

# CHOWAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

## DECEMBER 8 SESSION:

Robert Earl Beasley pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty, of assault on a female. He was sentenced to an active term of three days. Beasley also pleaded not guilty, and was found not guilty, of misdemeanor larceny.

Rick Ray Bright, guilty, assault on a female, sentenced to 23 days suspended with nine months' unsupervised probation, assessed court costs, ordered not to violate any laws in any jurisdiction, not assault or threaten Angela Fields, continue treatment at Albemarle Mental Health one-and-a-half times per week, attend Alcoholics Anonymous twice a week. Bright may file a motion for appropriate relief in nine months.

Leon Casterlow, guilty, worthless check, sentenced to 18 days suspended with 12

months' unsupervised probation, assessed court costs, ordered to pay restitution of \$307.50, pay \$65 today and \$50 on Dec. 11 by 4:30 p.m., \$50 on Jan. 8 and reappear on Jan. 26. If all payments have been made, however, Casterlow was told he does not have to appear before the court again on Jan. 26.

Voluntary dismissal was granted in the case of Angela Cofield, charged with injury to personal property.

The court agreed to dismiss the case of Christel Cofield, charged with simple assault and injury to personal property, however, court costs were assessed against Cofield and must be paid by Jan. 5.

The court also agreed to dismiss the case of Kevin Lee Cofield, charged with assault on a female.

A petition for limited driving

privileges was granted by the court for Kevin Thomas Cottrell.

Leola Jones Gilliam, guilty, fraudulent disposal of mortgaged property, sentenced to 15 days suspended with 12 months' unsupervised probation, ordered to pay \$315 restitution, pay \$40 a month beginning Jan. 8 and each month after, and reappear on Feb. 16.

Wices Gonzales, guilty, driving while impaired, sentenced to 65 days suspended with 12 months' supervised probation, fined \$300 plus court costs, ordered to commit no criminal offense, obtain substance abuse assessment, surrender license for 60 days; no operator's license, guilty, ordered to comply with all conditions imposed as part of DWI judgment.

Reginald Jenkins, guilty, misdemeanor probation violation,

ordered to serve four day active sentence on two consecutive weekends, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18.

Joseph M. Jolly, guilty, driving while impaired, sentenced to 75 days suspended with six months' unsupervised probation, fined \$100 plus court costs, ordered to follow all recommended education or treatment recommendations, surrender driver's license, not operate motor vehicle until relicensed by DMV, complete 60 hours of community service within 75 days, and not consume any alcohol for six months.

The court agreed to dismiss the case of Shena Yvette Moore, charged with first degree trespass, however, Moore must pay court costs by Jan. 5.

Delores L. Powell, worthless check, sentenced to active term of 20 days. Powell also received a concurrent 20-day sentence

on a charge of failure to comply with terms of unsupervised probation.

Voluntary dismissal was granted in the case of Charles Riddick, charged with misdemeanor probation violation.

Flozier Ross, guilty, improper equipment, fined \$10 plus court costs.

Voluntary dismissal was granted in the case of Larry Sidney Sheldon, charged with using fictitious or cancelled registration and permitting operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

Loraine Skinner, guilty, failure to comply with terms of unsupervised probation, ordered to serve five day active term. Credit given for one day served while awaiting trial.

Elizabeth F. Stimpson, guilty, reckless driving, fined \$50 plus court costs.

Calvin Wilson pleaded not

guilty, but was found guilty, of driving while impaired. Wilson was sentenced to seven months suspended with 12 months' supervised probation, ordered to serve active seven day term, pay court costs and \$250 fine, obtain substance abuse assessment, surrender driver's license and not drive again for one year, consume no alcohol for four months and submit to testing. Appealed.

Probable cause hearings were scheduled for Dec. 15 for:

- Jesse Anton Holley, charged with possession with intent to sell or distribute cocaine, possession with intent to sell or distribute marijuana, felony possession of cocaine, and felony possession of marijuana

- Robert J. Williams, charged with maintaining a residence for drug trafficking

## Docs testing new technology seek people

BY DAVID WILLIAMSON  
UNC-CH News Services

Physicians at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine are seeking people at high risk of developing lung cancer to participate in a new study aimed at saving lives by detecting tumors earlier.

The five-year study, with technical support from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, will involve examining 100 or more volunteers with a new kind of bronchoscope developed in Vancouver, Canada, by Dr. Stephen Lam.

"So far, we are one of only 15 centers in the United States and the only one in North Carolina to have this important new technology, which is called 'LIFE' for light imaging fluorescence endoscope," said Dr. M. Patricia Rivera, assistant professor of medicine. "What is new and promising about the device is that it lights up the endobronchial tree—the lung's

larger airways — differently from conventional bronchoscopy."

Doctors insert special lighted tubes known as bronchoscopes into the lungs to examine tissues lining the inside of the airways for evidence of cancer, Rivera said. The LIFE bronchoscope promises to be a major improvement over earlier technology because it causes normal cells to appear bright green. Abnormalities, on the other hand, such as tumors or pre-cancerous lesions appear varying shades of red and brown.

"We are looking for patients who have a prior history of early-stage lung cancer, head or neck cancer, smokers over age 35 and smokers who have had relatives with lung cancer," the physician said. "Our hope is that we will be able to detect cancers at a much earlier stage when we know the cure rate is better."

Volunteers will receive no pay for participating, but the study may save their lives,

said Rivera, a member of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Institute. Insurance should cover the cost of the evaluation since the LIFE bronchoscope already has won US Food and Drug Administration approval.

Anyone interested in more information can call her at (919) 966-2531 or 966-2533.

Lung cancer is the second most common cancer among both US men and women, she said. However, it kills more men and women than any other form of cancer including prostate and breast.

"Eighty percent of new lung cancer cases in this country are due to smoking, but there are other very important causes as well," Rivera said. "Among these are genetic susceptibility and air pollution, including exposure to other potential carcinogens such as asbestos and radon."

For the same level of smoking, women are at greater risk of lung cancer than men, she said. Reasons are unclear, but

it may be because women metabolize cancer-causing substances more slowly than men do. As a result, women are steadily closing the lung cancer gap between themselves and men.

"We are looking for both men and women, but screening women is very important since many previous studies have excluded them, and lung cancer is very much a women's health issue," Rivera said.

Other physicians in UNC-CH's multi-disciplinary thoracic oncology program will participate in the research in collaboration with NIEHS investigators.

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