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Stoner murder evokes response

▲ Community groups charge media and police with concealing details

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Two community groups held separate press conferences last week charging the media and the Winston-Salem police department with withholding vital information surrounding the death of Carlos Colon Stoner.

Stoner, a black male, was found on May 27 with his penis cut off and placed in his mouth and a large hole on the left side of his chest.

Citizen's United for Justice spokesman the Rev. John Mendez said that when police and media withheld details including the race of the assailants and the victim, "the public was deceived. (He) was a

human being with value and dignity who was the victim of racist violence. Official secrecy exposes (police and media) mistrust of the public's ability to make sound judgments."

Mendez said that withholding the race of the suspects and the details of how Stoner was killed undermined the public's basic democratic right to know.

"Secrecy is a curse, not just because it is a mask for corruption and incompetence. It also strangles a community's response to any situation. How can a community make intelligent choices about our future without such information?" he continued.

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Four white suspects indicted

Four white men were indicted on first-degree murder charges Monday for the death of Carlos Colon Stoner. Suspect Dwayne Gregory Doby, 21, is being held at the Forsyth County Jail. Other suspects, Mark Anthony Smith, 21, Ricky Eugene Knight, 27 and James Andrew Gilbert, 23 are listed as "out on medical," a term which means they are being held at Central Prison in Raleigh for safe keeping, according to jail officials. A

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▲ Psychologists say stigmas and fear of the black man's sexuality are possible motivations for the castration

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As the community wonders what kind of person would castrate and mutilate a black man who was found dead May 27, psychologists say that imbedded in the mind of many white people is a fascination with the black male genitals.

Four white males have been indicted for first degree murder in the death of Carlos Colon Stoner.

Dr. Alvin Poussaint, associate professor of psychology at Harvard University's medical school and advisor to the *Cosby Show*, said the castration of black male genitals dates back to the myth that black men have large penises, which threatens the white man's uncon-

scious need to maintain masculinity.

"The symbolism of what they did points to the fact of racism. The black male is looked at as a sexual threat," said Poussaint. "Deep in the psyche of white people is a perverse fascination with the black male genitals. They paint images of black males as studs, or the black male as being hypersexual," he continued.

Poussaint also said that the penis being placed in the mouth is a further indication of "dehumanizing" the black male.

"It's doing away with what threatens society," he said.

Poussaint said that other images of the black man are that he is "gorilla-like," and he compared the Rodney King incident and the not guilty verdict to the images that

white people have of the black male.

"The image that he is a criminal, that he is an animal, and he can't be subdued . . . and that even though (the jurors) saw Rodney King being beaten by the police officers they thought it was justified."

Poussaint said the possibilities of homosexuality or anti-homosexuality should also be considered. He pointed to the Jeffrey Dahmer case in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "He was into homosexuality. (Dahmer) picked his victims, who were black men. He cut off some of their genitals also. It's a fascination," he said.

Dr. James Carter, professor of psychiatry at Duke University said

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Citizens demand review board

▲ Alderman Robert Northington said he walked out of the committee meeting because he had 'heard it before'

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Citizens who attended the Public Safety Committee meeting Monday night said that Alderman Robert Northington's reaction reflected the attitude of arrogance and disinterest for the concerns of the black community.

More than 40 citizens packed the committee room and asked the committee to make a recommendation for a citizen's police review board. As the Rev. Carlton Eversley was presenting the concerns of Citizens United for Justice, Northington walked out abruptly and did not return for the remainder of the meeting. Eversley went on to say

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that the job of the department "policing itself is too important to leave solely up to them."

"We need a group of people, other than the police or this board, that will hear the concerns and grievances of the people," he continued. Eversley said that the current procedure was "intimidating" to the average citizen. "When you go into the internal affairs office you have two white guys sticking a microphone into your face asking you to tell them your story," he continued.

But it was obvious that Northington had didn't want to listen to the group any longer. "I've heard it before," said Northington Tuesday.

"I will vote against it as I have in the past and as was recommend-

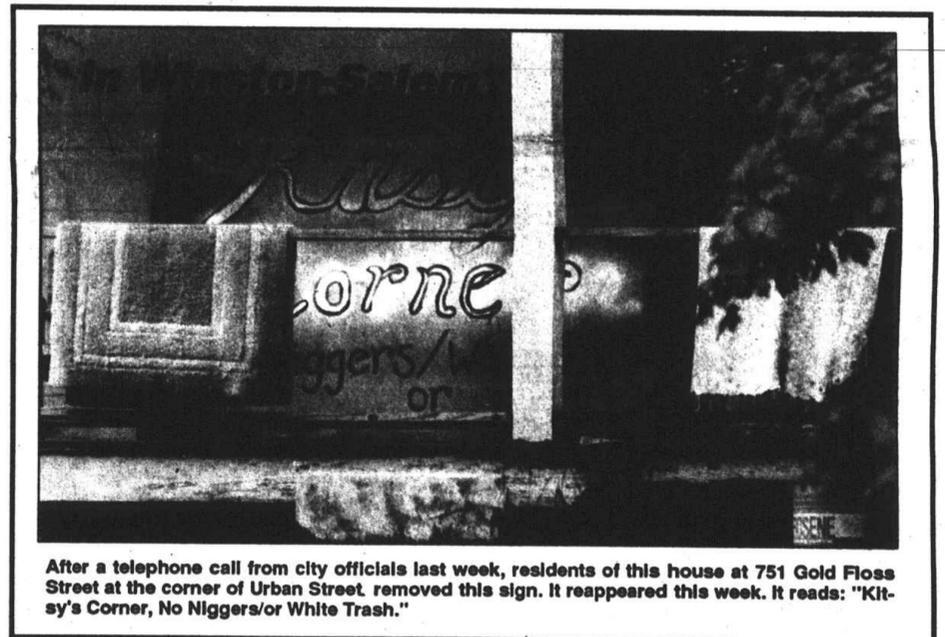
Interested in attending?

The Board of Aldermen will vote on the Citizen's Police Review Board on Monday, June 15 at its 7:30 p.m. meeting.

ed by the Human Relations Commission," he said. He added that the commission's study last year indicated that a citizen's police review board was not necessary. "Besides, the policy we have now is less than a year old," he said, adding that the city and the citizens need to give it more time to work.

Northington also said aldermen were not obligated to vote on the committee level.

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After a telephone call from city officials last week, residents of this house at 751 Gold Floss Street at the corner of Urban Street removed this sign. It reappeared this week. It reads: "Kitty's Corner, No Niggers/or White Trash."



ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NI'IRI

Whose mind needs changing anyway?

Some of us call it a mindset. Some refer to it as a paradigm shift. Malcolm X called it a "revolution of the mind." Whatever you call it, black leadership needs to get it — and right now wouldn't be a minute too soon.

Our black leaders remind me of the Boy Scout leader who, having become separated from his troop, finally stopped to ask a passerby, "Have you seen a Boy Scout troop? I am their leader."

Black leadership is badly out of touch with the needs of black folks in America. There is no other way to say it.

With but few exceptions, black leadership is fundamentally lost, reduced to changing the dates of the "black agenda" from one year to the next; reduced to using the same "minutes" from last year's meeting, substituting only the newest names for those who may have inadvertently died while in the "struggle"; reduced to trying to catch its own tail, running fast, afraid not only of itself,

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Word on the street . . .

▲ With the May 27 murder of Carlos C. Stoner still on the minds of many residents, some folks talked about racism here in Winston-Salem . . .



I believe racism is as American as apple pie. It's been here so long it's imbedded into American culture. I've noticed here in Winston-Salem too . . . especially being a black male. Technically racism exists here like everywhere else, it's just more covert here. Racism is targeted to everyone that is non-white and we are at the top of the list.

- Brandon Williams, 20



I think racism definitely exists. Hearing about that murder, it made me feel bad. I knew that type of thing went on, but I didn't know it would happen here. It scared me. I've experienced racism. I've had bottles thrown at me and I've had (whites) call me nigger as I walked by. (Blacks) have to be more alert. . . you never know what will happen.

- James White, 27



Racism is still here in Winston-Salem. But it is getting a little better. I hope in the near future it will end, but it hasn't happened yet. There are a lot of people getting involved now (to help end it). I guess in both races we need to talk more about it and bring things to light. But we'll see how things work after the outcome of this trial.

- Beatrice Allen, 55



I think there is a whole lot of racism in Winston-Salem. Winston-Salem is just behind the times, as far as jobs, (relating) to blacks and improving the community. I'm faced with it in many different ways. If I went to get a job, (I think there's a good chance) they'd hire a white person before me.

- Christopher Bonner, 22



I was really surprised to hear about the murder happening here in Winston-Salem. But I think racism depends on each individual person. They're the ones who have to make up their mind whether or not they are going to be racist. I think everybody needs to come together as a whole and get down to the bottom of this issue of racism.

- Trisha Carpenter, 20