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Self defense claimed in murder of Shelby man

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SHELBY—William Douglas Hoyle was arrested Sunday, March 29 for first-degree murder of Billy Anderson, 49. Hoyle claims he stabbed Anderson in self defense after Anderson made a pass at him.

Anderson, a manager at the Cleveland County Country Club, was found slumped over in the seat of his car near Moss Lake late Saturday, March 28.

Hoyle confessed to Cleveland County detectives and SBI officials after his arrest.

"I'm not afraid to talk because I know what I did wasn't wrong," Hoyle said.

He didn't turn himself in because "I was scared. Nothing like this has happened to me before."

Hoyle, unemployed for seven months, had applied for a waiter's job at the country club in mid-March. Hoyle had previously worked there as a bartender and knew Anderson then. Hoyle left that job to move to Baltimore with his girlfriend.

Jack Abbott, country club operator, would not talk about Anderson nor confirm Hoyle's

previous employment there.

"We have been asked by police not to say anything," Abbott stated.

Hoyle gave the following account of what happened the night of Anderson's murder to *The Gaston Gazette*: On Friday night, March 27, Anderson drove to Hoyle's aunt's house to discuss Hoyle's job interest at the country club.

"I got in the car," Hoyle said. "I told him how bad I needed a job."

Anderson drove to Oak Grove Road and parked the car.

"He tried to kiss me," Hoyle said. "I got out of the car. He pulled a knife and ran after me."

The two fought and Hoyle succeeded in taking the knife from Anderson.

"I stabbed him in the back, but he got the knife back," Hoyle stated.

Hoyle then knocked Anderson to the ground and kicked him until he lost consciousness.

Hoyle walked home and told no one about the stabbing.

He claimed Anderson had made advances to him before.

Man shot four times in brutal gay bashing

by David Stout
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WINSTON-SALEM—On Tuesday, March 24, three youths in the midst of a nighttime reign of terror attempted to shoot Marlon Evans to death because they thought he was homosexual. Willie Leon Walker, 19; Cedric Jermaine Moore, 18; and Robin Lamont Harris, 16, began their all-night crime spree by robbing and shooting two men in separate incidents before their cold-blooded attack on Evans.

Known to many by his female impersonator name Cass Westbrook, Evans, not in makeup, had spent the evening with another impersonator and a local bar employee going to dinner and a movie. Then he dropped off both at separate locations and began to drive home. Traveling down Highway 67 at approximately 3:30 am, he was passed by a car moving at a high rate of speed. However, once the vehicle was in front of him, Evans realized that it was beginning to go slower and slower.

To his surprise, the car then turned lengthwise in the middle of the road and completely blocked both lanes. Evans brought his vehicle to a halt as three youths emerged from the parked sedan and moved toward him.

"When they got out of the car, I saw that they were all carrying a gun so I got scared and started to back up. That's when they yelled 'Stop!' and shot into my car."

"I must have sounded very effeminate because one of them said 'He's a faggot - let's kill him!'"

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Entrapment focus of First Tuesday meeting

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CHARLOTTE—The April general meeting of the Charlotte gay and lesbian activist organization, First Tuesday, featured an overview of the false arrest and entrapment of gay men made by members of the Charlotte and Mecklenburg County police forces.

A tongue-in-cheek reference to the meeting as "Sunday in the Park with George" by First Tuesday Chairperson Dick Woodhouse was met with laughter by the approximately 45 people in attendance, but as the meeting continued, the audience listened intently to the subject matter at hand.

Don King, First Tuesday board member and coordinator of the organization's Discrimination and Violence Documentation

Committee, was the keynote speaker. Also featured was a panel composed of three Charlotte men who claim to have been entrapped or falsely arrested in various Charlotte city parks, and Anita Hodgkiss, a Charlotte attorney who has represented two of the panelists in their trials.

"In most cases when a person is arrested, he has said something illegal to a vice squad officer," King said. He was referring to statements made in violation of North Carolina's Crime Against Nature statutes, which prohibit oral or anal sexual activity between individuals of either gender, or the solicitation thereof. King added that the vice squad officers can be very persuasive in their mas-

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Church licenses openly gay clergy student

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CHAPEL HILL—For the second time in as many months, a Southern Baptist church has affirmed the rights of a homosexual member by a majority vote of the congregation. Following on the heels of the March decision by Raleigh's Pullen Memorial Baptist Church to recognize and host a holy union between two male members, Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church voted on Sunday, April 5, at the evening service to license John Blevins, a gay clergy student and member.

Binkley's pastor, Rev. Linda Jordan, explained licensure as "an endorsement of someone's call to ministry," and stated that church leadership became aware of Blevins' desire for this formal sanction in August 1991 when he approached the deacon staff with the request. He had been a member of the church

for approximately one year at the time and was due to graduate from Duke Divinity School in May of 1992, so the idea of licensure was well within reason.

"We were trying to make an honest decision, and now we'll take whatever consequences that entails."

After discussing the situation, the deacons and Rev. Jordan took the matter before the members at a special congregational meeting.

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