

Pa. Black Man Charged In Hate-Crime Shooting

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WILKINSBURG, Pa. — A black man accused of killing two whites and wounding three others in a shooting rampage was arraigned Thursday on hate crime charges.

Ronald Taylor had "anti-white" writings in his apartment and singled out whites during the attack, reassuring a black woman in his path, "Not you, sister," authorities and witnesses said.

"The general tenor was that he wasn't shooting anybody but whites," Allegheny County homicide Lt. John Brennan said Thursday as authorities tried to put together a portrait of the suspect.

On Thursday night, police charged Taylor with ethnic intimidation, Pennsylvania's term for a hate crime, accusing him of setting fire to his apartment and shooting the men with malicious intent "toward white males," court documents said. The FBI also said it has initiated a civil rights investigation into the shootings.

District Justice Alberta Thompson

asked Taylor if he had any criminal record or history of drug use, and he said no. When she asked if he had any history of mental illness, he said yes. No other details about his history were available.

Taylor was initially charged with two counts of criminal homicide — an umbrella charge covering murder and manslaughter in Pennsylvania. On Thursday, police brought him before Thompson and charged him with the hate crime, five counts of aggravated assault, one count of arson, a firearms violation and one count of causing a catastrophe.

He is being held without bail on the homicide charges.

On Wednesday, the 39-year-old jobless man allegedly shot a maintenance worker at his apartment building and four other people at two fast-food restaurants in working-class Wilkesburg.

All five victims were white men. Brennan said that when police searched Taylor's home Wednesday night, they found anti-white writings. He refused to release the contents.

Campus Calendar

Today

11 a.m. — Students for Economic Justice will march from the Pit to South Building to demand that UNC pull out of the Fair Labor Association and sign onto the Worker Rights Consortium.

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. — UNC students will show off some of their original designs at "Fashion 2000: An Interactive Exhibit" in the Union Cabaret.

The exhibit will present fashions from throughout the last century as well as futuristic designs.

Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. — The Senior Ball semi-formal will be held in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the Pit until Friday, from any senior marshal, at the door or at www.unc.edu/students/orgs/seniors. Underclassmen are welcome.

Film Festival Lights Up Local Screens

By SHINDY CHEN
Staff Writer

The Hi Mom! Film Festival will do its best to put Chapel Hill on the map next to Cannes this weekend.

The festival, in its third and biggest year yet, has the sole purpose of thrusting promising film auteurs' projects into the limelight, allowing both filmmakers and their films notoriety in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community.

"This area is starved for independent work and needed film from local filmmakers and across the world," said festival coordinator Mike Connor. "We felt Hi Mom! needed to be a larger event."

Connor and his partner, Kendra Gaeta, have been planning the event since September with funds provided primarily by the Carolina Production Guild, the University's student- and

community-run film organization.

Thirty-nine films hand-picked from 150 entries will be shown Friday and Saturday in locations including Hamilton Hall, Hanes Art Center, the Carolina Theater and Cat's Cradle.

Some are critically acclaimed works shown at major film festivals such as Sundance, Cannes, New York Underground and Chicago Underground, while others are strictly homegrown creations from the minds of Chapel Hill residents and students.

"The films are from all over the place," Gaeta said. "Without the festival, no one would ever see any of it."

"It's important that people come out and support this, because they'd never see it in a large theater," she said. "We're providing access to the good stuff."

Gaeta is awaiting the premiere of her own film, "Cold Soup," slated for 8 p.m.

Saturday at Cat's Cradle.

Her film is one of two festival selections sponsored and funded by the Carolina Production Guild, which funds four independent film projects annually.

"Hi Mom! is definitely a way to make CPG films public," Connor said.

The other guild-sponsored film, "Curious George," was made by novice University filmmakers Aaron Freeman, Jackson Brown and Marcus Carden.

Proceeds from the festival will help the CPG fund future productions. "Without these funds that we're giving back to the CPG, four independent local films wouldn't get made," Gaeta said.

"We pick up a lot of the stock that the underfunded (communication) department can't take care of," said Camille Hawley, guild president. "The festival is a way of including ourselves in the community, as well as showcasing CPG

films and internationally made films."

These locally produced films, however, are only two of many others from as far away as Prague, San Francisco, and Rhode Island.

The festival's finale includes a musical performance MC Paul Barman. Barman, Connor's former roommate, now has a chart-topping, critically acclaimed hip hop album produced by legendary beatmaker Prince Paul.

Festival events will take place at 8 p.m. Friday in Hamilton Hall, at midnight Friday at the Carolina Theatre, at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hanes Art Center and at 4 p.m. Saturday at Cat's Cradle.

Each film-screening block except for the Cat's Cradle event costs \$3. \$12 buys an all-events pass for the festival.

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FIRE

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Before the Fire Department arrived, volunteer firefighter Doug Draper awoke and responded after hearing the call on his scanner.

"When I got there, I asked (Jackson) if everybody was out," Draper said. He said Jackson told him that his roommates were still in the apartment.

Draper said they tried to rescue Bullard, but the conditions were too

dangerous.

"I busted in the front door, but there was too much smoke," he said. "I had no (firefighting) gear. I tried to get in but couldn't reach him."

He and Jackson then broke the window to Bullard's room, he said.

Draper said they saw Bullard unconscious by the window but were unable to reach him.

The Fire Department arrived soon after the attempted rescue, Draper said.

Stanford said the firefighters reported heavy smoke and fire coming out the

front door. "They made an entrance and found (Bullard) in his bedroom," he said. "They entered and handed (Bullard) out the window."

Draper said he and Jackson helped the firefighters pull Bullard out. He said Bullard was unconscious but breathing independently.

Firefighters then carried Carroll from the burning apartment, Stanford said. They performed CPR but could not revive him.

Carole Honeycutt, manager of Sumter Square Apartments, said said

she would provide an apartment for the survivors but that Jackson was currently at home with his parents.

"We're just pleased the smoke alarm sounded," she said. "(Jackson) saved (his and Bullard's) life and probably saved others' lives. He's our hero today."

Neighbor Les Davis, a senior computer science major, said the fire was a frightening experience. "It really makes you realize your own mortality."

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WEB SITE

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Web site that you operate at uncgirls.com, Drucker wrote.

Maloney said he made no written response to the letter.

Maloney said he bought the domain name with the intention of selling it and made "a couple of hundred bucks."

On Monday, he refused to reveal the name of the content provider. On Tuesday, he told the DTH that the site was maintained by Value Holdings Inc., a company based in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Jack Erickson, the administrator of

Value Holding, said he did not produce the site's content and maintained only the site's design and functionality. He said another third party created the content. He too refused to name that party.

When asked Thursday about that third party, Maloney revealed that the content is produced in Chapel Hill. He still refused to name the provider. "I would not put anyone through the ridiculousness of this. In selling it, I gave away my rights and responsibilities."

But Maloney is still registered as the owner of the site with Network Solutions, an Internet domain registry agency.

Erickson, the acknowledged site designer, said he was never contacted

directly by any legal authorities regarding a possible trademark violation and that any changes he had made were at the direction of the corporation for which he works. "They send me an e-mail, and I make changes," he said. "I'm the only one who does any site maintenance — I'm where the buck stops."

Even if another party assisted in putting up content in a format accessible through the World Wide Web, legal experts said Maloney could still be held responsible for the content of the site.

"The fact that he is allowing content to be put up by someone else is irrelevant as long as he is overseeing it or owns the domain," said technology

lawyer Jeffrey Hoffman. "He owns the domain just like a publisher and is responsible for what is published on it, regardless of who actually writes it."

Drucker said the CLC was serving only as a legal adviser and that the University was investigating further.

University Legal Counsel Susan Ehringhaus refused to comment on what she termed a "pending legal matter."

Maloney said he would keep the site registered in his name to protect his friend and would change it only if he is sued. "If I get a summons, it's over."

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