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Frye tells two different stories

BY CASH MICHAELS FOR THE CHRONICLE

In a recent story published in a local newspaper, Susan Frye, Forsyth County Clerk of Superior Court, maintained that her office "... did nothing illegal" regarding an Oct. 20 lawsuit that alleges the \$1.4 million estate of Mary Ellen Thompson, an African-American retired nurse also known as "the ward," was fraudulently squandered when an assistant clerk illegally appointed an attorney as her estate guardian before declaring her incompetent.

This was an act the N.C. Court of Appeals later ruled was legally "invalid" because the process was corrupted, and none of the orders were properly stamped (or "entered" into the court record), making them official.

CHRONICLE EDITORIAL

What is truth in case of estate vs. clerk's office?

Our series on an Oct. 20 lawsuit against the Forsyth County Clerk of Court's Office, a local attorney and others, alleging that a \$1.4 million estate belonging to a retired African-American nurse was allegedly squandered when that attorney was illegally appointed as her estate guardian, has certainly touched a nerve in our

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"Everything was handled in a professional manner," Frye insisted to the local newspaper, "... and all laws have been followed. There was no fraud."

But as The Chronicle, which exclusively broke this story online Oct. 23, first reported, that is not what Susan Frye stated in an April 9, 2014 court order titled "Findings of Fact".... "In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Ellen Brannon Thompson," filed in Forsyth Superior Court.

Frye's order was not only responding to a series of motions from Reginald D. Alston, Mary Thompson's estate attorney, about the alleged fraud in the case, but also the earlier Feb. 4, 2014 ruling from the N.C. Court of Appeals, which declared that the May 1, 2007 order appointing attorney Bryan C. Thompson (no relation to Mary) as guardian of the

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WSSU FATAL SHOOTING



Over 400 students gather around the clock tower on the campus of Winston-Salem State University for a prayer vigil in honor of Anthony White Jr. on Sunday, Nov. 1. White was fatally shot earlier Sunday.

WSSU family bonds after student killed on campus

Jarrett Jerome Moore is arrested in connection with fatal shooting

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Just a few hours after Homecoming activities came to an end, the campus of Winston-Salem State University was shaken to the



Moore

core Sunday, when news of a fatal shooting on campus traveled through social media. Another student was wounded at the scene.

The shootings were reported about 1:20 a.m. Nov. 1 and occurred in a parking lot near Wilson Hall and Gleason-Hairston Terrace residence halls.

Shortly after the shootings, university officials released a statement

that stated Anthony White Jr. had died and that investigators were looking for Jarrett Jerome Moore from Charlotte in connection with the shooting. Moore is a former WSSU student, officials said.

Less than 48 hours after the shooting was reported, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police arrested Moore on outstanding warrants.

After deliberating with the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office, authorities charged Moore with murder and possession of

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Episcopal locals beam over first black top bishop

JUDIE HOLCOMB-PACK FOR THE CHRONICLE

When the U.S. Episcopal Church installed Michael Curry as its first black presiding bishop on Nov. 1 at the Washington National Cathedral, a contingent from Winston-Salem's St. Stephen's Episcopal Church attended to celebrate the momentous occasion.

Bishop Curry was the Deacon in Charge at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church from 1978 to 1982 and Patrice Toney remembers her excitement as a child serving as an acolyte.



Photo provided by Patrice Toney

Patrice Toney meets with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of the U.S. Episcopal Church while she was in Washington, D.C., to see him installed as the church's first black presiding bishop. A contingent from Winston-Salem's St. Stephen's Episcopal Church attended to celebrate the momentous occasion.

"Bishop Curry's energy fills a room," Toney commented. "He illuminates a room and you can tell he genuinely loves people." Even after leaving St. Stephen's, Curry often returned for special events. Toney explained the special relationship saying, "He always had St. Stephen's in his heart."

While at St. Stephen's, Curry encouraged the congregation to become involved in community outreach and Toney remembers one sermon in particular where he preached on "Go," urging members to go into the commu-

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Lingering poverty growing in Winston-Salem

BY CASH MICHAELS FOR THE CHRONICLE

It has been known for years. Winston-Salem has a bad poverty problem.

Indeed, when it comes to some of the poorest urban areas anywhere in North Carolina, Winston-Salem has areas that rank fourth (Waughtown and Columbia Heights), eighth (Northeast Ward) and ninth (East Ward) out of the Top 10 for having "...

the most economically distressed [US Census] tracts," according to a February 2014 UNC-Chapel Hill study by William High and Todd Owen.

Based on the 2010 US Census, the most recent federal population survey, "distressed urban census tracts," as defined by the study, are urban population sections that have high percentages of unemployment, low per capita income and high percentages of public assistance.

In that report, Forsyth County actually has 12 urban distressed census tracts in total, but no rural tracts. "Winston-Salem has more distressed tracts than any urban area in the state except Charlotte," the UNC study states in its conclusion.

Charlotte has high poverty areas that rank first, second, fifth, and sixth; High Point third; Greensboro 10th; and Raleigh seventh.

That same year in 2014, the Brookings

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