

Life Sentence Is Given Man In Rape Case

A Warren County man has been convicted of first-degree rape in Warren County Superior Court.

Darryl Williams, 21, of Rt. 1, Norlina, received last Wednesday a mandatory life sentence for charges resulting from an alleged attack in Dec. 28, 1986 involving a woman from Camp Spring, Md.

Although Williams has filed notice of appeal, he was transported last week to the Southern Correctional Center in Troy by the Warren County Sheriff's department. Judge J. B. Herring recommended work release for Williams following assessment by the N. C. Department of Corrections.

A second man, Leonard Henderson, believed to be from Georgia, has also been charged with first-degree rape, but he has continued to elude officials.

The victim, visiting relatives in Warren County, secured a ride from the Starlight Club on S. R. 1001 on Dec. 28. She is reported to have known Williams, but not his friend, Henderson. The men were to give her a ride to the home of her relatives, but, instead, took her to a rural area near Soul City and sexually assaulted her.

Deputy Thomas H. McCaffity was the investigating officer.

Also on Wednesday, June 24, Judge Herring disposed of the following cases in Warren County Superior Court:

Allen G. Biggs, probation violations, called and failed, \$6,000 secured bond set.

Eugene Boswell, probation violation, defendant was found guilty, having willfully violated the terms of his suspended sentence, defendant sentenced to no more or less than two years in the N. C. Department of Corrections with credit given for 159 days served in jail, work release recommended, evaluation and treatment for possible alcohol abuse recommended, defendant ordered to pay \$100 to court appointed counsel should work release be approved.

Robert Lee Judkins, driving while impaired and driving left of center, entered a plea of guilty of driving while impaired, sentenced to 12 months in the N. C. Department of Corrections, sentence suspended for two years under the condition that he serve 15 active days in jail on weekends beginning after July 10, pay the \$100 fine, pay \$180 in court costs, complete Alcoholic Drivers Education Training and pay the \$100 fee, obtain a substance abuse assessment, participate in any treatment recommended and pay the \$25 fee, pay the \$240 supervision fee, surrender his driver's license and not operate a motor vehicle on the highways of N. C. until his license has been (Continued on page 7)

Bloodmobile Visit Termed Successful

Seventy-seven donors, with 12 deferred, showed up for the bloodmobile sponsored by the Warrenton Woman's Club on June 23 at the Lions Den. The total collection for the day was 65 pints.

Sponsors for the event said 65 percent of the donors came from Cochrane Eastern and Central Sportswear.

Receiving pins for reaching the one-gallon mark were Ernest Taylor of Vaughan, William D. Crews of Warrenton, Alphonso J. Alexander of Norlina, all employees of Cochrane; and Henry L. Jerman of Ridgeway, Central Sportswear employee.

The next bloodmobile is scheduled for Sept. 2 at the Lions Den from 12:30-5:30 p.m. The Warrenton Lioness Club will serve as sponsor.



A crowd estimated at more than 150 filled courthouse square in Warrenton Tuesday afternoon to welcome Randy Jordan as he carried the Olympic torch into Warrenton. Jordan, a rising senior at Warren County High School, is a record-breaking track athlete at the school, having won the 3A Division's most valuable player and long jump awards. Following remarks by Mayor B. G. White, County Commissioner George Shearin and Jack Hughes,

chairman of the U.S. Olympic Festival, the torch was passed throughout the crowd. The torch's 2,800-mile journey, which began on Pike's Peak in Colorado, will terminate at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh later this month. The torch is scheduled to appear within 50 miles of every person living in North Carolina before arriving in Raleigh.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Ambulance Service Is Authorized To Increase Charges, Garnishee

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
Staff Writer

Heading the list of agenda items which faced the Warren County Board of Commissioners during their regular mid-monthly meeting held last Wednesday night were two of interest to all area residents who rely upon the Warren County Ambulance Service: a fee increase and the establishment of garnishee procedures of wages to recoup unpaid charges.

Ambulance Service Director Dennis Paschall requested that the new fees be implemented effective July 1, but commissioners, desiring sufficient time for public notice, approved the changes effective July 15.

A full listing of the increased fees appears elsewhere in this issue of The Record.

The new fees reflect an increase in the level of service available to area residents with the completion of Intermediate Emergency Medical Technician Training coursework by county personnel, Paschall explained. For the first time, county EMT's will be able to administer intravenous solutions during transit.

According to Paschall, the new capabilities are vital to area residents with the closing of Warren General Hospital and its impact on transport distances required for vital treatment.

Also taken into consideration were charges imposed by regional institutions and emergency services.

"Most services have been charging \$45 for calls within the county," Paschall reported. Prior to the increase, the Warren

County Ambulance Service charge to county residents was \$35, plus mileage.

Authorization of the garnishment of wages for ambulance service is given by North Carolina general statute 44-51.4. Warren County is identified as one of several counties eligible to take this action in G.S. 44-51.8, effective Jan. 1, 1978.

According to the law, after a bill has been due for 90 days, the county may collect by attachment of garnishment—the procedure used already for delinquent taxes.

Commissioners urged the service to make every reasonable effort to collect outstanding bills before imposing the garnishment procedures.

Paschall commented that this would be done stating that his request for an increased budget for postage had resulted from the need to mail more bills.

The garnishment procedure is hoped to recoup some \$16,860.50 in bills owed the service according to accounting reports from July 1, 1986 until May 31, 1987. This amount reflects outstanding balances for only those in the 18-65 year old age bracket, Paschall reported.

In other business commissioners:

—Changed the name of Warren General Hospital to the Warren County Medical Facility, a name more descriptive of the current operation.

—Adopted two items as amendments to the existing subdivision regulations.

—Approved a proclamation in support of the U. S. Olympic Festival and approved expen-

ditures not exceeding \$100 toward inclusion of Warren County athletes in the event.

—Approved in accordance with state statutes the request for a July 4 fireworks display by the Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce.

—Approved from the fire contingency fund requests of \$2,066 for Drewry and \$5,000 each to Hawtree and Warrenton Rural fire departments, contingent upon the amounts already received in the current year. By motion of Commissioner J. T. Fleming, seconded by Commissioner George E. Shearin, a \$5,000 annual ceiling has been placed on awards from contingency funds.

—Approved a request to approve an application for a highway safety project contract affecting 550 intersections which lack street/road naming signs in unincorporated areas of Warren (Continued on page 10)

3-Cent Tax Hike Wins Approval Of Commissioners

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
Staff Writer

In a close 3-2 vote, county commissioners Monday night in a special meeting called for the purpose of adopting a budget for Warren County for fiscal year 1987-88, effective today (Wednesday, July 1), an ordinance authorizing appropriations to the General Fund totaling \$7,144,288 was approved.

Prior to casting their votes, commissioners heard statements of opposition from Commissioner J. T. Fleming, who suggested that the ordinance could have been presented in a manner that would have spared taxpayers an increase in their levies, given the sources of revenue that were available to the county this year.

"I urge you not to approve a budget this extravagant," he said. Fleming gave as an example of alleged extravagance the overall salary increase of five percent given to county employees. "That is just extravagant in today's economy," he argued.

Fleming referred to the three-cent increase reflected in the new tax rate of 76 cents per \$100 val-

uation of property listed for taxes beginning on Jan. 31, 1988. The rate in effect for the current fiscal year is 73 cents per \$100 valuation.

According to the ordinance, the approved budget for 1987-88 assumes an estimated total valuation of property of \$429,293,220 and an estimated collection rate of 94 percent. The estimated collection rate is the actual rate of success experienced in 1986-87.

In her opening commentary, Chairman Eva Clayton commended the county manager for the weekend work necessary to put the ordinance into final form following the commissioners' Friday evening work session, and clarified for those present the finished document. "The ordinance is limited to major categories, but the actual budget delineates fine details," she said. "I urge our citizens to review the copy of the total budget which is on file in the county manager's office if there are questions or concerns."

The budget ordinance in its entirety appears elsewhere in this issue of The Warren Record.

Sunday Wreck Occurs On Lake Gaston Bridge

A Sunday afternoon car crash on Eaton's Ferry bridge resulted in pain and inconvenience for two Warren County men.

Samuel Fleming Padgett, III, 68, of S. Main St., Warrenton, and Oliver Glenn Carroll, 27, of Rt. 1, Warrenton, were both driving east on the bridge, 12 miles east of Macon, on R.P.R. 1344.

According to Trooper Perry Blanks, Padgett's 1986 Ford Mustang was proceeding at about 40 miles per hour when it was struck in the rear by the 1975 Ford quarter-ton truck being driven by Carroll. Carroll's vehicle was travelling at about 65 miles per hour.

The trooper reported that Carroll was attempting to pass Padgett's car, but could not due to oncoming traffic. While attempting to decelerate, Carroll's brakes locked, and his truck hit Padgett's car knocking it into the concrete bridge railing.

Because of the impact, Padgett's car made a 180-degree rotation before coming to a stop.

Carroll's vehicle slid about 220 feet before coming to a stop in the eastbound lane.

Responding to the accident call received at 5:40 p.m., in addition to Trooper Blanks, were the Roanoke-Wildwood Fire Department, who wet down the bridge; and Sgt. Lawrence Harrison and deputies Clarence Adcock and Mac McCowan from the Warren County Sheriff's department.

The two men were taken by the Warren County Rescue Squad to Halifax Memorial Hospital for treatment. Injuries sustained by Carroll are reported to have been more severe than those received by Padgett.

Carroll received a citation for driving while impaired, careless and reckless driving, driving while license suspended indefinitely, and having no financial insurance on his vehicle. His court date has been set for Aug. 12 in Warren County District Court.

Fire Reports Are Said Minor

Only two incidents, both on last Friday, have required investigation by Warren County firefighters: burning hay on S.R. 1001 and a minor car fire on U.S. 401 South.

Soul City and Cokesbury fire departments responded to the Friday call received at 4:15 p.m.

which reported flames engulfing a load of hay being pulled by trailed and tractor along the Henderson Road. Warrenton Rural was also summoned, but were informed prior to arrival that all was under control.

According to Tony Faucette of the Cokesbury department, hay being transported along S.R. 1001 in a metal trailer belonging to Raymond Seaman of Rt. 1, Manson, caught fire. The cause of the incident is undetermined.

Damage to the trailer is estimated at \$2,000. Damage was also done by the flames to the highway and shoulder.

Because the worker driving the tractor was able to pull it away from the blazing trailer, no damage was sustained.

The car fire, also reported on Friday afternoon, was of no consequence. Arriving Warrenton Rural firemen "never got out of the truck," according to Kenny Clayton. "Oil had leaked on to the motor and the persons thought there was a fire," he said.

Warren Jobless Rate Lowest

Warren County recorded the lowest unemployment rate of any county in Region K during the month of May, figures just released by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina show.

Preliminary civilian labor force estimates for May put Warren's jobless rate at 3.8 percent. The state unemployment rate was listed at 4.2 percent and the national jobless rate was reported at 6.1 percent.

Among the four other counties in Region K, the following rates of unemployment for May were reported: Vance, 6.3 percent; Franklin, 4.8 percent; Granville, 4.8 percent; and Person, 7.8 percent.

Only four counties experienced May unemployment rates over 10 percent. They were Tyrell, Graham, Swain and Wilson.