

# CHOWAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

## DECEMBER 21 SESSION:

Thomas Lee Allred, guilty, communicating threats, sentenced to 30 days suspended with 12 months' unsupervised probation, fined \$50 plus court costs, ordered to obtain a substance abuse assessment and comply with any recommended treatment, commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction, and possess no firearm or other deadly weapon.

Linward Bailey, Jr. pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty, of communicating threats. Bailey was sentenced to 30 days suspended with 12 months' unsupervised probation, fined \$25 plus court costs, ordered not to assault, threaten or communicate with Beth Boyce or Tammy Bell, commit no criminal offense, possess no firearm or other deadly weapon, and pay all sums due by Dec. 28.

David Lee Basnight, guilty, worthless check, sentenced to 10 days suspended with 12 months' unsupervised probation, assessed court costs, and ordered to pay \$45 restitution by Jan. 4.

Probable cause was found in the

case of Glendale Leo Basnight, charged with second degree sexual offense, and the case was transferred to Superior Court.

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

Cleveland Lee Boston waived a probable cause hearing on multiple counts of forgery, and preparing forged documents, and the case was transferred to Superior Court.

Bevin Dail Delaney, guilty, unsafe movement, fined \$25 plus court costs.

Voluntary dismissal was granted in the case of Joy Melinda Gilliam, charged with simple assault.

Grover M. Hollowell, guilty, improper equipment, ordered to pay court costs.

Ruth Michelle Jones, guilty, speeding 85 in a 55 mph zone, fined \$200 plus court costs.

David M. Lassiter, guilty, driving while impaired, sentenced to 90 days suspended with 24 months' unsupervised probation, fined \$250 plus court costs, ordered to com-

mit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction, obtain substance abuse assessment, not operate a motor vehicle for one year, and until relicensed by DMV, complete 72 hours of community service within 90 days. Lassiter also pleaded guilty to driving while license revoked. He was sentenced to 45 days suspended with 12 months' unsupervised probation, fined \$300, ordered not to operate motor vehicle until relicensed by DMV, and commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction. Appealed.

George E. Markley, guilty, speeding 64 in a 55 mph zone, ordered to pay court costs.

Shereen M. McCorkle pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty, of assaulting an officer. McCorkle was sentenced to 10 days suspended with 12 months' unsupervised probation, ordered to pay court costs, commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction, possess no firearm or other deadly weapon.

Brett Avery Nichols, guilty, first degree trespass and injury to personal property, sentenced to 30 days suspended with 12 months'

unsupervised probation, ordered to pay court costs, not go upon premises of Phyllis Edwards, pay \$539 restitution, commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction, possess no firearm or other deadly weapon.

Bradley Jackson Ober pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty, of misdemeanor probation violation. His supervised probation was extended for another year with the same terms and conditions remaining in effect. Ober pleaded guilty to possession of a substance containing toxic vapors. He was sentenced to 45 days suspended with 12 months' supervised probation, ordered to pay \$200 attorney's fee, commit no criminal offense, possess no firearm, submit to searches for controlled substance, contraband or any other illegal substance. Voluntary dismissal was granted on a charge of inhaling toxic vapors.

Voluntary dismissal was granted in the case of Norman Lee Riddick, charged with fraudulent disposal of mortgaged property. Voluntary dismissal was

granted in the case of Rene Alvarado, charged with assault on a female and communicating threats.

The court dismissed a show cause order for failure to appear in the case of Rosa Martha Rojas, ruling that she had not acted willfully or without justification.

James Keith Smith, guilty, speeding 69 in a 60 mph zone, fined \$10 plus court costs.

David Nickolas Tatem, guilty, possession of drug paraphernalia, sentenced to 30 days suspended with 12 months' unsupervised probation, fined \$100 plus court costs, and ordered to commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction.

Melvin Ray Twine, guilty, breaking and entering, sentenced to 120 days suspended with 12 months' intensive supervised probation, assessed court costs, ordered not to go upon the premises of the Habit Motel, pay \$50 restitution, and commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction. Voluntary dismissal was granted on charges of larceny and possession of stolen goods. Voluntary dismissal was

granted in the case of Sherry Velo, charged with worthless check.

Larious Jovon Wiggins, guilty, speeding 88 in a 55 mph zone and failure to comply with license restrictions, sentenced to 20 days suspended with 12 months' unsupervised probation, fined \$125 plus court costs, ordered not to operate a motor vehicle for 12 months and until duly licensed to do so by DMV, commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction, pay all sums due by Feb. 7 or report back to court on Feb. 8.

Jermaine Lamar Wilder pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty, of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Wilder was sentenced to 12 months' supervised probation, fined \$100 plus court costs, and ordered to pay \$100 attorney's fee.

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

Voluntary dismissal was granted in the case of Nita Jones Wilson, charged with failure to yield (left turn).

## Summer internships are available at aquarium

ROANOKE ISLAND, NC — College students who want to gain valuable "hands on" work experience this summer can apply for one of three paid internships at the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island.

These internships are administered by the state's Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office within the Department of Administration. They offer young people an excellent opportunity to bridge the gap between their classroom learning and their intended careers.

Students can spend the summer working near the pristine beaches of the Outer Banks and earn college credit as well as a paycheck while doing so. The positions are available in husbandry, exhibits and education. This summer program offers stipends of approximately \$270 per week for a 10-week period.

Acceptable majors for the husbandry intern include biology, ecology, marine biology or marine science. The husbandry intern will perform duties such as water testing, fish food preparation and feeding as well as tank maintenance.

According to Aquarium Husbandry Coordinator Frank Hudgins, a motivated intern can develop skills and gain knowledge needed for securing an entry-level position as an aquarist.

"They will gain insight and hands on experience towards development of a husbandry, aquarist position," he said.

For the exhibits position, students must have an interest in design, graphics, art or industrial arts and technology. Exhibits Curator Joe Malat says he likes to assign his intern a project so that in the end, he or she will have something for their portfolio.

"With the grand reopening of the

Aquarium in the spring of 2000, there will be a lot of new and exciting activities in which the intern can be involved, including their own project," he said.

The third internship is in education and acceptable majors include biology, education, environmental education, recreation or ecology. Education Curator Terri Kirby Hathaway says her student intern is expected to present public programs such as films, slide presentations and live animal programs.

"Besides learning about coastal ecology by educating the public, the student will develop projects and implement additional programs," she noted.

Each student is encouraged to seek academic credit for the internships, which are open to rising juniors of four-year schools and rising sophomores attending community college. Any students who are graduating from either type of

institution much be continuing their education in the fall.

The deadline to apply for these three internships is Jan. 24, 2000. For an application, interested students may call (252) 473-3494. Students need to write a cover letter explaining their interest in the internship, as well as provide a transcript of college grades and a resume. Students must have a 2.5 or better grade point average to be considered for these positions.

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Some people don't have enough tears; this "dry eye" condition is very uncomfortable, but may be compensated to some extent by "artificial tears" drops. Contact lens wearers, too, may need drops to supplement natural tears and use a sterile solution when inserting lenses to avoid discomfort.

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## Change in law will benefit Floyd victims

Parker Chesson, chairman of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, has announced a change in the Unemployment Insurance law which will aid individuals whose employment was affected by Hurricanes Dennis and Floyd. The law change is a part of a special package of assistance approved by the General Assembly to benefit the victims of North Carolina's costliest hurricane season in history.

Current unemployment insurance laws require a one-week waiting period for individuals who file a claim for benefits. The amendment to the Employment Security Law will permit eligible individuals who filed for unemployment benefits under state law and are unemployed as a result of the hurricane activity to retroactively file for and receive payment for that first week of their unemployment.

The law further stipulates that benefits paid as a result of the waiver of the waiting period will not be charged to the account of the employer.

The law change will align North Carolina law more closely to federal law governing the Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program. Individuals who file for Disaster Unemployment Assistance are not subject to the one-week waiting period as regular unemployment insurance claimants are. Individuals who are ruled ineligible to receive regular unemployment benefits routinely file for, and receive, DUA benefits.

The law change, which has been signed by Gov. Jim Hunt and is now in effect, would also apply to claims filed in any future disasters. (A "disaster" is defined as any event that receives a disaster declaration from the President.) ESC officials estimate the total cost of the initiative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund will be \$6,200,000.

"We commend the legislature for taking this important step that will help thousands whose jobs were impacted," Chesson said.

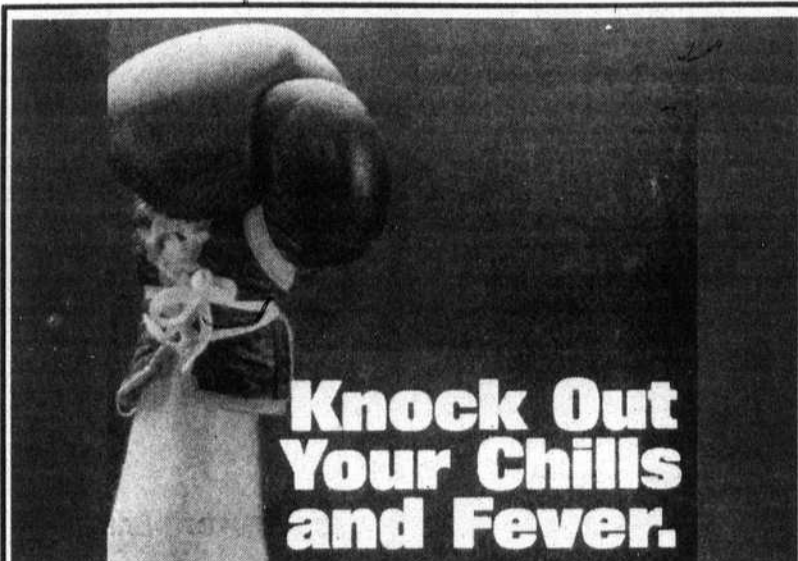
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### Welcomes Duncan M. Fagundus, MD, FACR to the staff of the Quadrangle Division, Section of Rheumatology

Duncan M. Fagundus, MD, FACR, a specialist in Adult Rheumatology, will join the staff of Physicians East-Quadrangle Division, Section of Rheumatology, January 17th.

Dr. Fagundus received his medical degree from East Carolina University School of Medicine. Also, he performed his medical internship and residency in both internal medicine and pediatrics at East Carolina University School of Medicine. Dr. Fagundus received his fellowship in Rheumatology and Immunology from The Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Dr. Fagundus is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Internal Medicine with Rheumatology Certification.

He has been in private practice with the Tarboro Clinic since 1994. Dr. Fagundus joins Drs. Ramsdell, White and Alloway in providing adult rheumatology care through Physicians East, PA.

To schedule an appointment, please call 752-6101.

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