

Youths Get Suspended Sentences For Beating Airmen In 'Useless' Attack

Greensboro Men Get Straight Road Terms On Traffic Charges

Three young Moore County men, convicted in what Solicitor W. Lamont Brown termed the most "utterly useless" crime he had ever prosecuted in Moore County, received suspended road sentences Monday for beating up three airmen of the Air Force Air-Ground Operations School about two weeks ago.

The three, Buck Kirk, Bobby Willard, and Charlie Lewis, all of whom live near Aberdeen, were convicted of beating airmen George Cox, Richard Moody and Amelio Estrada April 19 in Southern Pines.

No reason was ever given for the three's actions, other than that one of the airmen had made a slighting remark which apparently made Kirk mad.

Testimony indicated the affray, which occurred near midnight April 19 at the intersection of

Morganton Road and Indiana Avenue, started when Kirk forced the automobile the three airmen were in to stop about a block away. Moody said that Kirk then attempted to drag him from the car, and finally did after he (Moody) had driven a block with Kirk partially inside the car and trying to get the ignition keys.

When the car finally stopped, the defendants said, Kirk, together with Lewis, Willard and another defendant who was not in court, pulled them from the car and gave them a sound beating.

The three defendants did not deny that they beat up the airmen, although Lewis said he had been nothing more than a bystander and had even tried to pull someone off the airmen.

Solicitor Brown said that the beating was a shame to the town, particularly in view of the excellent relations that USAFAGOS and Southern Pines had enjoyed in the past.

Kirk, identified as the ring leader, received a six months road

sentence for assault and battery and assault with a deadly weapon (automobile). The sentence was suspended on payment of a \$100 fine and costs.

Willard and Lewis received three months road sentences, also on the same charges, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Gary Wathen, another defendant, was not in court because of illness. His case was continued.

Sent To Roads

In another case that drew unusual interest from the crowded courtroom, two young Greensboro residents, Julian McIntosh and Marshall Lowe, were handed straight 60 day road sentences for speeding, careless and reckless driving, and racing.

State Highway Patrolmen had arrested the pair after clocking them at 90 miles per hour over a speed watch. Officers said they had been racing at breakneck speed and had passed on a curve.

Both defendants' wives appeared in court and denied their husbands had been speeding more

than 60 miles per hour.

A prisoner serving a two-year sentence on a Moore County road gang for assault on a female, was brought into court and given an additional six months for assaulting a fellow prisoner.

James Johnson, the defendant, was charged with assaulting Robert Lee, serving 30 days, with a shovel working on a ditch. Prison officials said Johnson threw an eel at Lee and when Lee struck at him with a shovel, Johnson flew into a rage and struck Lee with his shovel, making a severe gash in his head.

Other cases disposed of included:

Danny Harrington, Robbins, driving without operator's license, \$25 to include fine and costs.

Bobby Hinton, Stockbridge, Ga., speeding 70, \$20 and costs.

Yancy Lee Reeder, Asheboro, driving drunk, careless and reckless driving, speeding, 90 days on roads, suspended on payment of fine of \$100 and costs. License revoked 12 months.

Aston Franklin Williams, West End, failure to report accident resulting in damage of more than \$100, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

John Daniel Jones, Mt. Airy, allowing unlicensed person to drive his automobile, \$25 to include fine and costs.

Raymond P. Blakeley, Sanford, speeding 80, fine of \$80 and costs, driver's license revoked.

William L. Wallace, Robbins, careless and reckless driving, accident, \$25 and costs.

Robert Clark Harris, West End, careless and reckless driving, failure to stop at stop sign, improper equipment, prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$25 and costs.

Charles Blue, Hoffman, affray, assault with a deadly weapon, cursing, making threats, three months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, pay damages caused to plaintiff, remain on good behavior for two years.

Chester Parker, Fort Bragg, allowing another to use his driver's license, and Wilson Voare, Fort Bragg, using as his own another's license, joint fine of \$25 and costs.

William Anderson McRae, West End, driving without operator's license, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs, and on condition defendant not drive until his license reinstated.

Edsel Cameron Kelly, Newport News, Va., speeding 80, driving drunk, careless and reckless driving, three months on roads, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. License revoked.

Dwight S. Lynker, Fort Bragg, speeding, improper license, \$20 and costs.

Colton Ritter, Route 1, Robbins, unlawful possession of seal-broken whiskey, \$5 fine plus costs, sheriff to destroy whiskey.

Cecil McKenzie, Route 1, Robbins, allowing unlicensed minor to operate his car, prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$25 to cover fine and costs.

Wallace L. Mechler, Southern Pines, careless and reckless driving, accident and property damage, \$25 and costs.

Bobby Stanley Hughes, Aber-

deen, speeding, \$20 and costs, license revoked as required by law.

Wayne Derryberry, Robbins, public drunk, previous sentence of six months for contributing to delinquency of a minor and other offenses put into effect. Defendant also ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs and serve 30 days on roads, to run concurrently with sentence of six months.

Charles Lamonds, Candor, speeding, \$25 to include fine and costs.

Delmar Reed Sheffield, Pinehurst, driving drunk, \$100 and costs, license revoked 12 months.

Otto Jeter, Cameron, unlawful possession of illicit whiskey for sale. Guilty of unlawful possession but not for sale; 30 days on roads, suspended on payment of costs, sheriff ordered to destroy the whiskey.

Audrey Donald Peacock, Whiteville, speeding, accident, not guilty.


Freddy Jones, Vass, unlawful possession of illicit whiskey, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

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