

Temper flare draws judge's ire, lands Hoke County woman in jail

By Ed Miller
An emotional display landed a Hoke County woman in jail for the weekend after she was found in contempt of court last Friday.

After being found "not guilty" of assault charges, but told to stay away from her alleged victim, Glenda Dale Hunt, stomped from the courtroom in the Hoke County Courthouse, slammed the doors and stomped down the stairs.

District Court Judge Warren Pate had the woman brought back into the courtroom and sentenced her to 48 hours in jail, witnesses said.

In other court action, a Fayetteville man received a total of six years in prison after being found guilty on charges of assaulting an officer, assault with a deadly weapon, and two counts of possession of stolen property, court records say.

William David Hill, 25, received one year on each count of possessing stolen vehicles, two years for assaulting Hoke County Deputy J.W. Jones as the officer tried to arrest him after his escape from Robeson County Jail, and two years for assault with a deadly weapon after he put a broken bottle to the throat of Paula Kay Jones and threatened to kill her, records say.

Hill was assigned to the North Carolina Department of Corrections to serve his time.

A Red Springs man, Raymond Henderson, was also assigned to the N.C. Department of Corrections after he received no less than 12 and no more than 18 months for possession of stolen property, records say.

Henderson, 23, was found guilty of having an Olympus OM-10 camera, two lens and a filter for the lens belonging to Robin Chavis, according to records.

A third man, this time a Raeford resident, was given 90 days in the Department of Corrections by District Court Judge Pate for possessing tax paid liquor for sale and selling it to an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agent, say records.

Roosevelt Powell was arrested May 4 after selling two beers and two cups of liquor to the officer. To accompany the 90 days, Powell also received three years on special supervised probation and a \$1,000 fine, say records.

A Fayetteville man will be spending 30 days in the Hoke County Jail after being found guilty of his third offense of driving while impaired.

Alonza Josiah Stanley was arrested on the charge on April 29, records say.

The 33-year-old Stanley's actual sentence was no more or less than two years but that sentence was suspended for three years special supervised probation, the 30 days

and a \$350 fine, records say. David Charles Wheeler, of Raeford, was arrested June 9 for DWI and possession of marijuana, records say.

Wheeler, 28, received a \$25 fine on the possession charge and one year suspended for two years special supervised probation and a \$300 fine on the DWI charge.

Raeford's Ronald Chavis was arrested DWI while his license was revoked on July 14 and was in district court last Thursday, records say.

Chavis was found guilty and got 90 days suspended for one year supervised probation for the offense.

The 27-year-old Chavis was also fined \$500, records say.

Kim Foxworth, of Red Springs, was arrested on July 21 for possession of marijuana, driving without a license, and while consuming alcohol with a provisional license.

Foxworth, 18, was sentenced to 30 days suspended for two years unsupervised probation and made to pay a \$75 fine, records say.

Mavis Studivant, of Raeford, was sentenced to 60 days suspended for one year unsupervised probation and fined \$100 after being found guilty of DWI, records say.

Studivant, 34, was arrested on June 15, according to records.



Lacy Thornburg

By Ed Miller

The North Carolina Attorney General is the lawyer for the residents of the state, Democratic candidate Lacy Thornburg said last week while campaigning in Hoke County.

After breakfast at Raeford's Wagon Wheel Restaurant, Thornburg and his campaign party spent the rest of Tuesday traveling the county and telling listeners his philosophy on the office of attorney general and what he plans to do for the people of the county and North Carolina if elected.

"I view (the office of attorney general) as an office of the people," Thornburg said in an interview.

The attorney general has to function as a lawyer for the people collectively and be a leader in law enforcement, Thornburg said.

Thornburg sees the office of Attorney General as one who is over the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI); therefore, he is very interested in the training of all law enforcement officers.

One of his goals, if elected, is to put the law enforcement training

Thornburg proposes changes to improve rural enforcement

center at Salemburg Academy to good use for future officers, he said.

"I plan to work hard on officer training throughout the state," said Thornburg.

"I expect to meet regularly with law enforcement leaders to coordinate efforts," he said.

Minimum standards will be set for all law enforcement teachers in the state in an attempt to make the graduating officers more efficient at their jobs, if Thornburg has his way.

There will also be minimum standards for rural officers.

"I see problems with some rural police efforts in that the officers are untrained," Thornburg said, adding that his objective will not be to rid the state of those officers, but to train them to be effective.

The North Carolina's community college system could be of great assistance in training more law officers faster and better, he said.

More officers are needed in some areas, said Thornburg.

White collar crime, drug law enforcement and the crime lab in Raleigh are in need of more personnel, the candidate said.

More specialized officers trained in those areas are needed, he said.

"And, we need more cooperation and coordination between law enforcement levels."

"I am of the opinion that the law, like the government, is better enforced at the local level, but

there must be cooperation (between local, state and federal organizations)," he said.

"We have good law enforcement; we can do better," Thornburg said.

Law enforcement is not the only place where Thornburg plans to make improvements.

He would like to make some changes in the court system in the state, Thornburg said, noting that upgrading the efficiency of the system will be of high priority.

Minor traffic cases should be taken out of district court and handled at the magistrates' level, he said.

This will include minor speeding tickets and small moving violations; however, driving while impaired and other major offenses should remain in district court.

Thornburg would like to see misdemeanor appeals out of superior court and into the North Carolina Court of Appeals from the district court level. He reasoned superior court judges are spending too much time hearing things other than cases.

"If a judge has to sit up all day and hear motions, he can't try cases," he said.

Thornburg says that his major interests are in the people of North Carolina, and he is willing to devote the time to the job of Attorney General that it needs.

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it correctly, is a key in basic reading skills, Semones said.

Making the best use of teaching time and sticking to a subject is also in the plan along with a student by student record of achievement in every CAT testing category.

In this fashion, teachers will be able to chart each individual's advancements and analyze shortcomings, Semones said.

With the information received from this charting action, teachers will know what areas their students are weak in and review the information, said Semones.

Teachers will also be able to set goals and map plans of action for attaining desired goals.

Improvements in CAT scores will not happen overnight, but the Hoke County School system is aware of problems the and is taking action to correct them, Semones said.

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