

# DA may seek death sentence for 6 locals

## Men charged in mysterious killing

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The six men charged with kidnapping and killing Josh Bailey are scheduled to hear on Dec. 16 whether the district attorney plans to pursue the death penalty.

Prosecutors say that on July 29, Matt Johnson, Brian Gregory Minton, Jacob Alexander Maxwell, Jack Johnson II, Brandon Hamilton Greene and Ryan Ladar Davis Lee dug a shallow hole before shooting Bailey in the head with a .9 mm pistol in a wooded area by Twisted Oak Drive in Orange County.

On Sept. 12, police found Bailey's body buried in Chatham County near Jordan Lake. Informants told police it was transported there in a U-Haul truck and the evidence was destroyed with acid, search warrants state.

The autopsy for Bailey indicated that someone shot him once in the back of the head.

Friends and family said that Bailey knew the defendants through drug-related activity.



Josh Bailey's body was found Sept. 12 in Chatham County. Friends say he knew the defendants.

He had several mental disorders, and often resorted to self-medication through drug use.

"It was easier for them to open their homes to him by saying we weren't letting him come home than it was to share the truth with them—that he was having a manic cycle and was out of control, or out of touch with reality," said his mom, Julie Bailey, in one of a series of e-mails with The Daily Tar Heel in October.

District Attorney Jim Woodall said he expects to see all six of the defendants present at the hearing two Tuesdays from now.

Woodall is already pursuing the death penalty against Demario James Atwater, who is charged with killing former UNC Student Body President Eve Carson, in a county that has not sent anybody to death row in decades.

So far in the case, Minton's parents, who were charged with accessory to murder after the fact

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for assisting in the destruction of evidence, have been released on \$100,000 bail.

"I can only hope that justice is given to Josh," Bailey's friend, Dev Giddens, wrote in an e-mail. "They deserve the maximum penalty that can be given."

John Holt, who went to school with Bailey and some of the suspects, said he thinks life in prison is justice enough.

"I don't want another one of my classmates to die," he said. "We don't want any of that to happen. But I wouldn't be surprised if it did."

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# Investigation incomplete in football player's death

## High school team loses 2 players

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Almost four months after the death of Chapel Hill High School student Atlas Fraley, there are still unanswered questions concerning his death.

Fraley died Aug. 12 after complaining of muscle cramps and headaches.

Although the rising-senior football player called EMS technicians to his house, he was not taken to the hospital.

His parents found him unresponsive when they returned home later that day.

An investigative report by N.C. EMS services was slated to be completed by mid-October, but the report has not been concluded. Fraley's autopsy also has not been released by medical examiners.

Jim Jones, a spokesman for the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, said the matter is still under review and is waiting for the release of Fraley's autopsy.

"It will be done when it's done," Jones said.

The Chapel Hill High School football team was rocked again when another senior teammate,



EMS arrived at the home of Atlas Fraley, but he died later that night. His autopsy has not been released.

Rodney Torain Jr., died Nov. 16 when a car knocked his vehicle off the road.

No one has been arrested in that incident, but Torain's mother said he told her on the phone that night that he was being followed.

### Statewide changes

Matt Gfeller of R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston Salem, and Jacquan Waller of J.H. Rose High School in Greenville also died this year after football-related incidents.

A proposal to require full-time certified athletic trainers in every high school was spearheaded by Dr. Fred Mueller, the director of the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research, and Dr. Kevin Guskiewicz, the chairman of UNC's exercise and sports science department.

Chapel Hill High School has an athletic trainer, Ben Reed, who doubles as a teacher during the day.

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QUE TUCKER, N.C. HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The N.C. High School Athletic Association is hoping it can produce some answers for the community, but has little jurisdiction in the matter.

Que Tucker, the deputy executive director of the athletic association, said she was unsure of what the association could do concerning the proposal.

"Are they asking this board to approve something that they have no jurisdiction over or are they asking the board to endorse the proposal?" she said.

Tucker said the state board of education would have to make the final decision.

And the school system has yet to release details of any review.

"As far as I'm concerned, Mr. Reed did everything he could that day," said Ronald Hayes, athletic director of Chapel Hill High, in an October interview.

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Almost 19 tons of bottles, cans and cardboard were recycled from home football games this year. That's a 5% increase over last year. We also tested a new tailgating program at the last home game and collected 1,300 pounds of bottles and cans from just two parking lots near the Smith Center. That's about 15% more bottles and cans than were collected at Fall Fest!

OWRR would like to thank the many individuals and groups who have contributed to the recycling success at Kenan Stadium. They are too numerous to name, but here are just a few:

- The Kenan Football Stadium Facilities and Operations staff have been instrumental in getting and keeping the program going. A special thanks to Connie Conway, Mark "Bear" Knowles, Kevin Robinson, Ben Saunders, James Spurling, and Butch Williams.
- Recognition also goes to the men and women from Carolina's Army ROTC and Naval ROTC who were out there early on Sunday mornings collecting recyclables from the stadium. The bulk of the recycling efforts at the stadium falls on their backs and would not have been possible without them.

*Ben Sanders, Butch Williams, & Mark Knowles*

Additional thanks to:

- Our football recycling intern, David Paschal, and the many volunteers who surveyed fans, handed out bags and collected recycling
- UNC's Housekeeping Services' game day crews, the Grounds Department's post-game cleanup crews, Classic Food Services manager Jason Whitman and his crews and vendors
- OWRR's special event crew and extended family: Amy Alves, Craig Carter, Ernest Moffitt, Ray Lanier, Jen Millikowski, Sarah Myers, and Amy Preble

To see detailed football game recycling stats, please visit our webpage:  
<http://www.fac.unc.edu/wastereduction/specialevent/index.asp>

### happy holidays!

Here are some green tips for this season:

- Reuse newspaper or calendars as wrapping paper.
- Use natural items to decorate, such as ferns and pinecones.
- Instead of buying more stuff, give a service like music lessons or a massage.
- Look for gifts made out of recycled materials to help close the loop!
- Give battery-less gifts and look for locally made crafts instead
- Use LED lights to save energy and make sure to turn off all your lights at bedtime!

### green over exams?

**don't forget the environment!**

Save your extra blue books for next semester!  
Use both sides of your scrap paper!  
Recycle your old notebooks and handouts!

### moving out? give back!

**Textbooks**  
Donate your old textbooks to Better World Books, a program that funds literacy initiatives worldwide!  
*Look for donation stations in the Union.*

**Clothes**  
Don't forget you can donate items to the PTA Thrift Shop, Club Nova Thrift Shop, or Goodwill!

**School supplies**  
Check out Scrap Exchange at [www.scrapexchange.org](http://www.scrapexchange.org) to put all those extra highlighters and such to great use in the community!

**Food**  
Contact the Interfaith Council at [www.ifcweb.org](http://www.ifcweb.org) to learn how you can help this season.

### leave for break....

Just don't forget to unplug everything as you go!

### wrapping gifts? recycle this.

**you can now recycle mixed paper in newly marked blue bins around campus!**

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