

## Cold-case slayings end with arrests

### Investigators solve Capehart, Riddick killings

By Ritchie E. Starnes  
Editor

Investigators have made arrests in two unrelated Chowan County cold-case slayings, according to Sheriff

Dwayne Goodwin. Goodwin said recent developments have led to the solving of the Sept. 29, 2002 fatal shooting of U.S. Army Sgt. Ronnie Capehart and the Dec. 26, 1999 slaying of Norman Lee "Rabbit" Riddick. The 28-year-old Capehart was apparently a victim of mistaken identity while Riddick, 65, was killed for money, Goodwin said.

James Felton, 25, formerly of Elizabeth City is facing murder charges in the Sept. 29, 2002 fatal shooting of Capehart, who was on leave from his Fort Sill, Okla. base and visiting family in Edenton. Capehart was killed at the intersection of Houghton and Poplar Neck roads while driving back to Edenton from Baller's Lounge in Washington County.

Felton is believed to be the one who riddled Capehart's car with bullets, fatally wounding the soldier in the head.

"We have been conducting interviews since the incident occurred and no one came forward with any information that could lead to an arrest

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### Edenton downtown chief fired, arrested

#### Moore charged with embezzling \$15K

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EDENTON — The former director of Edenton's downtown booster group has been arrested on charges she embezzled nearly \$15,000 from the nonprofit organization.

Jennifer Moore, who was fired Thursday as executive director of Destination Downtown Edenton, was arrested Sunday on two counts of embezzlement, Edenton police Chief Jay Fortenbery said. One count accuses her of embezzling \$10,000 from Destination

Downtown Edenton. The other accuses her of embezzling \$5,000 from the group.

Moore was released on a \$15,000 unsecured bond, Fortenbery said.

Moore is believed to have written herself a series of unauthorized checks, Fortenbery said. The first series of checks were written in September 2008, three months after Moore was hired, he said.

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Moore



CHOWAN HERALD FILE PHOTO

Former Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Chairwoman Glorious Elliott says some of the most rewarding times of her life have been spent working with children.

### Dream to teach fuels service

(In honor of Black History Month, the Chowan Herald will feature an African American in each edition during the month of February. Those featured include local residents that have made significant contributions to their community.)

By Rebecca Bunch  
Staff Writer

Glorious Elliott once dreamed of being a teacher, so it's not surprising that much of her service to the community has revolved around education.

Elliott has worked for the past 28 years as an area probation/parole officer, the last seven as chief of the district that includes Chowan and Perquimans counties and, up until last Friday, Gates County as well.

But she said she had been pondering a second career once she retires from her present job, and thought education would be a good fit for her.

She had served for years

as a volunteer with the Book Buddies program at D.F. Walker School and enjoyed the experience. This mentoring opportunity offered her the chance to help various children, one on one, with their reading skills and comprehension.

Elliott remained with the program until a few years ago when Walker School relocated to a site next to White Oak School, and the older students began reading with the younger ones. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of her life, she said.

And it reinforced her dream of being an educator.

A graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, Elliott said she completed all the necessary courses. But when it came time to do her student teaching, Elliott said, she began to have misgivings.

"The more I thought about it, the more I felt that I was getting a bit too old to run back and forth after a bunch of kids," she said, laughing. "I didn't want to have to ask them to help me get back up every time I sat down on the floor with them!"

Elliott, now in her late

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### Snow, ice pelt area



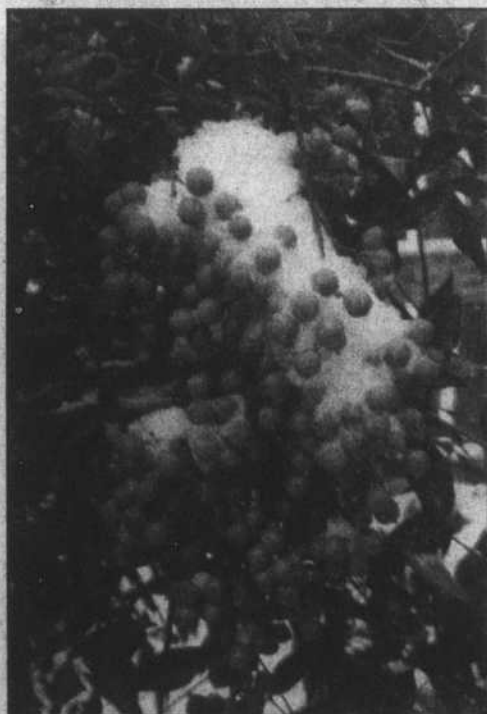
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Ernest Sanders, left, and Mary Lilly smile for the camera as her son Austin pats more snow onto the snowman they're creating outside their Second Street home Sunday afternoon.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BLAIR CURRIE:

Left, below left: The weekend's wintry mix blankets the wildlife and nature setting at Blair Currie's yard. Snow and ice cover a duck decoy, backyard pond habitat, and a holly tree.



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY LEE

Despite Saturday and Sunday's loss of commerce due to inclement weather, the snow provided a few worthy images like this wintry white blanket between the Barker House and the Edenton Bay.

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