Fayetteville man sentenced for Raeford armed robbery

A Favetteville man was sentence

ed to 14 years in jail in Hoke Superior Court Monday after he plead guilty to a November armed robbery of the Raeford Safeway Finance Company.

Michael Reynolds, 31, who originally plead not guilty to the charges, changed his plea after a

jury panel had been selected. Reynolds' lawyer, Raeford at-torney Phil Diehl, called for the change following a short lunch recess.

Following the plea, Hoke Superior Court Judge Frank Brown ordered the defendant confined to the Department of Correction for 14 years.

The maximum sentence for armed robbery is 40 years. Reynolds, who has been in jail

for nearly four months under a \$10,000 bond, was arrested by local authorities December 9.

Raeford Police officers took the defendant into custody shortly after he was tried in Cumberland County on unrelated charges.

By Sherry Matthews

discussed to expand the Raeford JRA Industries plant by 20,000 square feet, JRA Industries Presi-

dent Edward R. Askew said last

"We are looking into making

this point we are only in the plan-ning stages," he added.

Although Askew was "not cer-

tain" of a timetable for the pro-

posed expansion, he did say any

additions could go completed "within the next six months."

mean additional jobs at the local

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department employees reside in other counties. The other four are

making \$15,000 plus per year.

Horne and four other health

Holt is the only employee living

plant. Askew said.

The proposed expansion could

'We are not sure of anything at

Preliminary plans are being

believe Reynolds entered the Safeway Finance Company of Main Street armed with a "blue steel pistol" and forced two of three employees to lie on the floor.

A third employee was apparently made to open the cash drawer. Over \$900 was taken during the robbery, authorities say.

In addition to the 14-year sentence imposed in Hoke County, Cumberland County court records show that Reynolds received a 10-year sentence on March 1 for felonious possession of cocaine and marijuana.

The Hoke sentence will begin "at the expiration of all other sentences," court records show.

In other court action Monday. four area residents were indicted by the Hoke Grand Jury for breaking and entering, larcenies, assault possession of controlled

David Lee Green was indicted in connection with the November 3 break-in at Pete's Grocery in Hoke

JRA eyeing plant expansion

this point, but overall, there is a

Over \$400 in merchandise, in-

cluding 12 cases of soft drinks, a kerosine heater and a step ladder were taken during the incident.

James Franklin McNair, aka Jack, was indicted for the August 5 break-in at the Willie Woods residence

An air conditioner and color television, valued at \$500, were taken during the incident

The grand jury also indicted Jay William Quick for the November 6 assault on Steve Locklear.

The indictment shows that Quick allegedly shot Locklear in the legs with a 12-gauge shotgun.

Paula Kay Jones was also indicted Monday on charges of possession with intent to sell or deliver a counterfeit controlled substance.

The grand jury handed down a second indictment against Jones for selling and delivering a counterfeit controlled substance to a City-County Bureau of Narcotics

Those indicted Monday are scheduled to make their first trial appearance during the April 9 session of Hoke Superior Court.

mean adding more employees to

used for inventory needs, Askew

"At this point, we have not bor-rowed any money. We will borrow it only if we need it," the firm's

According to Askew, the money

will be used for purchasing additional yarns "if they are needed."
"We are just protecting ourselves and the plant," he said.

Man jailed after chase

This bit of fungus growing on a Hoke County tree would make a nice perch for frog or squirrel.

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Lumber Bridge. Cynthia Baldwin reported to

Hoke Department of Social Services (DSS) personnel that her \$182 fuel assistance check had apparently been delivered to the wrong address, reports show.

Reports also show that the check turned up at the Jiffy Mart. The 17-year-old Baldwin is

scheduled to appear in district court this week on the two charges.

In related matters, two other Hoke residents reported missing DSS checks last week

Leary G. Lowery of Rt. 1, Red Springs told deputies that someone had apparently removed his \$202 assistance check from his mailbox.

Although no arrests have been made in the incident, authorities believe that the check was cashed

at an auto parts store in Robeson County.

A second missing check was reported last week by Paula K. Jones of Rt. 4, Raeford.

Jones told deputies that some-one had taken a \$176 AFDC check

The case remains under investigation, reports show.

In city crime, a Rt. 1, Wagram woman was arrested last week after being apprehended for the larceny of a \$19.98 suit from Pope's Store in Raeford.

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said that officers ap-prehended Mildred McRae, 48, in the parking lot of Sky City after Pope employees reported the

McRae was charged with taking a blouse and skirt from the Pope's store, Wiggins said.

Following a tip from "a neighbor" last week, a Sanford

man was arrested and charged with larceny, Wiggins said

Fred William Fincher of Rt. 5, Sanford was taken into custody in connection with the March 5 larceny of a grill owned by City Councilman Joe Upchurch.

The grill was not recovered, Wiggins said.

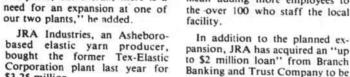
Police also took two Hoke youths into custody last week following a larceny that apparently netted the youngsters \$3.87 in can-

The youths, a 13 and 14-yearold, were turned over to the juvenile authorities for disposition, Wiggins said

Logether, heart disease, stroke and related disorders kill almost as many Americans as all other causes of death combined, American Heat: Association

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president said

November 1, 1983.

\$3.25 million. The purchase included a 65,000 square foot manufacturing facility and a 6.2 acre site located on

North Bethel Street in Raeford. "The extra land was bought with future expansions in mind," Askew said.

"I think the Raeford site is better suited for building than the Asheboro site," he added.

The planned expansion could

outside Hoke and who works in

the county office complex making above \$15,000. Other workers

making that much are scattered

among the other county depart-

Employees living outside hired in 1982 with the agreement that he move into the Hoke area by

> Holt appeared before the commissioners in October to ask for an

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