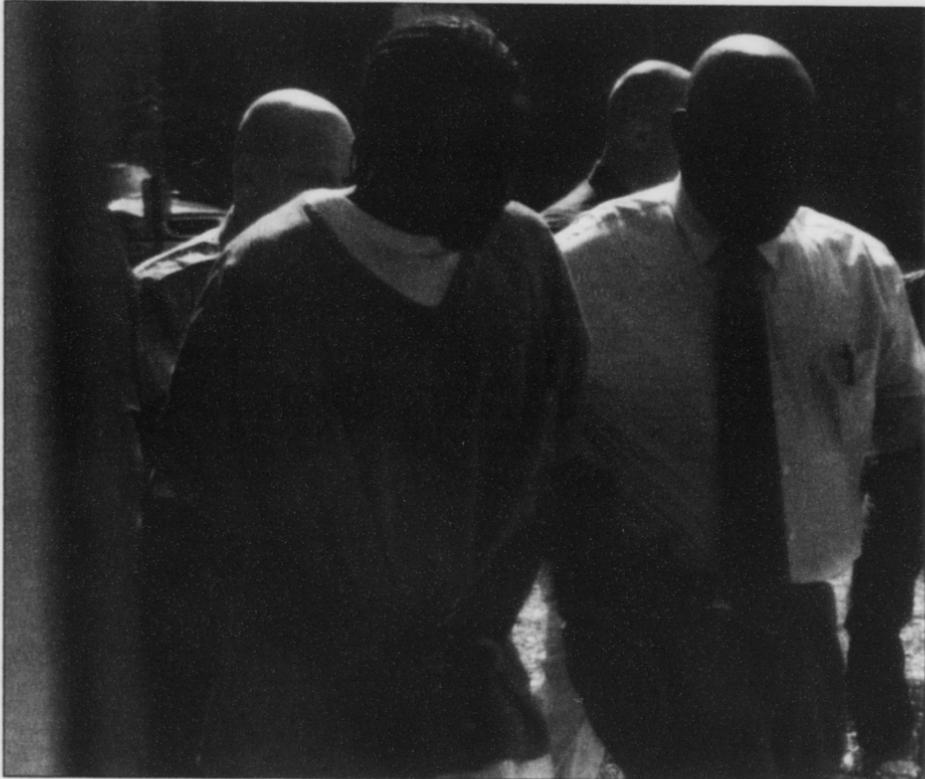


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Suspects have criminal pasts



Lawrence Alvin Lovette, 17, exits the Orange County Courthouse on Friday after appearing to hear the first-degree murder charge against him in Eve Carson's death. Demario James Atwater, 21, also is charged with first-degree murder.

Two arrested in Carson murder

BY ANDREW DUNN
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The two suspects charged in the shooting death of Student Body President Eve Carson have been implicated in numerous other violent crimes, despite being under state supervision.

Demario James Atwater, 21, and Lawrence Alvin Lovette, 17, were captured in Durham last week and charged with first-degree murder in Carson's death.

Lovette also was charged with first-degree murder and robbery in the January shooting death of Duke University graduate student Abhijit Mahato.

Both Atwater and Lovette were on probation for crimes in other counties when Carson was shot.

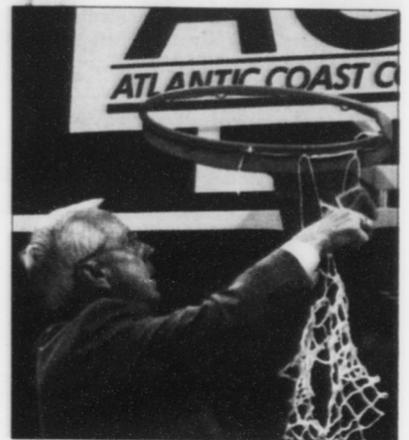
Atwater — originally on probation for breaking and entering in Wake County — appeared in court two days before Carson was shot because he was caught in June 2006 with a firearm in Granville County — illegal for a convicted felon.

It is not known when that arrest came to the attention of Wake County officials.

But when his probation was set to be reviewed March 3, the court documents for the infraction were

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ACC CHAMPS



DTH/SAM WARD

Roy Williams helps cut down the nets after the team's 86-81 ACC Tournament win against Clemson. UNC earned a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. See pg. 14 for game coverage.

Go online for a photo slideshow.

WATER WATCH

OWASA's increased water rates begin today

Customer bill hikes follow start of Stage 3 restrictions

BY ANASA HICKS
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Increased water rates go into effect today, despite second thoughts after recent rain raised area reservoir levels from 40 percent to 57 percent.

"The rain is very welcome, but you have to understand that having our lakes 57 percent full at this time of year is unprecedented," said Greg Feller, spokesman for the Orange Water and Sewer Authority. "Normally in early spring, our lakes are full."

OWASA customers could see as much as a 25 percent increase in their water bills this month, but local businesses already are feeling the effects of restrictions put on water use.

Stage 3 restrictions, which include prohibiting water use for washing cars with OWASA water, went into effect March 1. The OWASA board met last week to reconsider its decision to implement Stage 3 water prices but decided to proceed because the water levels still are too low.

Car washes and plant nurseries have been able to stay afloat by using alternative water sources and wide customer bases.

Before Stage 3 restrictions, Carolina Car Wash & Detail in Carrboro used OWASA water only for power sprayers, towels and bathrooms.

"Stage 3 restrictions for us just meant we had to replumb our power sprayers so that we used reclaimed water," said Carolina Car Wash owner Tom Tucker. "Otherwise, we use well water."

Tucker said 93 percent of Carolina Car Wash's water is reclaimed or recycled.

David Parks, the owner of Camellia Forest Nursery in Chapel Hill, said the drought has not greatly affected his business. Still, he has noticed the change in local customers, who can use hand-held watering instruments to irrigate only three days a week under the Stage 3 restrictions.

"Last fall I had an open house, and only one or two people came from Chapel Hill who were on OWASA water," he said.

Niche Gardens, a nursery that specializes in Southeastern plants, has similarly depended on nonlocal customers.

But the nursery has still suffered a financial loss. "People aren't planting plants, which definitely hurts our business," said retail manager Laurie Lawson.

Neither nursery uses OWASA water for watering its plants. Camellia Forest has a pond and a well, and Niche Gardens has a well it's used for 23 years.

Parks said the drought hasn't really caused him

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Timeline of the Eve Carson investigation

<p>MARCH 5 A woman is found dead at the corner of Hillcrest Road and Hillcrest Circle. Police found her after responding to reports of gunshots shortly after 5 a.m. The University issues a campuswide alert.</p>	<p>MARCH 8 Chapel Hill police release photos of a person of interest. They were taken by a drive-through ATM camera when the subject attempted to use Carson's bank cards.</p>	<p>MARCH 13 Police arrest Lawrence Alvin Lovette, 17, at a home on Cook Street in Durham. Durham police also charge him in the shooting death of Duke University graduate student Abhijit Mahato.</p>	<p>MARCH 14 Lovette appears in both Durham County District Court to face the murder charge in the Mahato case and in Orange County District Court to face the murder charge in the Carson case.</p>
<p>MARCH 6 The woman is identified as Student Body President Eve Carson, as announced at a 12:30 p.m. news conference. Her car is found about 2 p.m. Chancellor James Moeser addresses the student body at 3 p.m. and a candlelight vigil is held in the Pit at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>MARCH 9 Carson is buried in her hometown of Athens, Ga.</p>	<p>MARCH 10 Police release a second set of photos, depicting another person of interest. They were taken from an area convenience store with an ATM. The subject attempted to use Carson's bank cards.</p>	<p>MARCH 12 Police arrest Demario James Atwater, 21, at a home on Rosedale Avenue in Durham and turn him over to Chapel Hill police. He appears in Orange County District Court and is held in jail without bond.</p>

SOURCE: COMPILED BY ANDREW DUNN

Funeral honors Carson

BY WHITNEY KISLING
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ATHENS, Ga., March 9 — On the corner of Eve Carson's hometown street is a sign: Franklin Street.

Her house sits near the intersection of Hill Street and Franklin Street, as if a sign that Carson was always bound for the streets and quads of UNC.

The white house is part of a historical district, and its wraparound porch and wide

doors create the perfect setting for sitting outside and enjoying the warm, still breeze that flows through the house on a Sunday afternoon.

As the air streamed in four days after Carson's death, words of her life, ambitions, accomplishments and silly moments

DTH ONLINE:

See a slideshow of more photos from the funeral at dailytarheel.com.

traveled throughout the house. From Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy and Athens Mayor Heidi Davison to UNC students and former Clarke Central High School students, about 100 of Carson's closest friends, family

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Eve Carson's brother Andrew embraces his mother outside a church before a funeral service for his sister in Athens, Ga.

Organic farmers struggle to compete with hog giants



Leah Loy (left) and Courtney Fowler pick out locally farmed bacon at Carrboro's Weaver Street Market earlier this month.

BY LINDSEY NAYLOR
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After opening the world's largest hog-processing plant 110 miles down the road in Tar Heel, Smithfield Foods now slaughters 32,000 hogs there daily, processing their remains and shipping them around the globe.

Since opening her sustainable hog farm 25 miles down the road in Snow Camp, Eliza MacLean has pasture-raised her small herd of hogs. She gets orders from far-away locales but usually declines, instead encouraging would-be customers to buy locally.

Smithfield's labor, environ-

The face of the N.C. hog industry

Part 3 of 3: Industrial farming

plant doors opened in 1992, and activists are looking to farmers like MacLean to relocalize hog farming, which has become an increasingly large-scale operation based in poor N.C. communities.

UNC student groups joined the movement this semester, collaborating to raise awareness of state food systems that tend to favor industrial giants like Smithfield.

FLO Foods, which stands for Fair, Local and Organic, has tried to even the footing for small farms by weaning the campus dining halls off the \$25,000 of Smithfield pork they serve each month.

They've faced obstacles that typify the statewide struggle to phase out industrial food. Carolina Dining Services can't immediately drop Smithfield products because they're less expensive than the sustainable alternatives that still lack widespread campus support.

FLO co-founder David Hamilton said cooperation with

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MUSICAL PERSONALITIES

Researchers say that your musical tastes can help determine who you are. Music genres have been classified into four different personality types.

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MENTORS WANTED

The Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate Program, which works with black and Latino students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, is looking for more volunteers.



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DINING HALL FEASTS

Carolina Dining Services holds special theme options, such as a recent sea food night, about once a month to help give students a greater variety of dining options.

this day in history

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The DTH conducts a random phone survey of UNC students and finds that 54 percent boost energy during study time with substances ranging from caffeine to prescription drugs.

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