banquet at Benton Convention Center on Thursday, Apr. 18, at 7 p.m.

Fifteen hundred or more people are expected to attend the affair.

Tables are being reserved for churches, business enterprises, industry, institutions, and others who may wish to exhibit their support for a worthy cause. They may reserve tables or secure banquet reservations and memberships by calling the Rev. Joseph L. Nance Sr., president (home-922-4804, office-922-2538) or Mr. David Thompkins (home-722-7578, office-727-8500) or the NAACP office (748-1072).



Annie Brown Kennedy

Students to attend a model U.N. conference

Chronicle Wire Report

More than 150 college students from North Carolina, Georgia, and Canada will participate in the Second Annual Model United Nations Conference being sponsored by Winston-Salem State University April 4-6.

The conference, which will be held at the Holiday Inn North, is a program of the North Carolina Consortium for International and Intercultural Education.

"The purpose of the conference is to enable students to actually experience what it means to deliberate topics or issues that affect various countries and their relationship with other countries," said Donald MacThompson, a professor in Winston-Salem State University's social sciences department who is serving as the conference's faculty coordinator.

"The conference makes it possible for students to express their viewpoints on issues and to propose possible solutions to some, if not all, of them," MacThompson said.

Participating in the conference are: Barber-Scotia College, Bennett College, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Johnson C. Smith University, N.C. A&T State University, N.C. Central University, Salem College, Savannah State College, Shaw University, St. Augustine's College, Trent University (Ontario, Canada), Wake Forest University, and Winston-Salem State University.

Ambassador Larissa Kapitsa of the Soviet Union will deliver the

keynote address, "The Future of the University Nations: Educating Citizens on the Role of the United Nations." Kapitsa, who is chief of the development analysis branch in the Department of Economics and Social Affairs at the United Nations in New York, will speak at the opening plenary session, which will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 4, at the Holiday Inn North.

More than 50 countries will be represented by student-delegates who will simulate the actual workings of the United Nations' Security Council, the peacemaking arm of the world body.

To prepare for the conference, students have been studying documents about each of their respective countries that were provided by the permanent missions to the United Nations. "The students will be espousing the official positions of their country during the simulations," MacThompson explained.

Among the issues that will be debated are: the Middle East, the civil war in Liberia, apartheid in South Africa, human rights violations in Ethiopia and the Sudan, and the International Monetary Fund's attitude toward Africa and Latin America.

The Security Council and committees will meet throughout Friday and Saturday.

An awards banquet and ceremony will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday at the Anderson Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. Keynote speaker will be Larry Little, a Winston-Salem attorney.

Wife of Gulf War survivor charged with murder

By DAVID GOODMAN
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DETROIT (AP) — The shooting death of returning Persian Gulf War veteran Anthony Riggs set off a wave of fear and anguish about violent crime on the nation's streets.

But the arrest of Riggs' wife and her brother in the slaying shows how most killings are family affairs, and experts say that should ease public concern about random violence.

"It's the wild, unpredictable attack that scares us," Robert Ressler, an FBI consultant on criminal psychology, said Saturday. "Everybody's worried about street crime. People were very quick to jump on that case."

Riggs, a Las Vegas native, was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. When he got off the plane from Saudi Arabia on March 8, Toni Riggs told him she wanted a divorce. They drove back to Detroit, arriving March 17, where he was to help her move, then return to base.

On March 18, the 22-year-old Army specialist was shot to death on a Detroit street 10 days after returning from Saudi Arabia, where he had served with a Patriot missile crew.

The slaying provoked an outpouring of sympathy for Toni Riggs, and distress over urban violence in America.

James Brady, Ronald Reagan's press secretary and a gun-control advocate, told Congress that Riggs survived an enemy overseas only to succumb to "the enemy here at home — random gun violence — which threatens our very existence and the social fabric of this great country."

At Riggs' funeral, the Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke over the 700 mourners

and directed his words at the White House:

"Build a monument to him, Mr. President — a world where there is no hate. Stop the violence."

The image of a returning war hero struck down by random violence began to crumble last week as police arrested Riggs' brother-in-law, Michael Cato, 19, and Riggs' wife, Toni Cato Riggs, 22. They were jailed pending a preliminary examination Friday on first-degree murder charges.

Investigators cite a desire to collect on Riggs' more than \$50,000 in life insurance as a probable motive for the murder.

Court records revealed last week also showed Toni Riggs already was married to another man at the time she and Riggs wed in October 1989. She didn't divorce her first husband until 13 months later.

Anyone surprised by the arrest shouldn't have been, said Ressler, an adjunct professor at Michigan State University who spend 17 years developing the FBI's psychological profiling system.

"A lot of this stuff is within the family — husbands, wives, boyfriends, girlfriends," he said in a telephone interview.

Ressler said homicide investigators always remember what a fearful public sometimes forgets — most violence occurs between relatives and acquaintances.

The FBI's latest statistics show 54 percent of killers were related to or acquainted with their victims. Only 13 percent of killers were known to be complete strangers to their victims. The rest were unknown or unsolved.

For the average person, the risk of being killed by a stranger is "like

being struck by lightning," he said. "You might come down with leprosy, too."

The arrest of family members in Riggs' death was welcome news at Detroit police headquarters, where investigators were under pressure to solve a slaying seen as a blot on a city already stigmatized as one of the nation's most violent.

"I think everybody is happy we vindicated the city," said homicide Officer Ralph Openshaw, one of the team that worked around the clock to crack the case. Other community leaders were more restrained.

"It was a tragic situation no matter how he was killed," said Paul Hubbard, president of the civic group New Detroit Inc., founded in the wake of the city's 1967 riots.

Riggs' slaying may not point to a wave of random lawlessness in Detroit "but it highlights another problem — the problem of domestic violence," said City Councilman Keith Butler.

"Our streets are still not safe," added Councilman Mel Ravitz. "We still have enough violence to be deeply concerned."

Jackson said he stands by the message in his eulogy.

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