

Grand Jury Indicts Shallotte Men Charged In Ash Murder

Two Shallotte men who fled the area after a fatal shooting in Ash last month have been extradited to Brunswick County from Louisiana and were indicted by a grand jury Monday.

David Dwain Gilley, 24, of Route 7 was indicted on a charge of murder in the Feb. 30 slaying of Juan Perfecto Hernandez of Tabor City. Leonard Wayne Faircloth, 39, of Route 3 was indicted on a charge of being an accessory after the fact to the felony of murder.

Police say Gilley shot Hernandez once in the chest with a .380-caliber pistol at a roadside tavern in on N.C. 130 about two miles east of the Columbus County line.

The two allegedly got into a fight after Gilley said something or made advances toward Hernandez's wife, according to Detective Gene Caison of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

Faircloth was with Gilley at the bar and is charged with helping him

escape by "providing a vehicle for David Gilley's escape and leaving with David Gilley in said vehicle."

The two men fled in a tractor truck, which was later found at a truck stop on Interstate 95 near Florence, S.C. From there, police believe they caught a ride to Texas, where they borrowed a car and headed back east.

Gilley and Faircloth were arrested Feb. 3 in Baton Rouge, La., after police at a routine traffic stop discovered that the two men were wanted in North Carolina.

The grand jury also handed down three indictments each in the case of three men charged in connection with the Jan. 14 shooting of Bolivia resident Bernard Gales.

Indicted were Ronald Elliot Robbins, 41, of Rt. 1, Leland; William Eugene Webb, 36, of Rt. 2, Leland; and Michael Allen Bell, 28, of Wilmington. All were charged with assault with a deadly weapon with

intent to kill, inflicting serious injury; breaking and entering a home occupied by Vanzie Smith and Gales; and the theft of a safe from the home.

The grand jury handed down a total of 22 felony indictments Monday, agreeing that there was enough evidence to prosecute the defendants in superior court. Those indicted,

with their charges, include:

■Derick Lemar Andrews of Navassa, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Torrence Burns during a May 9 incident outside a Leland convenience store.

■Daniel Hill, 38, of Clarendon, charged with giving false testimony in the November murder-for-hire trial of George Larrimore, which was

moved to Brunswick County from Columbus County.

■Stanley Randall Faulk, 42, of Little Lane, Calabash, charged with felonious possession of 99.1 grams of marijuana and maintaining a vehicle for the purposes of keeping a controlled substance.

■Anthony "Butch" Clark, 32, of Wilmington, charged with two counts of

possession of 3.1 and 6.9 grams of cocaine with intent to sell and deliver; selling cocaine to an undercover police officer; and conspiring with Anwar Bryant and "persons unknown" to sell and deliver cocaine. ■Laura Patrice Robinson, 21, of Rt. 3, Supply, with attempting to give marijuana to an inmate in the Brunswick County Jail.

Whiteville Man Pleads Guilty In 1988 Shotgun Slaying

BY ERIC CARLSON

Nearly five years after the body of James Thomas Smith was found on an isolated stretch of N.C. 904 near the Columbus County line, his killer, Garland Thomas Tedder, pleaded guilty to a charge of voluntary manslaughter.



TEDDER

After accepting the plea in Brunswick County Superior Court Monday, Judge E. Lynn Johnson sentenced Tedder to six years in prison.

Tedder, 31, of Whiteville confessed to the shotgun slaying last July 30 after Brunswick County

Sheriff's Detective Billy Hughes pursued new evidence that led to his arrest on a charge of murder. Hughes lives near the spot where the shooting occurred.

District Attorney Rex Gore said the state's case against Tedder was based on that confession, in which Tedder also said Smith had followed him in a pickup truck after the two had an argument at the home of a mutual female friend. Tedder said he was told that Smith had a pistol and thought he was reaching for it when Tedder shot him in the chest with a shotgun.

No gun was found at the scene of the killing.

"I want to apologize for taking your brother and your father and your son's life," Tedder said to Smith's family. "But I had no other

choice. He gave me no other room."

Tedder said he had been dating a woman whom Smith "was previously involved with." He said he was at her home on April 8, 1988 when he and Smith got into an argument. Smith was "highly intoxicated," he said.

When he left the house in his pickup truck, Tedder said Smith followed him to his father's house and continued following him as he drove toward home.

Afraid to return home, Tedder said he continued driving until he crossed into Brunswick County with Smith behind him. He said he stopped and got out of the truck holding the shotgun he kept behind the seat. When Smith said something and ran toward him with his hand in his pocket, Tedder said he fired once.

Gore said Tedder fired a second shot at Smith's head as he lay in the road.

Explaining his willingness to accept a reduced plea in the case, Gore said "circumstances made it impossible to get sufficient evidence to bring the case to trial." He also noted that Smith had a blood alcohol content of .21 percent, more than twice the level that the state sets as legally impairing.

"I realize the family would have liked a different resolution, and I would have liked to give them some other resolution, but this was as much as I could give them," Gore said. "I hope this gives them some closure to the murder of their father, their brother and their son."

Phony 911 Report Leads To Quick Arrest Of Caller

A telephone prankster who called in a false robbery report Saturday night discovered that the 911 system not only alerts authorities to an emergency, but it also helps police identify and capture those who misuse it.

David Lee Fraizer, 37, of Denton Street, Ocean Isle Beach, was arrested on a charge of "making a false, misleading and unfounded report to Brunswick County Emergency Services (911) for the purpose of hindering or obstructing a peace officer in the performance of his or her official duties."

Fraizer allegedly called 911 at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday to report an armed robbery in progress at the Seaside Minit Mart, Brunswick Detective Tom Hunter said Monday.

Within minutes, two Sunset Beach Police patrol cars and two more from the Ocean Isle Beach Police Department converged on the convenience store along with five sheriff's deputies.

"We had the place surrounded, with guns drawn, but there didn't appear to be anything going on," Hunter said. "I went inside and the clerk came out from a back room and said there was no problem."

Concerned that the 911 caller might have identified the wrong convenience store, Hunter said half the officers went to the Calabash Minit Mart, while the others rushed to the Party Mart in Ocean Isle Beach. But there was nothing amiss at either location.

So Hunter contacted the 911 center and asked for the name and address of the person who called in the report. He also had them play back the tape of the call so he could identify the voice.

Armed with that information, the officers went to an apartment building in Ocean Isle Beach and arrested Fraizer.

Hunter would not speculate as to why the false report was made. However he said alcohol was involved.

"This should be a warning to anyone who might think of making a false report on the 911 system," Hunter said. "They need to know that their name, their address and their voice will be recorded. And we will prosecute anyone we catch."

Two Injured In Three Vehicle Wreck On Old Georgetown Road

Two drivers were injured Friday in a three-vehicle accident at approximately 10:35 a.m. on Old Georgetown Road (S.R. 1163) two miles east of Calabash, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol office in Wilmington.

Gene Summerlin, 38, Myrtle Beach, S.C., was westbound on Old Georgetown Road in a 1987 Jeep. Traveling in the opposite direction were Tom Etadali, 52, of Calabash, driving a 1988 Chrysler, and following him, Claude Bachelor Jr., 61, of Sunset Beach, in a 1988 BMW.

Bachelor pulled out in an attempt to pass Etadali, lost control of his BMW and skidded sideways and was struck by Summerlin's oncoming Jeep and then the Chrysler, according to the report filed by Trooper J.V. Dove.

Dove charged Bachelor with driving too fast for conditions.

Bachelor was uninjured, while Summerlin and Etadali were transported to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply with injuries.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 each to the Etadali and Summerlin vehicles and \$3,000 to Bachelor's car.

Later Friday, at approximately 8:45 p.m., a woman was uninjured

after she ran off the highway to avoid striking another vehicle.

Daisy Frink, 37, of Ash, was driving east on Thomasboro Road (S.R. 1165) two miles west of Calabash when she ran off the right side of the road in her 1984 Oldsmobile. The car hit a ditch bank and came to a stop.

Frink was uninjured, report Trooper W.H. Thompson. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$1,500. No charges were filed.

Robert McCarter Jr., 43, of Long Beach, was charged by Trooper J.H. Kerr with making an unsafe movement Saturday, Feb. 13, following a two-truck accident that happened 4.8 miles north of Shallotte on U.S. 17 near Supply.

McCarter was driving a 1985 Chevrolet pickup truck. From a median crossover near Quilt Road (S.R. 1203), he pulled out onto U.S. 17 in front of a southbound GMC pickup truck operated by Waymond Mitchell, 78, of Supply.

Mitchell was transported to The Brunswick Hospital with injuries; McCarter was not injured, according to Kerr's report.

Damages were estimated at \$1,500 to McCarter's truck and \$1,900 to Mitchell's truck.



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