

# Hunt

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One of the things they will monitor closely is the jury selection.

"I think in a case of this magnitude, the seating of the jury is of foremost importance," Griggs said. He said that because of Mitchell's and Drayton's convictions, it is going to be hard to find an objective juror.

He said that it is important too, that African-Americans are not excluded as jurors.

"We're asking that the district attorney not fall into the pattern established by his predecessor, in eliminating blacks from the jury," he said.

Eversley agreed. "Those of us who will come to monitor the trial, are interested in the racial composition of the jury," he said. "It seems to us that the only time that a person has not been mistreated is when a lone black woman raised some questions no one else raised." Eversley was referring to an African-American woman juror in Mitchell's first trial who refused to render a guilty verdict.

To not include African-Americans would send a negative message to its community, Griggs

said. "It would be a statement to the black community from the district attorney that the black community is not capable of objectively deciding rights and wrongs," he said.

Both Griggs and Eversley said that they do not feel that Mitchell's and Drayton's prior convictions will prejudice Hunt's case. "First of all, Mitchell was convicted after two trials by an all-white jury based on evidence, initially brought forward by... (Drayton)," he said. "Sammy's conviction came about as a result of Drayton's testimony that he, Mitchell and Hunt were co-conspirators in the murder."

But Drayton's word, Griggs said, is questionable. "He is quick to involve people in his criminal fantasies," he said. A case in point, he offered, is Drayton's recent trial for the murder of 65-year-old Blanche Bryson in which Drayton said that one of Terry Smith's "lieutenants" was involved in the murder. Smith of Winston-Salem pleaded guilty to drug-related charges in U.S. District Court earlier this year.

"He took the name Terry Smith that had been prevalent in the news and linked him in the crime,"

Griggs said.

Drayton was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison for Mrs. Bryson's murder.

"Drayton's own testimony in the Blanche Bryson case should be enough to cast reasonable doubt on anything this man says," he said.

To finance Hunt's defense, Griggs said that the Defense Committee will do as much local fund-raising as possible. But other avenues are also being examined. "The Hunt case itself has gone beyond Winston-Salem as far as financial, moral and physical support," he said. "National bodies, both religious and secular, have given commitments to help with the defense of Darryl Hunt."

Hunt, Griggs said, is currently in the Piedmont Correctional Facility in Salisbury.

Griggs said that he visits Hunt about twice a month. As to the upcoming trial, Griggs said that he has noticed a reserved optimism about Hunt.

"He has anxiously wanted to have this case tried," he said. "He wants it to go to trial so he can be exonerated of the charge. But because of the conviction in the Deborah Sykes case, he has a qualified and reserved optimism."

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was a Trailways leaving Winston-Salem going to Asheville, he said. "Now the passenger comes to Winston-Salem, changes buses here and will be in Asheville in less time."

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