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UNC Employee Possibly Linked to 3 Assaults

By KELLIE DIXON
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Police are suggesting there might be a connection between a Chapel Hill rape of a UNC student and two sexual assaults that occurred in Carrboro in late December.

Dwayne Russell Edwards, 33, of 100 Rock Haven Road, M-304, has been charged with a rape early Tuesday morning in Chapel Hill, as well as with other charges stemming from the assault.

Carrboro police Capt. Joel Booker said the two departments are treating the sexual assaults that occurred in December as separate incidents from Tuesday's arrest but cautions that there could be a connection.

"What we're looking at now is if he's involved in either or both of the sexual assaults in Carrboro and if so, what evidence leads us to believe that," he said. "If we get probable cause then we'll

charge him."

Edwards, who is employed as a clerk at UNC's Davis Library, is being held at Orange County Jail in lieu of a \$2 million bond. He was assigned a public defender during his first trial Wednesday at the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough. The name of Edwards' attorney had not been released Wednesday.

His next court date is set for Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Orange County District Court.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Edwards was arrested by Carrboro police, who identified him as a suspect in the Chapel Hill rape after he was pulled over during a traffic stop. A search of his vehicle yielded a gun and money, linking him to Tuesday's rape in a Hillsborough Street apartment.

"After we received a call about the incident, we sent out information and Carrboro located the suspect," she said.

Booker said their officers had reasonable suspicion to make the stop based on the information about a rape in Chapel Hill plus the two assaults in Carrboro.

After stopping Edwards' vehicle, the Carrboro police charged Edwards for carrying a concealed weapon, expired vehicle registration and no operator's license, reports state. Each charge was a misdemeanor.

Cousins said when Edwards was turned over to Chapel Hill police Tuesday morning, he was served with warrants from Chapel Hill police.

He has been charged by Chapel Hill police with first-degree rape, first-degree burglary, two counts of first-degree sex offense, one count of first-degree sex offense, first-degree kidnapping and second-degree kidnapping, reports state.

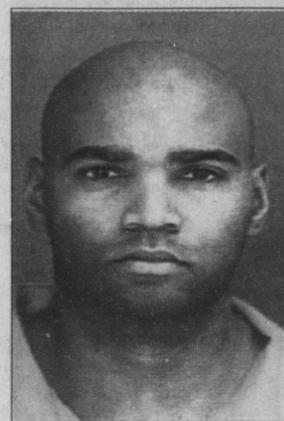
Booker also said Carrboro police searched Edwards' apartment and a business at 705-A W. Rosemary St., with search warrants Tuesday.

University officials also are looking into the possibility that Edwards could be linked to two separate incidents of indecent exposure that happened last September at UNC libraries. In each case, a female student filed a complaint to UNC police after seeing a man exposing himself. One incident was reported in Davis Library, and the other occurred in the Undergraduate Library.

Maj. Jeff McCracken, UNC deputy director of public safety, said the department is still treating the cases as an open investigation and has not ruled out the possibility of the library incidents being related to the rapes.

"I don't know if there's any connection, but that's definitely something we would look at."

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Dwayne Russell Edwards, 33, could face three sexual assault charges.

Disclosure Considered For Boards

The UNC-system Board of Governors and boards of trustees might be forced to reveal conflicts of interest.

Staff and Wire Reports

Members of the UNC system's top boards and the system's top officers would have to disclose business interests under a policy being considered today that aims to prevent potential conflicts of interest.

The UNC-system Board of Governors Committee on University Governance is scheduled to consider the proposal this afternoon at a meeting in Winston-Salem.

The board isn't expected to act on the proposal at its monthly meeting Friday morning to allow the draft to be reviewed by each UNC-system board of trustees, said UNC-system associate vice president Joni Worthington.

Worthington said the committee could recommend to the full board clarification of the system's conflict of interest policy as it applies to all BOG members and board of trustees members at all 16 UNC-system universities.

Proposed rules also would require top university officials, including the Board of Governors, members of campus trustee boards and top administrators, to fill out annual financial disclosure statements that would reveal business and similar financial connections that immediate family members have to the UNC-system and any of its member institutions, Worthington said.

Current BOG policy only discourages financial conflicts of interest from BOG members but does not forbid it.

If adopted by the full board, the policy would prevent campuses from contracting with a business in which university leaders or their immediate families have a substantial interest. Exceptions would be contracts awarded through competitive bidding or projects judged to be in the university's best interest.

The policy defines a substantial interest as ownership by the official, a spouse or child of more than 10 percent of a business or annual income of more than \$10,000 from a business.

Under the proposal, a business relationship like that of BOG member Frank Grainger would be disclosed. Grainger's wife owns a travel agency that began handling air travel for the N.C. State University's athletics department soon after Grainger was appointed to the BOG.

Since 1997, Judi Grainger's agency handled more than \$930,000 worth of N.C. State travel without bidding.

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Boy Scouts May Meet Elsewhere

In light of the Boy Scouts' discrimination policy, their meeting at local schools will be debated tonight.

By GEOFF WESSEL
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools might soon become the next in a growing number of school systems nationwide to withdraw support from the Boy Scouts of America.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education is scheduled to vote tonight on whether the Boy Scouts can continue to meet at school facilities.

The discussion stems from an October 1999 Supreme Court decision allowing the Boy Scouts to exclude homosexuals as members and volunteers. Some local school board members feel the decision violates the board's nondiscrimination policy.

Two system schools, McDougle Elementary and Frank Porter Graham Elementary, hold charters for Cub Scout packs. The Boy Scouts are one of only two organizations privileged to use system schools as meeting places at no cost. The other group is the Girl Scouts, which does not have a policy of discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

School board member Elizabeth Carter said the board should ensure that its discrimination policy is upheld. "We have a policy in place, and we should not be in violation of that policy," she said.

Carter said she did not expect the board to change its policy. But school board attorney John McCormick said there is still another option for local Boy Scout troops. "The local Boy Scouts have indicated that they do not discriminate, and one option is to have them certify that they do not and will not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation," McCormick said. "There did seem to be, as a result of the discussion at the last board meeting, at least a few members who were indicating support for (that option)."

Cubmaster Ron Gallagher, who leads the McDougle Elementary pack, said it would not conflict with Boy Scout regulations for the local unit to have a different discrimination policy than the national organization. "I personally don't agree with the Scouts' position," he said.

Gallagher said the Occaneechee Council, the 12-county local group of scout troops, generally agreed with him on the issue. If the board does not accept a nondiscrimination policy from the local Boy Scout troops, McCormick

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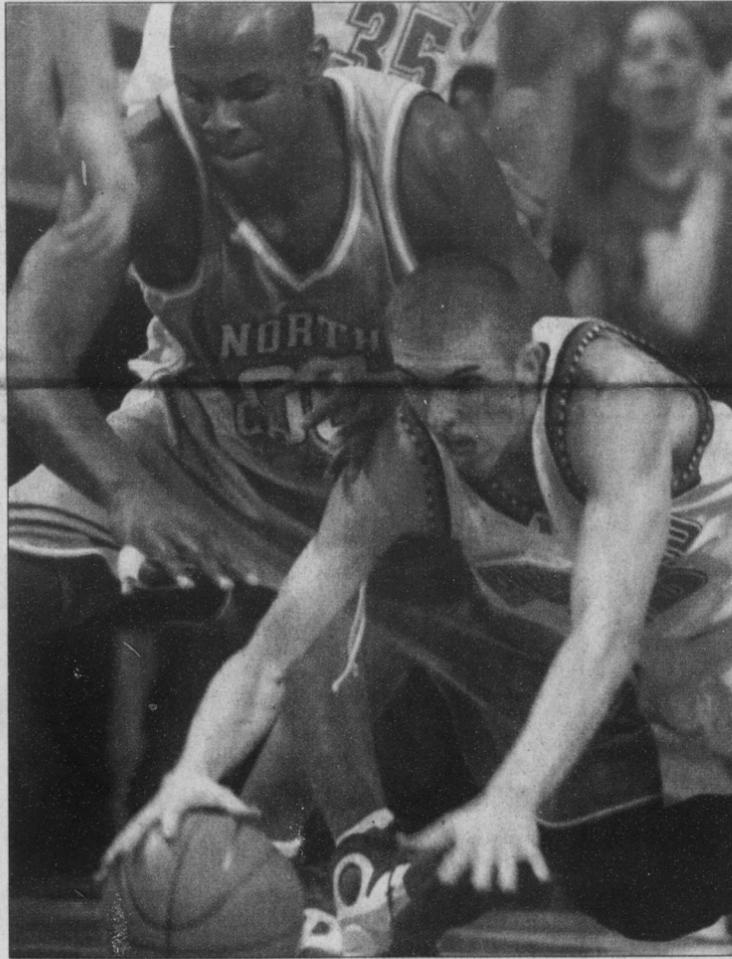


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Brendan Haywood (left) and Maryland's Steve Blake go for a loose ball under Maryland's basket in the first half of Wednesday night's game. Haywood finished with eight points.

2nd-Half Surge Helps Tar Heels Defeat Terrapins

UNC sophomore guard Joseph Forte scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half to help the Tar Heels take and maintain the lead in Wednesday's win against Maryland.

By T. NOLAN HAYES
Senior Writer

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The game was something straight out of a fairy tale: The Tortoise and the Hare.

The only difference was the hare in this case was actually a group of turtles.

The Maryland Terrapins fell behind by 19 points in the second half to North Carolina and were unable to complete the comeback Wednesday night at Cole Field House. The Tar Heels held on for an 86-83 victory, giving them a 3-0 start in ACC play and snapping Maryland's 10-game winning streak.

"It feels good," UNC sophomore guard Joseph Forte said. "It's a turnaround from last year, and hopefully we can build on it."

The Tar Heels (12-2) almost let the game slip away. Ahead 71-52 with 8 minutes, 15 seconds remaining, they watched as Maryland embarked on a 25-9 run to pull within three points in the last minute.

But Forte, from Greenbelt, Md., made the most of his homecoming by scoring 11 of UNC's final 13 points and converting four key free throw attempts to seal the victory.

"At the end of the basketball game, I pride myself on doing

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University's Joint Affiliation With FLA, WRC to Spark Debate

By JOANNA HOUSIADAS
Staff Writer

The major players in UNC's labor issue have been quiet on campus as of late, but major decisions and discussions on the issue in upcoming months are sure to rekindle the debate.

The University recently has paid its annual dues to both the Fair Labor Association and the Worker Rights Consortium, two labor watchdog groups, and will debate continued affiliation with the groups later on this month or in early February.

The FLA carries out monitoring through internal auditors that focus less on individual factory disclosure while the WRC conducts monitoring via independent auditors and, proponents claim, more fully discloses its reports.

In April 1999, Students for Economic Justice conducted a sit-in, pushing then interim Chancellor Bill McCoy to require licensees to fully disclose the locations of their overseas factories. The agreement reached included nongovernmental agencies conducting a study releasing conditions of the factories.

The release of the Pilot Project for Licensing Labor Code Implementation in early October of last

year revealed violations occurring in overseas sweatshops that produce official UNC sportswear. "We suspected this would be the situation," said Rut Tufts, UNC's Labor Advisory Committee co-chairman.

Tufts said follow-up inspections will not be conducted at the sweatshop sites for at least another year because the licensees need time to implement and conform to UNC's code of labor.

Since the study's release, UNC's Labor Advisory Committee gained Chancellor James Moeser's approval to have the Collegiate Licensing Company implement UNC's labor code. The CLC acts as a liaison between universities and licensees.

UNC also recently paid its membership dues for the current school year to both the FLA and the WRC. Membership costs \$32,000 a year per group. Tufts said sustaining membership to both groups raises serious questions, but the dues represent only 2 percent of the licensee's expenditures.

The question of whether to retain membership with both groups next year will be debated by the advisory council in late January or early February.

SEJ President Todd Pugatch said the group will

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Students protest against the Fair Labor Association last February. University officials will soon renew the debate over UNC's membership in the association.

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James Ryder Randall