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Touring The Beacon

Students in Stephanie Marlowe's fourth-grade communications class at Bolivia Elementary School get a first-hand look at how a newspaper is produced last week during a tour of the Brunswick Beacon. Here Pressman William Manning explains how a large process camera is used to make photographs larger or smaller for publication.

Convicted Child Molester Gets Three-Year Sentence

A 41-year-old Southport man, convicted last September on three counts of molesting his daughter, received a three-year prison sentence in an abbreviated two-day session of Brunswick County Superior Court last week.

Jury selection had begun Tuesday in the trial of Alfonza Lee Staley, a 24-year-old Camp Lejeune Marine charged with murder in the shooting death of his girlfriend last May, when court was abruptly adjourned.

Judge E. Lynn Johnson said he was postponing the trial because a close friend of his family had become seriously ill, and Assistant District Attorney Lee Bollinger had just been informed of a death in his family.

In court action Monday, Johnson gave Eddie Dale Holloman of Jabbertown Road, Southport, three years in prison for one of this three Sept. 3 convictions on charges of taking indecent liberties with a child.

Holloman was given a six-year sentence in the other two cases, suspended on the condition that he not be alone in the presence of minor children and that he take part in special psychiatric program for sex offenders. He was put on intensive probation.

Deborah Faye Holloman defended her husband, saying he was "a good provider." She said Holloman admitted that he had a problem and was willing to get treatment, but she did not know what the problem was.

"I can't pronounce the word that the doctor used," she said. "He's just a little rough. Maybe a little strict. Other than that, I don't know."

His employer, William Thomas Jones, said he had known Holloman all his life. Jones called Holloman a good worker who practically runs the company when he's not around.

Holloman's lawyer, William Fairley, asked the judge to consider putting his client on probation with "very specialized treatment." Noting that Mrs. Holloman does not work, Fairley said that if Holloman went to jail, "the home they've been working on for 12 years will be lost."

Bollinger said that after the jury found him guilty, Holloman's daughter asked that he be given the maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

"Eddie took advantage of a position of trust and confidence on three occasions when his wife was absent," Bollinger said. "I've talked

with the victim and she still feels some active time is appropriate."

Dressed in a dark blue T-shirt and jeans, the bearded Holloman stood and spoke when Judge Johnson asked if he had anything to say before sentencing.

"I realize I've got a problem and I need some help," he said.

Holloman sat silently and stared down at the table as the decision was announced. His wife began quietly sobbing when the judge said her husband would go to prison for one conviction and be ordered into treatment on the other two counts.

"You'll find that the prison sentence is not unduly lengthy," Johnson said. "The balance of the sentence is aimed at treatment, based on your being a pedophile.

"Good luck to you, Mr. Holloman," the judge said.

In other cases heard Monday:

■Major Paul Ward, 27, of Wilmington pleaded guilty to two counts of taking indecent liberties with a minor child and was given a six-year sentence suspended on payment of a \$200 fine, court costs and attorney fees. He was put on probation for five years and ordered to spend four days in the Brunswick County Jail. Ward was charged with having sexual relations with a neighbor's 15-year-old daughter while living in a Leland mobile home park. The victim said she and her friends visited Ward's trailer on several occasions while skipping school. Although she said the incidents were "just something that happened," she added that Ward was aware of her age at the time.

■Troy Berdette Bernard, 40, of Route 6, Shallotte pleaded no contest to one count of felonious possession of stolen goods. He was sentenced to three years, suspended on payment of a \$100 fine, court costs and \$150 in attorney fees. He was placed on supervised probation for three years. Bernard had also been charged with felonious breaking and entering. That charge was voluntarily dismissed as part of a plea bargain.

■Arnold Ray Mercer, 39, of Route 2, Supply, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine. He told the judge he became dependent on drugs after he graduated from law school and failed the state bar exam. Johnson agreed to put off sentencing Mercer pending a request from the district attorney.

■Kenneth Johnson, 37, of Penny Road, Supply admitted violating the terms of his probation. Looking over what he called the defendant's "track record," the judge said, "You've been in and out of the court system enough to get you a law degree. But I'm afraid you flunked probation." Johnson had his probation revoked and was sent to prison to serve a two-year sentence.

■William Dean Hewett, 26, of Church Hill mobile home park, Supply, admitted violating his probation and asked that this two-year prison sentence be activated with credit for the time he spent in jail awaiting a hearing. "Last time I had a two-year conviction, I did 27 days," Hewett said. The judge agreed to activate the sentence, noting, "You know the system better than I do."

■Joseph Lee Hall, 18, of Route 1, Leland, admitted violating the terms of his probation and had his sentence activated.

■Julius Drake Lewis, 37, of Route

5, Leland asked that his probation be revoked and his prison sentence activated. The judge agreed and recommended Lewis for work release.

■Michael McDuffie, 27, of Seaside admitted violating the terms of his probation by drinking alcohol while on work release. The judge allowed him to continue on probation.

■George Cornelius Wallace, 60, of Wilmington asked for a reduction in the \$1 million bond imposed after his arrest on multiple cocaine trafficking charges. His attorney also asked that he be given permission to travel to New York "to tend to his bar business" while awaiting trial. Bollinger protested allowing Wallace to travel back and forth to New York, saying, "Presumably that's what he was doing when he was trafficking cocaine." The judge reduced the bond to \$100,000 and allowed Wallace to leave the state as long as he stays in regular contact with attorneys here and in New York.

Leland Man Busted On Marijuana Charge

An arrest in Wilmington and a joint investigation by Brunswick and New Hanover county authorities led to the arrest Sunday of a 27-year-old Leland man on charges of possessing about a pound of marijuana, police said Monday.

Librado Hernandez of Gatlin's Mobile Home Park was taken into custody in the parking lot of the Leland Grocery store off Village Road at about 7 p.m. Sunday, according to Detective Doug Todd of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department narcotics division.

The marijuana was discovered in a vehicle in the parking lot that was "under Mr. Hernandez's control,"

Todd said.

Hernandez was charged with felonious possession of marijuana with the intent to sell and deliver. He was being held in the Brunswick County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Todd and Det. Billy Hughes began the local investigation after a man arrested on drug charges told the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department that Hernandez was his supplier, Todd said.

"We found that he was a regular dealer in ample quantities of marijuana," Todd said.

Det. David Crocker estimated the street value of seized drugs at \$3,200.

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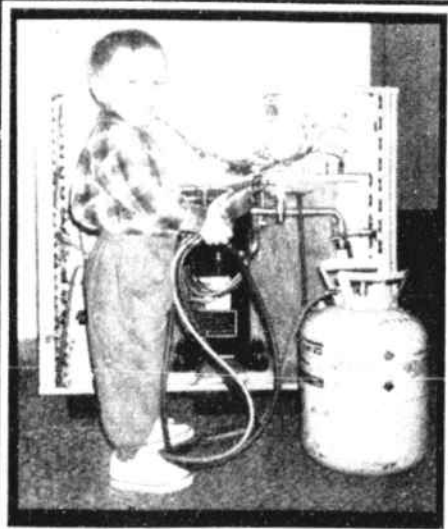
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