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Worker Told Matics About Racism in '92

▲ White letter carrier complained to supervisor and Matics about racist remarks

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
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A Winston-Salem postal worker has provided the Chronicle with documentation that he told Postmaster J. Mark Matics two years ago that there was a problem with racism in the Winston-Salem post office.

For his efforts, he said, he was reprimanded and ultimately fired before getting his job back.

Matics said last week that he was unaware of the discontent among many postal workers and wondered why workers would go to the media with their complaints instead of their-supervisors.

"He's lying when he said he knew of no racial problems in the post office," said Rodney Hutchins, a letter carrier at the Manor Station on Healy Drive. "I had been

fired in '92 for bringing it up. My complaint about the racial remarks came a few days before I was fired."

Hutchins, who is white, said he complained to his supervisors at Manor Station as well as to Matics about racist and pejorative language that whites often used in addressing African-Americans at the station. He said a Native American at the station was often referred to as "Tonto" and "Chief" and African-Americans were often called "Midnight" and "12 o'clock."

In a letter dated Dec. 27, 1992, which accompanied an EEOC complaint, Hutchins said his complaints have been ignored by his supervisor and by Matics.

"I have protested and brought to management's attention racial remarks on the workroom floor here many months now," he wrote. "This is racial discrimination at its worst — when managers make racial

remarks themselves and employees are afraid to ask them to refrain because they know that these managers will make up a pretext to fire them if they do."

Hutchins said he was fired for insubordination for bringing up the issue.

Over the past several weeks, the Chronicle has interviewed several Postal Service employees who have described Matics' management style as authoritarian and dictatorial. Initially, most of those workers were African-American, but since the first article appeared on Nov. 3, more and more white workers have called and visited the Chronicle's office to complain about the postmaster. They all agree that the post office is rife with racial discrimination and verbal intimidation, with

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Rodney Hutchins complained of racism against blacks.

Will Southeast Gateway By-Pass Happy Hill?

▲ "Neglected" public housing community in middle of area

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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City officials say the Southeast Gateway is going to enhance the quality of life for residents of Happy Hill Gardens housing community, however, residents there said they have not heard of specific plans.

"What are they doing for Happy Hill? Apparently nothing," said Yvonne Jefferson, who is one of three members on the Gateway committee representing the public housing community. "We haven't heard from them in weeks. I thought it was a project that just died."

Jefferson said meetings have been held at the Sims Recreational Center and many ideas for the area were discussed. She said some shrubs have been planted and other clean-up projects done, but they haven't heard anything about improving transportation or developing the area.

Jefferson said residents want a pedestrian bridge to connect the Sims center with the Happy Hill neighborhood, better access to the area and jobs nearby for residents.

"We were concerned about the all the land surrounding us and nothing going on with it," she said. "We have a lot of young men with a good head on them — they know how to work and they will work, but they don't have transportation to a job. I was hyped up about it, so they made it look nice for a minute. We've been snowballed like



Ben Piggott, director of William C. Sims Center, shows where the proposed pedestrian cross bridge for senior citizens would go to connect the neighborhood with the center.

that so much."

Ben Piggott, director of the Sims center, said the center is a long walk for elderly residents and many young residents could get hurt by cutting through a marshy area that separates the center from the neighborhood.

Glenn Simmonds, a committee

member from the city-county planning board, said Happy Hill hasn't been neglected. He said other issues such as the complaint by merchants on a portion of Waightown Street who don't want the street closed has garnered more attention.

"I don't think they lost focus, but

with all the things going on, they sort of got put back, but they have been included in the plans," he said. "I know there were a lot of recommendations about building the bridge and improving access to the area. Where it stands

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Storey Fires Moody As Court Clerk

▲ Out-going clerk may be consultant to Thomas

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
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Dorothy B. Moody, the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Clerk of Superior Court and a deputy clerk of court, was fired three days after the election by Frances Storey, the out-going clerk of court whom Moody defeated in the August primary, the Chronicle has learned.

On the same day she was fired, Moody was offered a job as a jailer with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department, authorities said.

Moody was defeated in the Nov. 8 election by Republican Gary L. Thomas.

"I was fired without being provided a reason after years of service," said Moody, a deputy clerk of court since 1987. "The only thing that I have done this year that I did not do in prior years was a run for the position of clerk of court. I always thought that the state could not punish me for seeking public office."

Storey, who has been the clerk of court since 1985, said the dismissal had nothing to do with her losing to Moody.

"The coincidences are there, but that's not the reason," Storey said. Citing personnel confidentiality, she declined to discuss her reason for firing Moody.

"You work at the pleasure of the clerk and this is to advise you that I am dismissing you at the close of business on Thursday, November 11, 1994, the expiration of

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Dorothy B. Moody

Carlos Stoner Killer Doby Continues a Life of Crime

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
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Since his testimony last year that freed him and put away his cohorts in the racially charged castration murder of Carlos Stoner, Dwayne G. Doby has had several brushes with the law.

Over the past several months, Doby has been charged with breaking and entering, larceny, driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia and growing marijuana.

The incidents occurred in the Mont-

gomery County town of Troy, about 70 miles southeast of Winston-Salem.

Doby was one of three white men convicted in the death of Carlos Stoner, an African-American killed in 1992 after the men went drinking near Washington Park.



Dwayne G. Doby

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This Week in Black History
November 22, 1955
Interstate Commerce Commission banned segregation in buses and waiting rooms involved in interstate travel.

WHERE TO FIND IT

Residents Say Foot Patrols Are Making a Difference

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At Piedmont Park, residents were once afraid to sit outside on their porches in the daytime and at night they refused to come outside.

Residents helplessly watched drug dealings in broad daylight, and instead of awakening to alarm clocks, most mornings they woke up by hearing gunshots.

Queen Black, president of the residents council, said many residents lived in fear, but they now feel comfortable since the neigh-

borhood got foot patrol police officers in June.

"It was the wild, wild west out here," Black said. "Small children couldn't play outside because (when shooting occurred) they would run over them. It was like a stampede out here."

Black said she requested the foot patrols and in five months, they have turned things around.

"Everybody loves the foot patrols. I

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