

**DNA LINKS KILLER, VICTIM.**

# Leland Man Sentenced To Life In January Slashing Murder

**BY ERIC CARLSON**  
The county's first murder case of 1994 was closed Monday afternoon when 26-year-old Noland Anthony Dukes of Leland pleaded guilty to the savage stabbing of a former girlfriend whose body was found lying in a Belville park last January.

After admitting his guilt to a charge of second degree murder, Dukes was sentenced to the maximum term of life imprisonment in the killing of Bertha Mae Patterson, 33, of Wilmington.

Assistant District Attorney Lee Bollinger said the state agreed to accept the negotiated plea because of the difficulty, based on the evidence, of convincing a jury that Dukes planned the murder.

A finding of premeditation would have been needed to obtain a first-degree murder conviction and a death-penalty sentence. Such a trial probably would have taken at least three weeks, with no guarantee of success Bollinger said.

In a brief showing of the state's evidence, Bollinger said investigators were quickly led to Dukes as a

suspect after finding his telephone pager on the ground near Patterson's body.

North Carolina Wildlife Officer Brian Loffin discovered Patterson clothed in a blood-soaked jogging suit lying face up in a sandy lot near a Belville boat ramp. The area was a popular gathering spot at the time and has since been developed into a public park.

Patterson had been cut 16 times, including deep slashes on both sides of her face and numerous stab wounds on her upper torso. There were also gashes on her hands and arms, believed to have been inflicted as she tried to fight off her attacker.

"Some of the wounds were non-fatal. Some were defensive," Bollinger said.

Less than 10 hours after her killing, detectives arrested Dukes at his home on Village Road. Inside his 1983 Subaru station wagon they found a long-bladed sheath knife. Blood-stained clothing was found in Dukes' house, Bollinger said.

The State Bureau of Investigation performed a DNA analysis of the blood found on the clothing and knife. Those tests indicated that both blood samples belonged to Patterson, Bollinger said.

Tire impressions taken at the murder scene matched those on Dukes' car, the prosecutor said. Patterson's fingerprints also were found inside

Dukes' vehicle. After being advised of his Constitutional rights, Dukes agreed to make a statement to police in which he admitted killing Patterson, said Bollinger.

Dukes told investigators that he picked up his former girlfriend from Wilmington's Jervey housing project that Friday night in hopes of renewing a relationship that had ended the previous year. Shortly after midnight, the two ended up at the deserted lot, where a running argument between them turned violent, Bollinger said.

"After the first time he cut her, he said she told him he would get him, which further enraged him," Bollinger said. "Each time he cut her she said, 'I'm going to get you and if I don't, someone else will.'"

Standing with his head bowed, Dukes made no reply when Superior Court Judge Jack Thompson asked if he had anything to say in his defense. Finding no reason to impose a lighter or heavier punishment, the judge imposed the sentence agreed upon in the plea bargain.

Judge Thompson gave Dukes credit for the time he spent in jail awaiting trial and ordered him to pay court appointed attorney James Payne if freed on parole or work release.

"He's in your custody, sheriff," Thompson said.

# Man Shot Neighbor After Night Of Drinking: Detective

**BY ERIC CARLSON**  
One man remained hospitalized with a bullet wound while his neighbor was in jail Monday after a night of drinking turned violent at a Leland mobile home park early Sunday morning.

Carlos Gutierrez Alvarez, 22, of Chadwick's Mobile Home Park on Green Loop Road, was listed in fair condition at New Hanover Regional Medical Center with a single gunshot wound to his right buttock, Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Larry Joyner said Monday.

Arrested on two felony charges after the incident was 34-year-old Jose Castillo of the same trailer park. He is accused of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and discharging a firearm into occupied property, Joyner said.

According to the detective, the two men were among several who had been drinking together at one of their trailers since about 11 p.m. Saturday night. The shooting occurred at about 3:30 a.m.

"The suspect was joking around with another friend and the victim took offense. That led to an argument," Joyner said. "The suspect left and got a gun."

As Alvarez drove by in his Ford pickup truck, the vehicle was hit by a single shot from a .308-caliber carbine, Joyner said. The bullet went through the wall of the truck and passed through the victim's backside.

According to an incident report filed by Deputy Michael Cierpiot, who interviewed Alvarez at the hospital, the victim at first refused to say who shot him.

Inquiries made by Joyner led to the arrest of Castillo and the recovery of the rifle. The investigation is continuing.

# Farmers Must Heed Label Rules On Pesticides: Nash

Though Brunswick County farmers have five months to comply with most aspects of tough new federal pesticide safety rules, they should be aware that during this growing season they will be held accountable for following pesticide label precautions, according to David L. Nash, Brunswick County agriculture extension agent.

"Farmers, nurserymen, greenhouse and forestry managers must be aware of the label requirements of the pesticides they are using. If the label requires a particular type of personal protective equipment, then the applicator must wear that equipment. If the label requires a specific restricted-entry interval, then that, too, must be obeyed," he said.

Labeling requirements will be the only enforceable part of new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency worker protection standards during this growing season. On April 6, President Clinton signed into law a bill which delayed enforcement of certain provisions of the standards until Jan. 1, 1995. The previous en-

forcement date had been April 15 of this year.

According to Nash, that means farmers can wait until Jan. 1 to begin providing:

- Pesticide safety training for agricultural workers and handlers.
- Decontamination sites.
- Notification of workers about pesticide applications.
- Display of information about pesticide applications.
- Emergency assistance.
- Display of a safety poster.

However, Nash advises that local farmers, nurserymen, greenhouse and forestry managers should not use the delay in enforcement as an excuse to delay their compliance efforts.

"They should continue to work on training programs and to plan how they will comply with the other parts of the standard on Jan. 1, 1995," he said. "If time is used wisely now, compliance problems should not occur when the full Worker Protection Standard is made enforceable."

Farmers with questions should

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**Lions Honored**  
Shallotte Lions Club honors its members during the July 7 club meeting. Above, President Bill Caudill presents a district certificate of appreciation and a 100-Percent President award to Walt Rubeck, immediate past president. Top, (in photo at right) Secretary Marvin Peters accepts the 100-Percent Secretary Award for Lions District 31-H; Lion Ray Evans (in photo at right) accepts the annual Lion of the Year Award for 1993-94.

**Authority Offering Discount**

The South Brunswick Water and Sewer Authority is offering anyone who owns undeveloped land in its service area the opportunity to receive a discount of up to 10 percent if they choose to prepay impact fees.

"We're trying to raise some interim funding," said Joe Tombro of Piedmont Olsen Hensley, the sewer project consulting engineering firm and acting administrator for the authority.

Advances on state loans or bond anticipation notes will not be available until the environmental assessment that is part of the project 201 facilities plan is approved by state agencies. The assessment is under review.

Advance payments on the impact fees can be made in increments of \$25,000, but the offer is good only for the next 60 days.

The Authority has also appointed Russell Price of Calabash and Al Consalvi of Sunset Beach as a committee to study the date at which the authority should begin charging impact fees and to assess the state of development of properties located within the service area that will not be subject to impact fees.

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