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## 11-year-old handcuffed at school



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Eleven-year-old Shawn Bennett is still feeling the effects of an incident that occurred at his school, Clemmons Middle, earlier this month, when he was handcuffed by a school resource officer.

Shawn himself was unable to finish an interview about the incident with The Chronicle earlier this week, dissolving into tears when he attempted to retell his story. His mother, Adrian Dawkins, related the situation as she understood it, after speaking with her son and several school officials.

According to Dawkins, Bennett and another student went into the boys' bathroom after school was dismissed on Wednesday, May 2. A male teacher

entered the restroom and asked both boys to leave and they complied with his request.

The teacher then noticed that one of the toilets was filled with tissue, Dawkins said, and accused the boys of being responsible for the mess.

"He noticed that it was toilet tissue in the toilet, so I guess he automatically assumed that both of them had done it," stated Dawkins, who maintains that her son and the other child had nothing to do with paper in the toilet.



Hairston

Dawkins said the teacher then notified another teacher about the incident. The second teacher insisted on taking the boys to the principal's office. Dawkins says that Principal Sandra Hunter was busy with the afternoon bus routine, and was unavailable, so her son decided to board his bus as usual. School Resource Officer Sherrill Underwood, a Forsyth County Sheriff's deputy, followed him on the bus and asked the boy to get off and speak with Hunter. Maintaining his innocence, Shawn - who says he was scared to death at this point - refused to disembark.

"I told them that I didn't do anything and I wouldn't do anything like that," Shawn said. "I didn't want to get off the bus because I didn't know what

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## Slavery 'sorry' is not enough?

*Duke professor says that money would be better*

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

Last month the North Carolina General Assembly approved a resolution apologizing for slavery. The resolution came after Virginia and Maryland issued apologies for their roles in slavery. Several other states are working on similar resolutions.

But many say an apology is not enough, and they want lawmakers to put public money where their mouths are. Duke University Professor William Darity Jr., is among the loudest voices in a growing chorus calling for reparations to be paid to the descendants of slaves. Darity, who teaches economics, public policy and African American studies, has done extensive research on the topic. And while he says an apology is a good first step, he thinks more must be done to right the wrongs of the past.

"I think there is this notion, that is very wide spread that the circumstances that confront African-Americans are due to their own fault," Darity said. "There is some notion, that is very widespread, that African-Americans are in some way collectively dysfunctional."

Reparations for African-Americans could take many forms, Darity believes, including direct



Darity

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Photo by Layla Farmer  
The Rev. Stacey Frasier stands in front of the church.

## Friendship tries to move ahead with new pastor

*The Rev. Stacey Frasier is only 30*

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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After nearly two years without a senior pastor, Friendship Baptist Church has finally found their man.

The Rev. Stacey Frasier was voted pastor-elect by the congregation in early April, and is slated to be officially installed July 29.

Frasier has indeed lifted some eyebrows with his level of dedication, as he was licensed to preach at the ripe old age of 30.

"I knew what the Lord was calling me to do," he said. "One man once asked me, 'What's the one thing that you would do in life that you would not mind not being paid for?' and I can honestly say ministry. Every time I step into a pulpit, I know that I am impacting somebody and that somebody might be myself."

Friendship's former pastor left, amid considerable turmoil, in 2005.

Deacon Reggie Moore says



Moore

it all started over a disagreement over who would succeed the Rev. S.E. Tyndall. Church members insisted that a search committee be formed, as per church regulations; others disagreed, hence the rift.

"The police were called, and it was a big ruckus," Moore acknowledged. "All of that was resolved, and we went through the proper channels."

Moore had actually known Frasier, a Greensboro native, for some time, and described his resume as "superb."

At 30, Frasier has complemented his obvious aptitude for preaching with the array of degrees he has amassed, from the likes of Moorehouse College, where he studied theology as an under grad, while pastoring Shady Grove Baptist Church in Pelham, N.C.

"I commuted my second semester of my senior year at Moorehouse, from Atlanta to Greensboro, to Pelham each

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## MOTHER'S (AND SON'S) DAY



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Minnie Bethune, 56, and her son James Bethune, 28, both of Sanford, were among the 1,100 N.C. A&T State University graduates to receive degrees at the university's commencement Saturday. Both graduated from the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. Mom received her degree in child development and family studies, while her son received his degree in landscape architecture.

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Attorney Willie E. Gary made a visit to Winston-Salem last week, to serve as keynote speaker at the Winston Lake Family YMCA's 10th Annual Black Achievers Business and Industry Awards Gala.



Gary

Known for his uncanny ability in taking down the likes of Walt Disney World and Anheuser Busch in courtroom brawls and conference room settlements, Gary has been dubbed "The Giant Killer," by newspapers throughout the nation.

He spoke before a packed room at the Benton Convention Center last Thursday night, where more than 20 teens and 36 profes-

## The young, gifted and black are honored



Photo by Layla Farmer

Achievers Chad Armstrong, Courtney Bell, Shakira Crawford and DeQuinta Dockery.

sionals were honored for their participation in the Black Achievers program.

"This is like coming home for me," said Gary, a Shaw University alumnus

and graduate of NCCU Law School. "This is where I got my start - nobody else believed in me. Every school in the state of Florida said I was not college material, but

thank God for the state of North Carolina and Shaw University."

Gary's lively speech rivaled that of any southern

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