Teen Tried In Crossburning Case

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

A local youth pleading guilty to crossburning last week, said "I did it to teach a lesson."

David Johnson, 16, a student at Atkins High School, said in Forsyth District Court that he and a companion burned the cross in the yard of Lorraine Roseborough of 1300 Fenimore because he was upset over not being paid for delivering newspapers.

At the time of the cross burning on July 8. Johnson was a substitute carrier for The Sentinel and the Winston-Salem Journal.

J.C. Douglas, an arson investigator for the Winston-Salem Fire Department testified that Johnson, who is white, admitted to him that he and a juvenile companion had decided to burn the cross on the Roseborough's lawn because of alledged trouble they were having collecting for the newspapers.

"Everytime I went to collect she would intent to harm," Hutchins said of his say I don't have any money, see my husband, and when I'd see her husband he'd tell me to see his wife," said Johnson who added that he and his friend out of about \$9.00.

When Forsyth District Court Judge, James A Harrill Jr., asked Johnson why he chose to burn a cross in Mrs. Roseborough yard, rather than stop her papers or use some other means of collecting his money Johnson said that the KKK-Nazi trial in Greensboro had prompted him to think of the cross burning.

"I knew the impact that the trial was having on everybody and I though that it would be a good way to get back at her, (Mrs. Roseborough)," he said.

Fred Hutchins, Johnson's defense attorney called his clients act "a childish prank."

"What we have here are two young boys on a warm summer night who decided to have some fun. It was a lark with no client's actions.

In testifying, Mrs. Roseborough said that she saw the cross burning in her yard at approximately 11 p.m. on the 8th. "I also the Roseborough's paperboy, were have a habit of going to the door every night before I go to bed and I saw what looked like a cross burning in my yard," she said.

Johnson said that he had made the four-foot cross by wrapping old clothes. around two nailed sticks, and soaked the cross in kerosene.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Gatto called Johnson's actions more than a "childish prank."

"The court can't find any excuse for what this boy has done. Fenimore Street is in a quiet community and there is no reason to bring Greensboro into Winston-Salem, regardless of the situation." Gatto said that he believed that the effects of the crossburning would be lasting on the Roseborough family and asked Harrill for a ruling "that would make a lasting impression in Johnson." "The effects of what they did are

staggering and the court should be concerned with the gravity of the offense," Gatto said.

Harrill gave 'Johnson a \$50 fine, a seven day suspened sentence and ordered that he pay the Roseboroughs \$50 for the damage done to their lawn. He also made Johnson spend his lunch hour in jail and ordered him to stay away from the Roseborough's residence.

Upstairs in Forsyth Juvenile Court, District Court Judge Gary Tash ordered Johnson's 15-year old accomplice to reimburse the state \$100 for his courtappointed attorney; and told him to stay away from the Roseboroughs

Tash put the youth on probation, and added that he was impressed with the paper the youth had been ordered to write concerning his feelings on the incident. Tash called the incident "insensitive and inhuman."

Tash also set a curfew for the youth which will last until his probation ends on his 16th birthday.

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percent female. Of those, 72 percent are white and 28 percent are black. Corresponding to the county's population.

Referral agents include family, relative, physicians, the Forsyth County Health Department; hospitals, schools; the Department of stigma associated with Social Service; local psychological agencies and ance Center, much like the the courts.

Children range in age from birth through early adolescence. "We try not set a definate age because the chronological age is no that important, and some center's top priorities is to children mature faster than "have the services that we others Bragg said.

percent are mentally the barriers that people retarded 5 percent have have so that they can use organic brain syndrome; 2 percent suffet from schizophrenia; 5 percent suffer from neuroses; 9 percent from personality disorders;32 percent from transient situational disturbances; 28 percent from behavioraldisorders of childhood; 16 percent from special symptoms and 1 percent suffer no mental disorder or all other disorders.

The center was chartered in 1955 and the clinic was part of the Department of Psychology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine and was located in the kennel buildings on the Graylyn Estate.

In 1960, the clinic moved to larger quarters at the Reynolds Estate in Barn No. 2. The center was moved to its present focation on Glade Street Hill in 1970. Bragg said that while he is

pleased with the progress that the clinic has made, the Glad Street location allows the center more accessibility than the other locales. "For the first time, we are

accessible to the entire community. We were on a bus line and easy to find. The remotness of the locations was a handicap." Bragg said that while the clinie was located on the Reynolda Estate, in an attempt to reach the entire community, outreach clinics were held at Reynolds Health Center. Bragg calls those clinics

"moderately successful, but he said that the seperate service did not prove that it could be maintained. The outreach clinics were like alot of new projects. after the newness and early

enthusiasm wears off it proved to be not as practical as we thought," he said. Bragg said that in the center's next decade, he

would like to see it become even more accessible both geographically and financially.

Bragg continued, "I want people to feel free to use the facility. There is a places like the Ghild Guidstigma attached to minorities. Some people are afraid of the myths. We need to do more to shed the light on intelligence."

Bragg said that on of the provide out front and Of the center's clients, 2 available, breaking down the facility."

The early detection and prevention of children's prob lems and disorders is what the center is constantly striving for and Bragg said that the CGC will keep itself viable by changing and adapting the program so that the services are responsive community that it serves.

Funding for the center comes primarily from the county and parents fees. The center's budget is \$750,000. Of that 33

percent comes from the Forsyth¶Stokes Community Mental Health Center. Fees for services, Medicade and insurance totals another 331/3 percent, with 21 percent of that paid by parents; 55 percent by insurance, and 24 percent by Medicade. The remaining 331/3 percent comes from federal grants, foundations. gifts miscellaneous contribu-

Only five percent of the total budget comes from the United Way.

The center will highlight its anniversary with a concert by Metropolitan Opera Soprano Roberta Peters on Friday.

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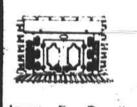
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