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about Johnson's involvement. In all, Johnson spent nearly three years behind bars awaiting trial for his involvement in the murder.

His supporters claimed that Johnson was being held with no evidence indicating that he was involved in the crime. They garnered statewide and national support for Johnson through organizations like the N.C. NAACP and the black church. Public pressure helped win Johnson's release in September, right before Foster was named the special prosecutor. NAACP President William Barber had been escorting Johnson and his family on a tour across the state to help gain public support for Johnson's case. Barber and the Johnson family made stops in Winston-Salem on Dec. 16.

"The light of Christmas has

shown on the dark nightmare that James Johnson has suffered for 42 months in a false incarceration on murder, rape, and kidnapping charges without a trial," Barber said in a statement on Dec. 19, hours after Foster's decision was announced. "Tonight the special prosecutor dismissed all murder, rape and kidnapping charges against him. It is a major victory for truth and justice."

Johnson will face an accessory after the fact charge, which stems from Johnson's admission that he did help Meeks wash Willis' car after the crime in order to clear away evidence. Johnson says that Meeks showed up at his home after he killed Willis and ordered Johnson to accompany him to the crime scene and the car wash. Johnson said he went with Meeks out of fear.

"James is an innocent young man who was falsely accused. It

is not yet a total victory because one count of accessory remains, but we will celebrate tonight, and pick up the fight tomorrow for James' full exoneration tomorrow," Barber said.

Keith's office will not prosecute Johnson on the accessory charge because the office is overburdened with cases of its own. The N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts is expected to appoint at least one more special prosecutor to handle the new charges.

Foster, the former district attorney of Rockingham County, reviewed thousands of pages of statements, conducted interviews and made several trips to Wilson during her review. Foster, who is African-American and considered one of the best assistants in Keith's office, said in a statement that her decision was determined by the facts and not outside pressure from either side.

UNWRAPPING EARLY HOLIDAY PRESENT



Photo by Jason Pitt

City and business leaders cut the ribbon to formerly open a seniors' living facility in the Goler/Depot Community. The area is currently being redeveloped by the Goler Community Development Corporation. Condos and townhomes have already been built.



Angelou Center Photo

Angelou Center staffers: Front row, Sarah Langdon (from left) Dr. Jorge Calles, Dr. Ronny Bell, Dr. Melicia Whitt-Glover. Back row, Orita McCorkle (from left) Jaimie Hunter, Ti Klingler, Dr. Alain Bertoni, Alicia Grayson and Dr. Kristen Hairston.

Center

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2006. The center, which is funded by the hospital, grants and by dollars generated from things such as fundraisers, battles many different health problems within various minority groups. Its main areas of focus are infant mortality, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS and lack of immunizations and cancer screenings, all of which have been defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as areas where great disparities exist.

Education is a major way the agency is fighting to end health disparities, according to Jaimie Hunter, the center's research associate. The center spreads the word about disease prevention through "The People's Clinic," a series of health forums and programs designed to reach African American, Native American and Hispanic communities throughout the state. The project includes a weekly health column that appears in minority publications. In 2005, The Chronicle became one of the first newspapers to carry "The People's Clinic" column. The project also has a radio show on "Que Pasa," a Spanish language radio station and programs with Native American churches and organizations. Center staffers also stay busy with speaking engagements, health fairs and community presentations.

"I think people get the major health issues and they understand that it's not good to

be obese, it's not good to not exercise, but putting it into a framework that makes it relevant to them - I think is what makes our project really special," said Hunter.

The center is always trying to do more. Bell says future projects include a push to inform minorities about a recent study that found that low sodium diets can reduce hypertension. The center also wants to set up kiosks in Latino communities that will stress the seriousness of diabetes among Hispanics.

The center's focus on Hispanics is vital, since language may keep them from beneficial health information. Sarah Langdon, the center's associate project manager, has worked extensively with the Hispanic community. She says Hispanics are very vocal about their thirst for knowledge about health issues. Langdon said the center has found that it must not only talk but also listen to the concerns of those it serves.

"We want and encourage the community to be a part of what we're doing," said Langdon. "We realize only working with them as a partner are we going to be able to work towards eliminating health disparities."

One of the most ambitious programs in the region aimed at ending disparities, the center was created in 2003 to address the "national tragedy in health disparities," which experts say will only get worse as the minority population grows larger. The hospital approached world famous poet Maya Angelou, a resident of Winston-Salem, about using her name. Officials knew that

with Angelou's name attached, the center would instantly get credibility and national recognition. Angelou, who has been a faculty member at Wake Forest since the 1980s, agreed. The poet now serves as the center's honorary executive chair. Bell said Angelou provides valuable input for the center.

Center officials are keenly aware that their work may never be fully completed. The teen pregnancy rate for minorities is still higher than that of whites; the rate of minorities being infected with HIV is already monumental and growing; and whites still live longer and better than minorities.

Bell, a native of Robeson County and a member of the Lumbee Indian tribe, says the reasons behind the disparities are many - with a lower level of disease prevention measures, cultural differences and economic and healthcare inequities among them.

The center is always trying to gauge the impact that it has had, Bell said. Currently, focus groups and surveys are used to measure the success of programs like, "The People's Clinic."

For more information about The Maya Angelou Center, including questions about health issues, go to www.wfubmc.edu/minorityhealth or call, 336-713-7600. Through January 2008, the Angelou Research Center is offering a Target gift card to anyone who completes a brief survey providing feedback about The People's Clinic articles. Please call 1-877-530-1824 for more information.

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Georgia state house. She won about 40 percent of the popular vote and began preparing for another attempt. In 1988, McKinney ran for the same seat and won, making the McKinney's the first father and daughter to simultaneously serve in the Georgia

statehouse.

In the 1992 election, McKinney was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as the member of Congress from the newly created 11th District, a 64 percent Black district stretching from Atlanta to Savannah. She was the first African-American woman to represent Georgia in the House. McKinney lost her

seat in 2002 after losing the primary election.

She regained her seat in 2004, when it was open due to then Rep. Denise Majette's run for the U.S. Senate. In 2006, she was opposed in the Democratic primary by Hank Johnson and John Coyne III. McKinney lost the primary election runoff 59 percent to 41 percent for Johnson on August 8, 2006.

Williams

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his past ties to black radicals.

"Any public official or preacher who can't put the pain of his people above the politics of leaders is not fit to be a politician or a preacher," Sharpton said.

Sharpton called Williams' case "a national disgrace" and pledged to talk about the it every day on his syndicated

radio talk show. "If the federal government can intervene to protect dogs from Michael Vick in Virginia then they can do something to protect Megan Williams in West Virginia," Sharpton told The Associated Press.

Also charged in the case are Brewster's mother Frankie Brewster, 49; Danny Combs, 20; Karen Burton, 46; Burton's daughter, Alisha Burton, 23; and George A. Messer, 27.



Sharpton

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Winston-Salem State University, a premier comprehensive university, is one of the 16 constituent institutions comprising the University of North Carolina. WSSU is a premier regional institution that is ranked as the #1 public baccalaureate university in the South by *US News and World Report*. The university enrolls approximately 5,700 students in more than 40 undergraduate programs and 12 graduate programs. Designated a focused-growth institution, Winston-Salem State University has doubled its enrollment since Fall 2000 and is targeted to grow to more than 8,000 students by 2015, with a concomitant growth in programs, specifically at the master's level.

Winston-Salem State University is located in the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina with Greensboro to the east and High Point to the south, offering an exceptional climate as well as easy access to mountains and beaches. Winston-Salem, a city of more than 200,000, was recently ranked as one of the top 50 cities worldwide in quality of life by Mercer Human Resources Consulting.

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