

# Former Jailer Indicted On Sex-With-Inmate Charge

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Sgt. Thomas Carver Gore, the 51-year-old former Brunswick County jailer accused of raping an inmate last month, was indicted by a grand jury Monday on a felony charge of engaging in sexual activity with a person in his custody.

A State Bureau of Investigation inquiry into the alleged May 4 incident did not find sufficient evidence to support a charge of rape, according to District Attorney Rex Gore, who is not related to the defendant. Nor was there enough evidence found to charge another inmate implicated by the alleged victim.

However, the prosecutor found sufficient cause to bring the allegations before a grand jury to seek an indictment against Sgt. Gore on the lesser offense.

The indictment states that the defendant Gore "unlawfully and feloniously did engage in vaginal intercourse with Samantha Ann Stevens, a person over which he had assumed custody and control through his

employment with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department as a jailer."

Stevens, 23, was pregnant with her fifth child when the incident is alleged to have occurred. She was in Brunswick County Jail awaiting trial on charges of forgery and uttering, driving without a license and failure to appear in court.

The alleged victim claims Sgt. Gore came to the door of her cell at about 2:30 a.m. and told her that one of her children was sick. She said he used the ploy to lure her into another room, where he raped her and invited another inmate to do likewise.

Sgt. Gore resigned from his post shortly after the incident during a sheriff's department investigation into the charges.

Also indicted by the grand jury Monday were:

■ David Marcus Lang, 18, of Angus Court, Leland, on one charge each of possessing psilocybin and possessing lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD). He is ac-

cused of having several "magic mushrooms" (a natural form of the psychedelic drug psilocybin) and a dose of LSD in his car when it was stopped during a highway drug interdiction checkpoint near Leland June 17.

■ Donas Jenero Johnson, 39, of Johnsonville Road, Bolivia, on a charge of possession with intent to sell and deliver 1.6 grams of cocaine.

■ Reginald Royce Ballard, 38, of Ballards Mobile Home Park, Phoenix, on charges of possessing cocaine and possessing drug paraphernalia (a crack smoking pipe).

■ Terry Dean Long, 20, of Wilmington on charges of cocaine possession and possession of a crack pipe.

■ Walter Samuel Williams III, 40, of Main Street, Navassa, on charges of possession of crack cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was allegedly arrested while possessing two smoking pipes.

■ Cranston Lamont Andrews, 21, of Route 4, Navassa, on a charge of possession with intent to sell

and deliver .03 grams of cocaine.

■ Herbert Lee Willis Jr., 46, of Route 1, Leland, on a charge of cocaine possession.

■ Phillip Ray Eldridge, 20, of Hevener Street, Leland, on a charge of possessing cocaine.

■ Lori Christine Spicer, 24, of Wilmington on charges of forgery and uttering a forged instrument. She is accused of signing someone else's name to a check and cashing it in Leland.

■ Gerald Lamar Yarbrough, 39, also known as "Douglas Dabbs," of Kilbort Street, Ocean Isle Beach, on a charge of obtaining property by false pretense. He is accused of using a check made out to the fictitious "Douglas Dabbs" to buy groceries at a Sunset Beach grocery store last February.

■ Marvin Ray Floyd, 39, of Sheila Drive, Long Beach on a charge of manufacturing marijuana for allegedly growing eight plants in a pot.

■ Robert Anthony Nichols, 31, of Nichols Avenue, Southport, on a charge of manufacturing marijuana.

## Two Men Given Suspended Sentences In Assaults On Women

Two Brunswick County men were given suspended prison sentences and put on probation last week after being found guilty in district court of assaulting females. The two cases were unrelated.

Billy Grissom, 33, of Van Gallo-way Mobile Home Park, Winnabow, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault on a female for "pushing, shoving and attempting to choke" a woman who lives at the same address, court records show. The incident occurred April 8.

Robert Carlson, 35, of Green Herring Drive in the Lakewood Estates area of Shallotte was found guilty of assaulting an Ocean Isle Beach woman "by hitting her in the face with his fist" on April 23, according to his arrest warrant.

Both defendants were sentenced to two years in prison, suspended on the condition that they pay \$60 in court costs.

Judge Ola Lewis also fined Carlson \$25 and ordered him to perform 60 hours of community service. He was told not to "threaten, assault or intimidate" his victim and to stay off her property unless given permission to return. He was put on two years unsupervised probation.

Grissom was put on supervised probation for two years and was ordered to obtain mental health counseling within 30 days "for his temper." The judge further instructed him to remain gainfully employed, to show up for work sober and to not consume drugs or alcohol on work days or in front of his children. He was likewise told not to "threaten, assault, harass or abuse" his victim.

There was only one day of district court in Bolivia last week due to a seminar on new sentencing guidelines attended by local judges and prosecutors. Judge Lewis presided over a court Friday, while Marie Jordan served as courtroom clerk.

Other defendants who appeared in

court Friday, with their charges and judgments include:

Rhonda B. Bradley, simple worthless check to Wilsons #8 for \$50, Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended sentence two years, restitution, costs, 24 hours of community service within 30 days, fee waived, not violate any laws for two years, not issue any worthless checks for two years; simple worthless check for \$20 to Wilsons #8, Brunswick County Jail 30 days to run consecutively.

Adam Carlin, extradition/fugitive other state, voluntarily dismissed, no fugitive warrant.

Michael Murphy Clark, possession of fortified wine/liquor/mixed beverage under 21, prayer for judgment continued until 12-20-94, costs, curfew lifted, bring report card with at least a "C" in all his courses, no unexcused absences.

William Joe Covington, reckless driving/to endanger, prayer for judgment continued and costs remitted.

Howard Bishop Enzor Jr., driving while license suspended/revoked-not permanent, prayer for judgment continued and costs; carrying a concealed weapon, voluntarily dismissed.

Natasha M. Hansen, failure to stop for stopped bus, prayer for judgment continued and costs previously paid.

Erick Franklin Haskins, speeding 68 in a 55 zone, prayer for judgment continued and costs.

Phyllis G. Hewett, simple worthless check to Wal Mart for \$10.53, Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended sentence two years, restitution, costs.

Suzanne P. Hewett, simple worthless check to Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation for \$100.03, Brunswick County Jail 29 days, suspended sentence two years, restitution, costs, 24 hours of com-

munity service within 45 days, fee remitted, not issue any worthless checks for two years, not violate any laws for two years.

Christopher A. Hinson, possession fortified wine/liquor/mixed beverage under 21 years old, N.C. Department of Corrections two years, supervised probation two years, Brunswick County Jail 15 days to begin today—may be completed if proof of working, costs, 20 page essay due 8-3-94, remain gainfully employed, curfew remain in effect, not violate any laws for two years, not associate with Michael Clark unless at school or church function.

Jodon Jamison, assault on a female, prayer for judgment continued until 10-12-94, bring to court something from his counselor, proof full-time student, something showing bills are taken care of.

George C. Jones, simple worthless check to Sandpiper Seafood for \$20.45, Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended sentence two years, restitution, costs, 24 hours of community service within 45 days, not issue any worthless checks for two years, not violate any laws for two years.

James A. Lee, simple worthless check to J.M. Parker & Sons for \$514.58, voluntarily dismissed, money paid.

Dennis Ray Lowery Sr., assault on a female, voluntarily dismissed at request of plaintiff.

Jamie Marlowe, simple assault, Brunswick County Jail 29 days, suspended sentence two years, supervised probation two years, not to be used as a violation of probation, complete her GED within first six months of supervised probation, become and remain gainfully employed, report every Friday to probation officer by 4:30 in person or via telephone with five places where she is seeking employment with their name and phone number, enroll

in any parenting classes they may have at mental health within first six months, letter of apology to plaintiff with Judge to receive copy within seven days, 24 hours of community service within 45 days, pay fee, not violate any laws for two years, not go back about plaintiff without her permission, supervision fee waived, costs.

Jesse David Rivenbark, assault on a female, voluntarily dismissed at request of plaintiff.

Johnny Lee Robbins, second degree trespassing, dismissed at the close of state's evidence.

Annette Simmons, simple assault, voluntarily dismissed.

Kathryn Juanice Smith, worthless check fourth subsequent offense for \$45 to Wilsons #6, N.C. Department of Corrections two years, suspended sentence two years, restitution, costs remitted, Brunswick County Jail 22 days credit, not issue any worthless checks for two years.

John Pressley Watts Jr., improper equipment, \$25 and costs.

David Jones, reckless operation, prayer for judgment continued and costs remitted.

### Clarification

Carrie R. Sellers, whose name appeared in a recent *Beacon* court dispositions list, is not the Carrie Mae Sellers who lives on Village Point Road in Shallotte.

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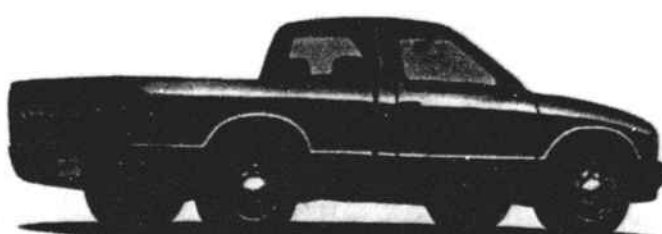
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