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Military transport crash kills 16 in Indiana city

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — A military transport plane plunged nose-first into the ground Thursday and smashed into a motel and restaurant, spewing blazing fuel and killing at least 16 people, authorities and witnesses said.

"It looked like Pearl Harbor," said Mark Whitehead, who rushed to the scene from his nearby home.

The Lockheed C-130 four-engine turboprop plane crashed into the back of a JoJo's restaurant and the north side of the Drury Inn motel shortly before 11 a.m. Burning fuel was sprayed hundreds of feet, sending flames 60 feet into the air and creating a tower of black smoke that was visible for miles.

By midafternoon, the fire was out except for some smoldering spots. Firefighters soaked debris with foam to prevent any reignition of fuel-soaked areas.

Five of the dead were members of the Kentucky National Guard's 123rd Tactical Air Lift Wing. They were on pilot proficiency training mission, Guard spokesman David Altom said. Nine people died in the motel, and two others were found dead in the restaurant, said Rick Woods, chief deputy coroner for Vanderburgh County.

At least 19 people were injured.

Sandy Appler, director of marketing and public relations for Evansville Regional Airport, located about a mile from the restaurant and motel, said the plane's crew was using the airport to practice landings.

Defense claims accuser wanted Tyson's money

INDIANAPOLIS — The beauty pageant contestant who has accused Mike Tyson of rape said she wanted to go out with him because he was rich and dumb, another contestant testified in the boxer's trial Thursday.

"You see what Robin Givens got out of him," Madelyn Whittington recalled the woman saying moments after Tyson asked her for a date during the Miss Black America contest. The former heavyweight boxing champion divorced actress Givens after a stormy eight-month marriage in 1988.

Whittington, 20, testified for the defense that she ran into Tyson's accuser in the bathroom after the boxer had appeared at a pageant rehearsal July 18.

"She told me Mike Tyson had asked her out, and I said, 'Are you going?' And she said very excitedly, 'Yes, of course! This is Mike Tyson. He's got a lot of money. He's dumb,'" Whittington told the court.

But under cross-examination, Whittington said that at the pageant's opening ceremonies, Tyson addressed several of the contestants by saying, "You want to come to my room? I know I'm not going to get nothing, but I'm going to ask anyway." She could not say if Tyson's accuser heard his remarks. The defense has argued that the woman should have known by the fighter's behavior with the pageant contestants that he was interested in having sex.

— The Associated Press

By Karen Lakey  
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The next state attorney general should make fighting crime and serving as the people's advocate his top priorities, said Henson Barnes, a Democratic candidate for the N.C. office.

"Leadership should come from the top down," said Barnes, a UNC graduate. "The attorney general should lead the fight in the war on crime and should do more work in consumer affairs."

Speaking Tuesday night before a group of about 20 Young Democrats, Barnes emphasized what he termed "traditional methods of law enforcement" to reduce the state's rising crime rate.

Eliminating plea bargains for accused drug dealers and using more undercover agents and stakeouts should help keep criminals off the streets, he said.

"If you're a drug dealer, you should go to prison," said Barnes, president pro

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tempore of the N.C. Senate.

The N.C. crime rate is increasing twice as fast as criminal activity in any other state, Barnes said. The next attorney general must lead the fight to stop crime from becoming an everyday occurrence in people's lives, he said.

To lower the state crime rate, drug abuse and trafficking must be stopped, Barnes said. The rise in crime is tied directly to the state's increased number of drug abusers.

"Some people will kill you for enough money to buy a hit," he said. "(If this continues) they soon will be in the position to bring us to our knees."

Seizing drugs before they reach N.C. buyers will decrease state drug use, Barnes said. Stationing a uniformed

police officer in front of well-known crack houses also may deter many drug deals, he said.

Barnes, from Greensboro, has served in the General Assembly for 18 years. His legislative experience will give him an edge in dealing with state lawmakers and will allow him to serve the state better, he said.

Recent attorneys general have refused to accept the role of the state's chief law enforcement official — the most important function of the office, Barnes said.

"Only a small percentage of the attorney general's time is directed toward crime," he said. "The attorney general should not sit in his office like a potted plant. He should go to the General Assembly and ask for better laws or more resources if he feels it is needed."

Barnes said action as the "people's attorney" should be another important aspect of the attorney general's job. The

N.C. attorney general's office receives 100,000 complaints per year and has only 10 people to handle the grievance overload, he said.

Shifting more employees to the attorney general's office and asking citizens to file written complaints would make the resolution of claims more efficient, Barnes said.

"It would weed out the not so serious cases," he said. "Justice delayed is justice denied in most cases."

The attorney general needs to take the initiative to track down "deadbeat dads" and force them to pay child support, he said.

Barnes said he supported giving a woman the right to choose an abortion and would continue to advocate this stance even if the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision. Current N.C. law allows a woman to have an abortion in the first four months of her pregnancy, he said.

Barnes promises tougher war on crime

By Tara Duncan  
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Rumors of prostitution and illegal wiretapping within the Durham Police Department have sparked state and federal investigations.

State Bureau of Investigation agents began an examination Tuesday of reports that a career development officer had been running an escort service, using female employees as prostitutes.

Their inquiry also will evaluate charges that the officer falsified credentials when joining the department.

In a related investigation, the FBI has been reviewing charges that five Durham officers violated federal wiretapping laws while compiling the department's own review of the prostitution accusations last December.

"The FBI and the SBI have been brought in to see if the department's investigation was sufficient," said Orville Powell, Durham city manager. "Anything else uncovered will need to be dealt with."

Durham Police Chief Trevor Hamp-

ton offered his resignation from the force three times last week, but Powell refused to accept his requests.

"I told Hampton that I would not accept his resignation unless the allegations ... were true," Powell said.

Hampton has denied any knowledge of an escort service being run within the department, Powell said.

The city manager said he stood by the results of the department's internal investigation, which cleared employees of prostitution charges, but said an outside review still was needed to uncover any unknown truths.

The internal review was compiled by five Durham officers during a five-week period last November and December.

"There was absolutely no evidence (of prostitution)," Powell said. "It was an investigation founded on rumors that had no basis. It was something that probably shouldn't have been investigated, but it couldn't be ignored."

Career development officer Wiley Davis and a group of female employees, whose names have not been released, are the central figures in the SBI

investigation. Davis denied any connection with a prostitution ring but resigned from the Durham police force Wednesday because he had been unable to prove that he graduated from the University of Maryland.

"This investigation is an infringement upon rights of an individual based on rumors," Davis said in an interview last week.

If Davis can prove his credentials by Feb. 10, he may regain his job, Powell said. Falsifying records is a felony punishable by 10 years in prison.

Even before the recent allegations of prostitution and falsifying records, Davis' record had been called into question. He was suspended from the Durham department for three days in 1990 after leaving the scene of an accident involving a city-owned car.

Davis also was demoted from captain to lieutenant during an investigation of sexual harassment charges while working for the Columbia, S.C., police in 1988.

The Durham department's internal review of prostitution charges has

prompted the FBI to investigate the possibility of illegal wiretapping. Five officers who helped conduct the investigation may have used illegal methods to tap some of the force's phone pagers, according to the FBI.

"We are still reviewing all information to see if there has been any illegal interceptions of oral receptions," said Tom Lusby, an acting FBI special agent.

Two of the Durham officers under FBI review were transferred two weeks ago, and the other three were demoted. Durham Police Capt. George Hare said the officers were moved because of the pending FBI investigation.

In addition to reviews from state and federal agencies, the Durham City Council and the Durham County district attorney want to review the city's police force.

"We must be understanding of the police department and its workings," said Howard Clement, a Durham council member. "The Durham City Police Department isn't a peaches-and-cream operation, but people would be intolerant if they thought otherwise."

Duke

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GOP members because of his political background.

"Duke is a great embarrassment to the Republican party because he is a racist and anti-Semitic," Robins said.

The Louisiana GOP does not support Duke, even though he resides in that state and served in the Louisiana legislature from 1989-1991, said Joel Mincey, political director for the Louisiana Republican Party.

"We have no affiliation with him," Mincey said. "To us, he is a Republican in name only."

With the primary season about to begin, only 11 states have granted Duke a place on the ballot. Duke did not meet the filing deadline for the May 5 N.C. primary.

Duke's lack of GOP support could force him to consider abandoning the Republican Party. Duke has suggested that he may resort to running as an independent or as the candidate of a less mainstream party in the November general election.

If Duke resorts to an alternative party, he may increase his chances for a significant showing.

"He could win (a nomination) as a third-party candidate," Rose said. "His support is rarely visible, so it's hard to tell how much is out there."

Duke claims to have changed since his days as an active participant in the National Association for the Advancement of White People, largely because of his newfound Christianity. But many voters do not believe his turnaround is credible.

"It's not a sudden turnaround — he hasn't really changed," Robins said. "It is dangerous to count David Duke out, but he has not maintained the momentum he once had."

Celebration

Heels to bring down No. 1 Duke.

Mark McCormick, who was working at Players after the victory, said that cold weather forced celebrants inside and that the club was not prepared for the revelry.

McCormick praised the police for allowing the celebration and for controlling the crowd.

"The police do a good job to let people blow off steam," he said.

Spanky's assistant manager Vance Barrett said the Franklin Street party helped increase business.

"It got a lot busier," he said. "Everyone was happy. I think all of the Duke fans left and left it to the Carolina fans." Barrett said there wasn't any significant damage to Spanky's.

"There was a little vomit in the sinks, but basically nothing that wasn't repairable," she said.

He's Not Here manager Mark Burnett said business increased about 40 percent. He said he didn't have to take any

precautions to prepare for the crowd because the bar was not located on Franklin Street.

"I figured most of the party would be outside," Burnett said. "Every time the street closes, it doesn't affect us that much because we're off the street."

Cousins said the crowd quieted down about 2 a.m.

Carlton Jordan, a street supervisor for the Chapel Hill Public Works Department, said cleanup from the post-victory party took about 2 1/2 hours. The cleanup was made easier because most students drank beer out of cans instead of glass bottles, he said.

"There was mostly beer cans and toilet paper," Jordan said. "There was very little glass."

A team of eight workers and one supervisor conducted the cleanup using a street sweeper and a street water flusher, Jordan said.

Andrea Bruce contributed to this article.

Housekeeper

punch the clock, nor are they questioned about their every move."

Equally disturbing is the problem of low morale among housekeepers, Brittan said, because supervisors delegate jobs that do not fit employees' job descriptions.

"It's hard enough to clean, but then having to put in light bulbs and climb up ladders when that does not really fit their job description creates a big morale problem."

Brittan said the complaints already had been outlined in the Step 3 grievance filed against the University last month. But some employees are afraid to come forth with individual complaints for fear of losing their jobs, which pay sub-poverty wages.

Tinnen agreed that housekeepers tolerated harassment because of their desperate situation.

"It affects us real bad because people have to work two jobs to make ends meet," she said. "And there's not another big major industry around here, so where else is there for us to go?"

Tinnen expressed hope that many issues would be resolved next month during grievance hearings.

"We hope there will be a big change in the way supervisors perform, and the cruelty of doing sneaky things to people and the problem of writing people up," she said.

Meanwhile, Brittan said he would press administrators to provide employee training to workers falling into the University's lowest pay grades. He already has written several letters to Hardin about possible changes.

"We're talking about giving them a chance for upward mobility," he said.

Brittan said he thought morale problems would cease somewhat with opportunity and access because workers entering the lowest pay grades would feel that they had a chance to advance.

"This will show the University has a genuine concern, but to say you can't provide (training) opportunities for employees in an institute of higher learning is somewhat ridiculous," Brittan said.

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