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SBI Investigators Now Claim Green Shot James Jordan

RALEIGH (AP) — Investigators said Tuesday they weren't exactly dealing with "two Einsteins" when they hunted down a pair of teen-aged suspects in the death of Michael Jordan's father.

"The case has really come together well," State Bureau of Investigation director Jim Coman said.

Coman said police had little trouble tracking the suspects after getting phone records from James Jordan's cellular phone.

"We weren't dealing with two Einsteins here," Coman said. "It wasn't too hard to figure out who was making calls from that car phone."

Some of the calls from the telephone taken from James Jordan's \$46,000 car were made to 1-900 pornography lines, sources close to the investigation said.

Coman talked about the arrests of Larry Martin Demery, 18, of Rowland, and Daniel Andre Green, 18, of Lumberton, a day after the two appeared in court for arraignment on charges of killing the father of the Chicago Bulls star.

Hugh Rogers, Demery's lawyer, told WRAL-TV in Raleigh on Tuesday that Green was the triggerman.

In addition to murder charges, the high school dropouts are also charged with armed robbery and conspiracy.

Jordan's car, which was stripped, will be moved from Fayetteville to the state bureau's headquarters in Raleigh, officials said.

"We'll be looking for any additional forensic evidence that might be helpful in the criminal prosecution," Coman said.

The national publicity surrounding the case has brought in some leads on at least one armed robbery case in Robeson County.

Rowland Police Chief Danny Bradsher said a woman called his office after seeing Demery and Green on television

and said they looked like the men who robbed her at a Rowland motel in July.

The woman lives in Rhode Island and was one of four people robbed at the Family Inn on July 4, he said. He declined to identify the robbery victims.

"However, it is still under investigation and no warrants have been obtained," Bradsher said. "We are getting some assistance from the FBI in the matter. We're having some interviews conducted in Rhode Island where these persons actually live."

Robeson County Sheriff Hubert

Stone said Monday the .38-caliber gun used in the shooting still had not been recovered. Hugh Munn of the State Law Enforcement Division in South Carolina said Tuesday he was unaware of any requests to search for the weapon in the creek where Jordan's body was found.

Stone said the defendants had been waiting along U.S. 74 near Lumberton on July 23 to rob someone when the elder Jordan arrived, parked his car near a flea market and started to nap with his window open.



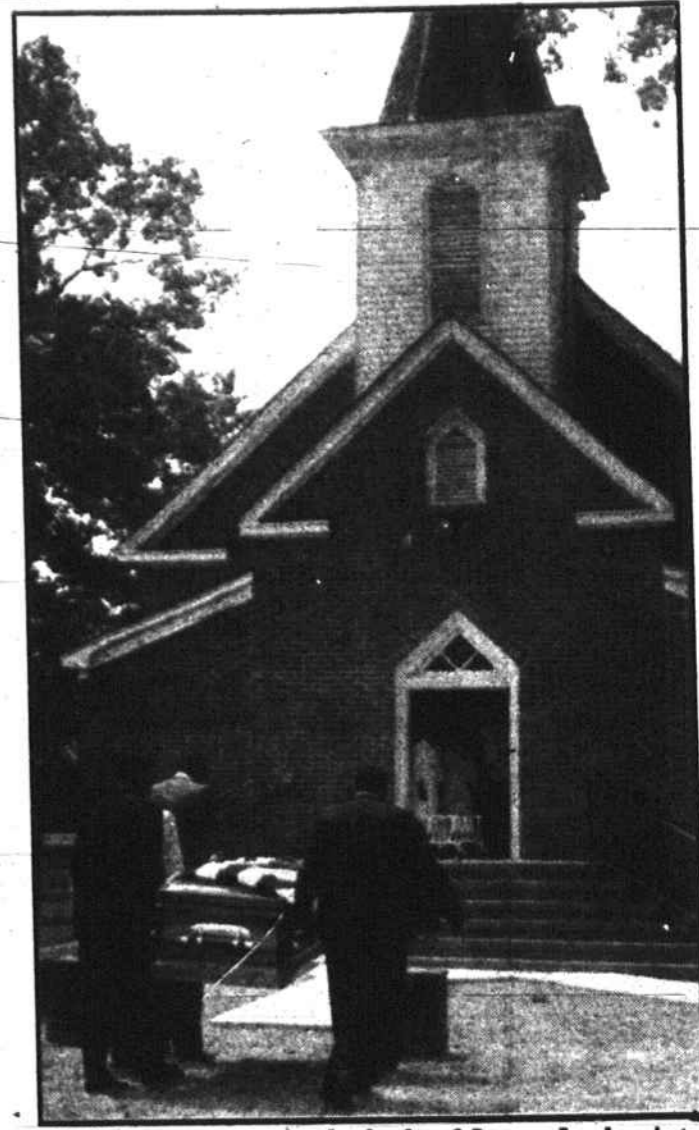
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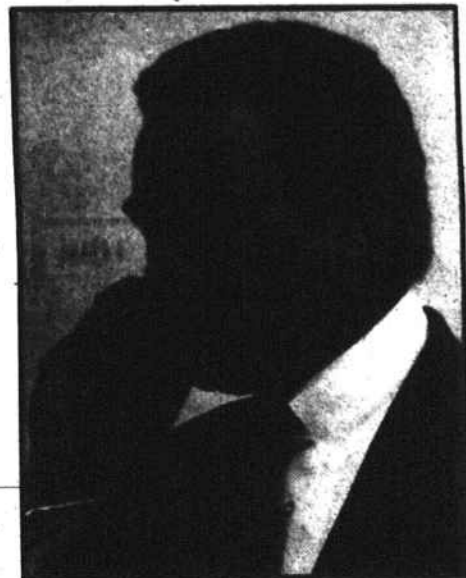


James Jordan



Pallbearers carry in the body of James Jordan into the church.

Brown Denies Receiving Payment



Ron Brown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown is denying allegations he received \$700,000 from the Vietnamese government in exchange for helping lift the U.S. trade embargo against that country.

"I have never represented Vietnam at any time or interests representing Vietnam, or any individuals or any companies or corporations," Brown said Friday.

U.S. News & World Report magazine's Aug. 23 issue said the FBI has been investigating the allegations — made by Vietnamese business consultant Ly Thanh Binh — since late February.

The FBI would neither confirm nor deny that it was investigating.

But a federal law enforcement source said the bureau was "aware that that information has been sent by an individual to a number of people, including congressmen, and the FBI has received copies of that information from congressmen." The source spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

According to U.S. News, Binh told FBI agents that Brown was approached by a former partner of his, Nguyen Van Hao, in November 1992. Hao was seeking Brown's help in getting the trade embargo against Vietnam lifted, the report said. Binh said Hao told him the \$700,000 payment to Brown was being transferred to an account at Banque Indosuez in Singapore, according to the report.

Reached at his home late Friday, Binh declined to comment on the allegations. "How this will unfold depends on the next step (at the) government level," he said. "I don't know what they're going to do."



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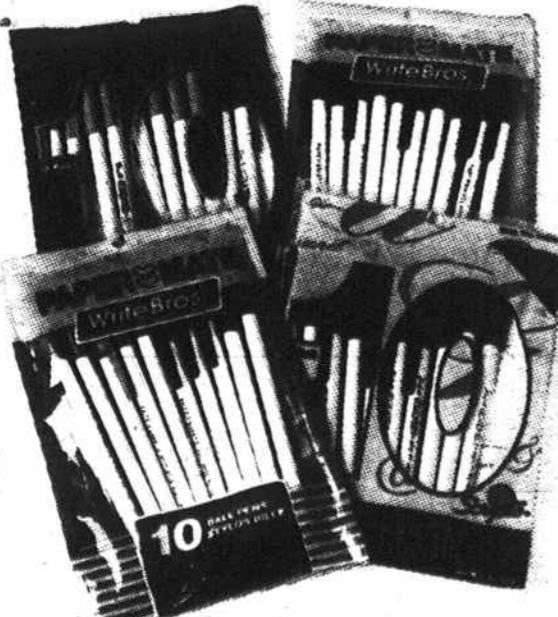


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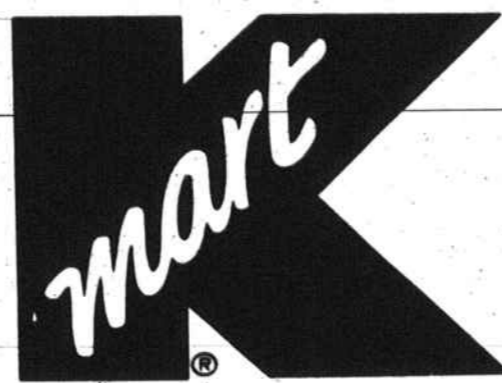
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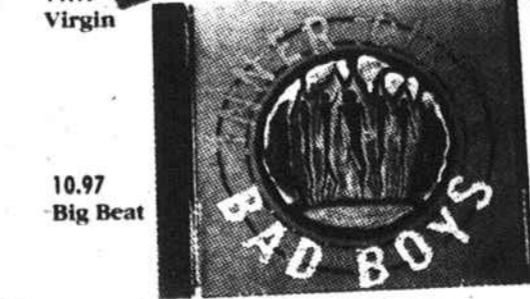
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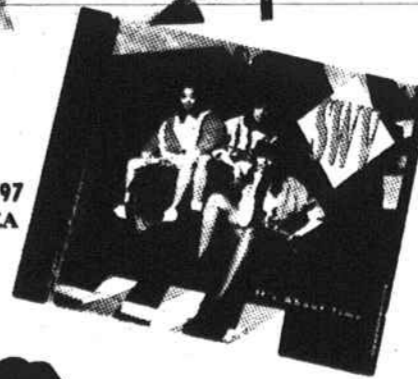
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