

Shooter Gets Lighter Sentence Than Accomplice In Evans Murder

Bradley Tyrone King, the Shallotte teenager who last month admitted fatally shooting Ronald Evans of Ash, received the minimum sentence for armed robbery last week after his co-defendant pleaded guilty in the case.

King, who turns 20 today (Sept. 23), was sentenced to 14 years in prison Thursday (Sept. 16). The sentence is to run at the same time as the life sentence imposed Aug. 3 when he pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and armed robbery.

In a plea bargain worked out between prosecutors and King's attorneys last month, Judge Orlando Hudson delayed sentencing on the second charge until after the trial of William Earl Hill, in which King had agreed to testify. A charge of first-degree kidnapping was dropped as part of the arrangement.

Hill, 19, unexpectedly pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, armed robbery and kidnapping last week and was given the maximum sentences of life, 40 years and 14 years respectively.

Although King admitted pulling the trigger on Evans and technically received a sentence that is 54 years shorter than Hill, both men are likely to spend the about the same amount of time in prison, according to Assistant District Attorney Lee Bollinger. A person imprisoned on a first-degree murder charge must serve a longer sentence before being eligible for parole, he said.

Bollinger said King's statements after his trial and his willingness to testify against Hill solidified the state's case against him and probably influenced the second defendant's decision to plead guilty.

In other superior court action last week: In a re-sentencing hearing, Robert Jefferson Collins, 46, of Route 1, Ash was ordered to serve 15 years on his prior convictions for attempted murder, first-degree burglary, second-degree kidnapping and armed robbery. The judge recommended that he be considered for work release.

Demetrius Nicholas Ray, 20, of North Lord Street, Southport, was sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury.

Originally charged with armed robbery, Ray was allowed to plead to a lesser offense as part of a plea bargain. He was ordered to pay \$400 in attorney fees and to participate in the Drug Abuse Rehabilitation Training (DART) program. Work release was not recommended.

Samuel Shephard Hooper, 28, of Wilmington was sentenced to 10 years after pleading guilty to common law robbery. He was ordered to pay \$300 attorney fees and to participate in the DART program. Work release was not recommended.

Tara Monique Walker, 22, of Old Mill Road, Navassa was sentenced to five years after pleading guilty to charges of welfare fraud, food stamp fraud and Medicare fraud. A second two-year sentence was suspended on the condition that she pay \$300 in attorney fees, court costs and \$4,877 to the department of social services. Once freed from prison, she will be put on supervised probation for five years, during which time she was ordered not to apply for public assistance.

James Franklin Sullivan, 24, of Winnabow was sentenced to five years after pleading guilty to two counts of breaking and entering and one charge each of larceny and manufacturing marijuana. He was ordered to participate in the DART program and to pay \$250 in attorney fees, a \$100 laboratory fee and court costs. He was recommended for work release when eligible.

Wilbur Green of Shallotte was sentenced to five years on his plea of guilty to possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and the sale and delivery of the drug. He was ordered to pay \$300 in attorney fees and to participate in the DART program.

Louvinna Ann Miller of Jennifer Street, Leland was sentenced to six months in jail after pleading guilty to a charge of manufacturing marijuana. She was ordered to pay \$100 in attorney fees, a \$100 laboratory fee and court costs. Work release was recommended.

A jury found Robert Causey, 33, of Shallotte, guilty of driving while impaired by alcohol. He was ordered to serve seven days in the Brunswick County Jail. A one-year prison sentence was suspended on the condition that he pay a \$100 fine and court costs. He was put on unsupervised probation for two years.

A mistrial was declared after a jury failed to reach a verdict in the two-day trial of Joseph Tombro, 55, of Ocean Isle Beach, who was charged with driving while impaired by alcohol. The jury found him "responsible" of driving left of center. He was fined \$25 and court costs.

Michael Kirkman of Elm Road, Boiling Spring Lakes, pleaded guilty to a charge of taking indecent liberties. He was given a three-year sentence, suspended on the condition that he pay court costs and \$600 attorney fees. He was put on supervised probation for two years.

Johnda Lafferty, 26, of Route 5, Leland, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor possession of stolen goods and was sentenced to two years, suspended on payment of court costs and \$300 restitution. Lafferty was put on supervised probation for two years.

Memory Kennedy Jr., 26, of Green Lewis Road, Bolivia, pleaded guilty to a charge of injuring personal property. He had been charged with burning a boat. He was given a 90-day sentence, suspended on payment of court costs. He was put on supervised probation for one year.

Willie Butler of Route 1, Longwood, pleaded guilty to a charge of selling cocaine and was given a five-year sentence, suspended on the condition that he pay court costs, \$200 in attorney fees, \$100 in laboratory fees and \$50 restitution to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department narcotics unit. He was put on supervised probation for five years.

Curtis Gerald Frink, 22, of Rhett Street, Southport pleaded guilty to two counts of selling cocaine and was given an eight-year suspended sentence. He was ordered to pay \$500 attorney fees, a \$100 lab fee, a \$300 fine and \$140 restitution to the Southport Police Department. He was put on three years supervised probation.

Rusty Perry of Starboard Knoll, Shallotte, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and was given a one-year suspended sentence. He was put on supervised probation for two years and ordered to pay a \$200 fine and court costs. He had been charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver

marijuana and agreed to plead guilty to the lesser charge.

Librado Hernandez, 27, of Gatlin's Mobile Home Park, Leland, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver. He was sentenced to three years, suspended on payment of court costs and a \$100 lab fee. He was put on supervised probation for five years.

Nizar Yousef, 22, of Wilmington pleaded guilty to a charge of an Alcohol Law Enforcement violation and was sentenced to 60 days, suspended two years on payment of a \$100 fine and court costs. He was put on unsupervised probation for two years.

Robert Grady of Route 1, Leland, was found in violation of his probation and had his suspended sentence activated. He was sent to prison for five years.

Paul B. Smith, 23, of Route 1, Leland, admitted violating his probation and had it revoked. He was ordered to serve a three-year sentence. Work release was recommended.

Stacy Earl Leonard, 31, of Route 3, Supply admitted violating probation and had it revoked. He was ordered to serve a two-year sentence, to pay \$200 in attorney fees and to participate in the DART program.

Louis Ronald Ramsey Jr., of Wilmington asked that his probation be revoked and was sentenced to 90 days in the Brunswick County Jail.

Victor Lamar Simmons, 19, of Simmons Road, Winnabow admitted violating the terms of his probation and was allowed to remain free. He was put under 60 days' house arrest.

Terry A. Graham, 24, of Caswell Street, Southport, was found in violation of probation and was allowed to continue on probation after serving 48 hours in Brunswick County Jail.

Milton K. Grady, 35, of Route 3, Leland, asked that his probation be revoked and was ordered to serve his sentence. Work release was recommended.

Jeffery Sigurdson, 48, of Concord was found in violation of probation and was allowed to continue, with supervision transferred to Cabarrus County.

Cameron David Stanley of Route 5, Leland, admitted violating probation and was allowed to continue probation.

REFERENDUM IN LIMBO

Calabash Reconsiders Sewage Plant Purchase

BY ERIC CARLSON

The Calabash Board of Commissioners last week formed a committee to study an offer from Carolina Blythe Co. owner Billy Burnett for the purchase of his sewage treatment plant.

The board took no action on a proposed resolution that would call off a previously planned referendum on whether or not to activate the South Brunswick Islands Water and Sewer Authority.

Both proposals are being considered as part of an ongoing effort to provide central sewage service in the town.

Under one plan, the town would purchase the Carolina Blythe system, which already serves the Carolina Shores subdivision, and expand it to treat sewage from the downtown area. The other would use state and federal grants and loans to build a joint sewer system with the town of Sunset Beach.

Burnett told the board that by purchasing his plant for \$4.5 million, the town could make a profit while still offering a lower rate for sewer service than it could under the alternate proposal. He said he was willing to finance the entire purchase at a 30-year fixed interest rate of 5.25 percent.

"You need the service and we have the service," Burnett said. "We can make the terms what they need to be. When you stop and think about it, you're going to say it's hard to beat a deal like this."

—Billy Burnett, owner of Carolina Blythe

referendum. But still they failed to take action on the proposal. Commissioners Sanborn, Hardee, Stewart Thorn and Ed Rice voted against delaying consideration of the measure. Ray Card, Robert Noe and George Anderson voted to table.

When the board narrowly approved the creation of a water authority to oversee the planned regional sewer system, it agreed that residents of the town would be given an opportunity to vote on the proposal before the authority could be activated.

Pressure for the referendum came from residents of Carolina Shores, who were concerned that they might pay higher rates if Carolina Blythe was purchased as part of a town sewage system.

After the Carolina Blythe purchase was dropped from consideration, planning engineers suggested that the vote was no longer necessary, since Carolina Shore would no

longer be part of the system. A resolution was prepared noting that under the new arrangement, "all funds to operate the authority shall come from state grants or loans or other sources with no effect on the tax rate of town residents."

Anderson insisted that current funding proposals will require the issuance of general obligation (GO) bonds, for which the town's tax base would be used as collateral.

"If the Farmer's Home Administration participates, a GO bond will be required and that, my friends, requires a referendum, whether you like it or not. And I like it," Anderson said.

Thorn noted that it would be the authority that issues the bonds, so the town would not be obligated to back them.

Engineer Jim Billups agreed, saying that if the authority needed more money to operate, it could simply raise rates.

"The statement that this could come back on the taxpayers is not correct," Billups said.

Still, Card said the intent of the original resolution to form the authority was to allow the entire town to vote on it. He said residents still expect to have a referendum.

"I personally know of no one who has said to me that they waive their right to vote on this," Card said. "The consensus is that they want to have a voice."

Teams Ready For Adult Literacy Spelling Bee

Twenty-one teams are registered for next Thursday's Adult Spelling Bee for Literacy, the Brunswick County Literacy Council's fourth annual fundraiser to benefit Brunswick County adults needing one-on-one tutoring.

Masters of ceremony for this year's event, set for 7 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Brunswick Community College Student Center, will be WECT-TV's Frances Weller and WCCA Radio's Dick Lee.

The twenty-one participating businesses and institutions donated \$200 to the nonprofit organization to field a team of two spellers each to challenge last year's winning sponsor, *The Brunswick Beacon*, to be represented this year by Lynn Carlson and Marjorie Megovern.

Scheduled during North Carolina Literacy month, the bee raises funds and public awareness for the council's program which provides free, private assistance to county residents needing to improve their basic reading and writing skills.

Participating sponsors this year, in addition to the *Beacon*, are The Brunswick Hospital, United Carolina Bank, Brunswick Community College, NationsBank, Brunswick County Schools, Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, Exide Electronics.

Also Brunswick County Extension Homemakers Association, Comprehensive Home Health Care, Southern Bell, Carolina Power and Light, *State Port Pilot*, *Star-News*, *Sun-News*, First Investors Savings Bank, Caterpillar, Security Savings and Loan, First Citizens Bank, Dosher Memorial Hospital and DuPont.

Free refreshments will be served, and spectators are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Literacy Council at 754-7323.

County To Receive \$5,000 Grant

Brunswick County has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the N.C. Sec. of State's office to further automate the county register of deeds office and to continue a comprehensive land mapping program.

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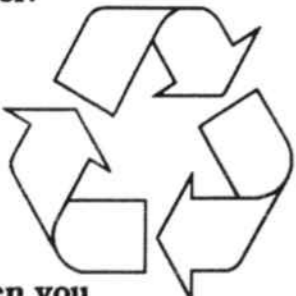
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