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Little River Verdicts Rendered

On Oct. 5, a jury of seven women and five men in the Durham County Superior Court trial of Chris Lee Richardson returned a verdict of guilty of second-degree murder.

Richardson was charged in the April 12 beating death of Ronald Antonevitch at the Little River, a popular sunbathing and picnicing spot about five miles north of Durham.

Richardson, 21, was also convicted of armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

These charges were brought in the assault and serious injury of J. Michael Penny and the robbery and assault of Mark Demarais, all occurring on April 12.

During the incident, the assailants were reportedly shouting anti-gay epithets and threatening people whom they presumed to be gay.

On the day following the verdict, Judge John C. Martin sentenced Richardson to 25 years to life in prison on the murder charge. He also received two seven-year, concurrent sentences on the other charges.

Richardson will be eligible for parole in about 18 years. He has been sent to a youth detention center to begin his sentence and has filed an appeal of his conviction.

Co-defendant Guy Charles Osbahr, 21, Richardson's cousin, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to seven to ten years in prison.

Osbahr, originally charged with murder, turned state's witness and agreed to testify against Richardson in exchange for a plea to involuntary manslaughter. His sentence will be served concurrently with a sentence he was already serving for larceny.

Two counts of assault with a deadly weapon against Osbahr were dropped in the plea bargaining.

Two other assailants, Wendy Richardson, Chris Richardson's wife, and Diane Reddish, who married Osbahr during the summer, were never put on trial because of lack of evidence, according to District Attorney Dan K. Edwards, Jr.

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POGO Is Coming

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Perspectives on Gays and Others (POGO) opens Wed. Oct. 28 in the Carolina Union.

The three day event sponsored by the Carolina Gay Association consists of workshops and social events, ending with a Halloween Dance on Friday at the Community Church.

"The planning committee hopes that this 'mini-series' of workshops will provide an opportunity to educate the university and community about some gay issues, and will provide a supportive contact," Mary, coordinator of POGO, said.

Workshops include: Coming Out: A Facilitated Discussion; Seven Years of CGA; Gay and Straight Roommates/Getting

Along; and Gays and Religion. (See Calendar, p. 13)

Evening workshops will be followed by receptions at 9:00 in the Union North Gallery.

At the first CGA business meeting this year, it was determined that there was not enough time to plan Gay Awareness Week by October, so a shorter version, POGO, was set for October.

During November and December, CGA will be planning Gay Awareness Week, a longer series of workshops, speakers, socials, and films, to be held in January.

People interested in helping with POGO or Gay Awareness Week can contact the CGA office (962-4401) and leave a message for Mary.