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Fake death found out

By Lane Mitchell
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A UNC-CH junior is charged with faking his death as part of a scheme to collect \$600,000 in benefits from six recently purchased life insurance policies.

Charles Walter Scott, 24, of Mebane, was jailed in Bryson City, on a charge of conspiracy to commit fraud and was returned Thursday to the Orange County Jail where he was released on a \$25,000 property bond posted by his parents.

Scott's blood-sprinkled car was found abandoned at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1, beside Interstate 85 under the Buckhorn Road overpass. On Tuesday, June 4, the Orange County Sheriff in conjunction put out a Crime Stoppers bulletin thinking that Scott was still alive.

Late Wednesday night federal park rangers found Scott in a camping shelter at Derrick's Knob in Swain County, a part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Park ranger Robert L. Grant said Scott had filed a trail permit, which includes a travel itinerary, under the

name Sam Johnson. Using the itinerary he had filed, Grant said park rangers hiked nine miles through rough terrain to find Scott asleep in the shelter.

Orange County Sheriff Lindy A. Pendergrass said Scott used a hypodermic needle to withdraw blood from his arm to sprinkle inside his car.

Pendergrass also said Scott had arranged a bogus drug deal in Mebane to lead deputies to believe his disappearance was drug related.

Another man, Charlton Slater Fox, 20, also of Mebane, was charged Wednesday for conspiracy to commit fraud in connection with the case. Fox was to collect benefits from the three insurance companies in Durham, Mebane and Washington, D.C. and meet Scott in California. Fox was freed Thursday on \$7,500 bond.

Both men told a District Court judge Friday they would seek their own counsel for a probable cause hearing set for June 21 in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Downtown Chapel Hill Association petitions foot patrols

By Lane Mitchell
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"We've been broken in four times in the past year. Folks just drop in through the sky light," said Milton Julian, manager of Milton's Clothing Cupboard at 163 E. Franklin. Julian is vice president of the Downtown Chapel Hill Association which recently petitioned the town council for more on-foot police coverage in the downtown area.

The association told the Chapel Hill Town Council that people do not feel safe downtown because of inadequate police protection. "In an area as congested as downtown people just don't feel safe unless they see a policeman around," said Dr.

William T. Kohn, president of the downtown association.

Kohn, an optometrist whose office is at 129 E. Franklin, said that when people downtown see a patrolman walking a beat they feel more protected against people who commit crimes.

Both Kohn and Julian said the attempted robbery at Back Then Vintage Clothiers, 405 W. Franklin, last Friday probably would not have happened if there had been a policeman walking a regular beat downtown.

According to Chapel Hill police Capt. Ralph V. Pendergraph, only one officer is assigned foot patrol in the downtown area each day. Two

Protest



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150 protestors, fearing a new Vietnam in Nicaragua, marched on Rep. Cobey's Airport Rd. office Wednesday morning singing anti-Contra songs. The protestors are pressuring Cobey to vote against a proposed aid package for the Contras.

other officers walk the 100 block of Franklin street twice a day as part of the department's direct patrol program. Studies have shown the 100 block most susceptible to downtown crime.

Figures compiled by police planner Keith H. Lohmann for the past year showed no significant increase in the number of downtown crimes reported. During this time 36 break-ins have occurred downtown, 59 trespass violations, and 68 vandalism, 29 of which were to vehicles.

"This isn't a recent problem," Julian said. "We've been trying to get the Town Council to make downtown safer for more than a year now." "The problem with crime down-

town is like an itch," Kohn said. "Its not going to go away."

Julian said that adequate police protection downtown is particularly important now as Rosemary Square nears completion. "We don't know what kind of people that Rosemary Square is going to attract. It might be a nice crowd, it might be a bunch of hoodlums," he said.

Either way, Julian said, if people realize that there is going to be a policeman on a regular foot beat downtown, criminals would be less likely to commit crimes.

"We understand it's impractical to expect a police officer to be on every block downtown 24 hours a day,"

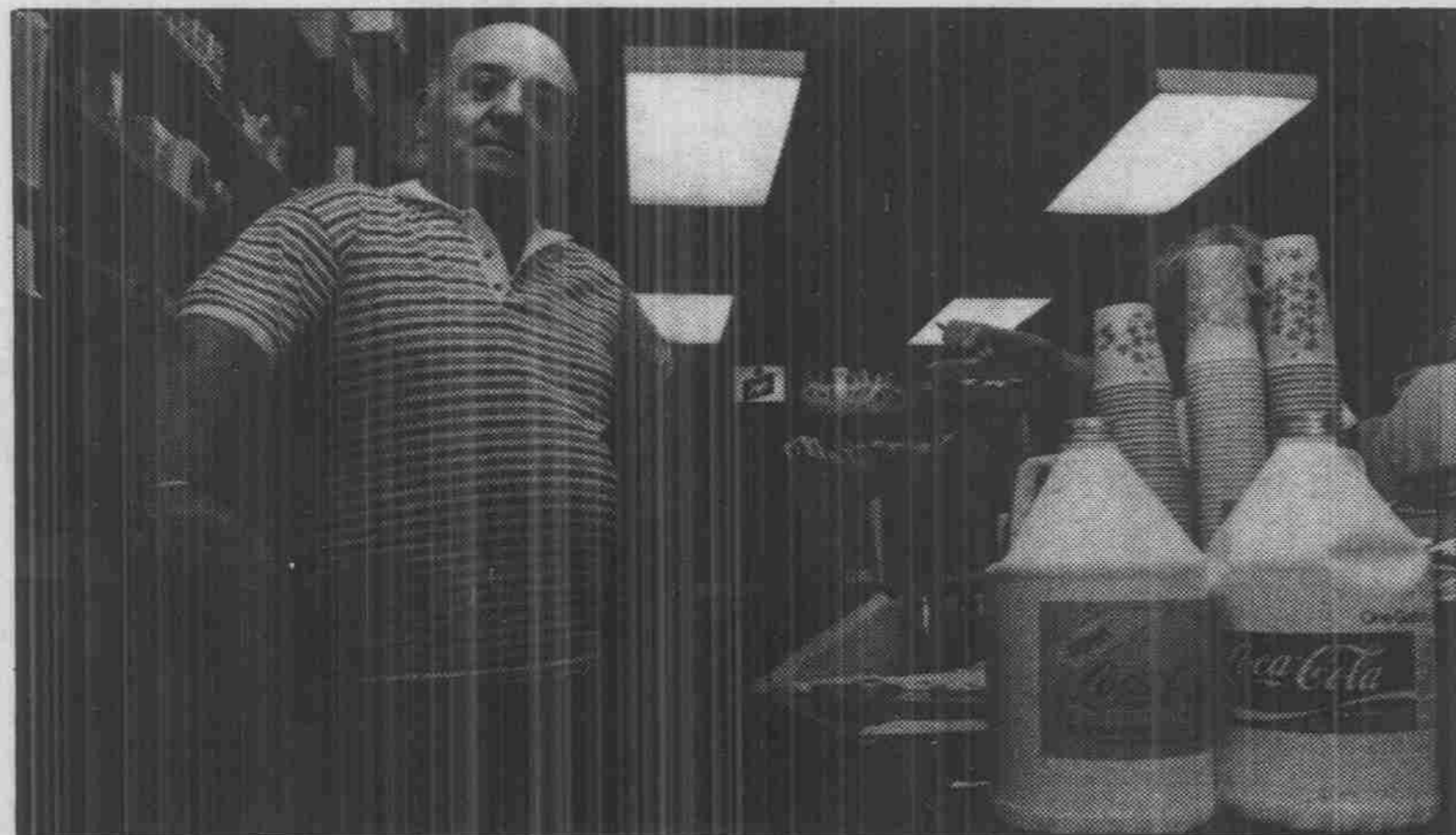
Kohn said. "But we would like to have the Town Council consider spending more money on protection for people downtown."

The Town Council voted unanimously last week to consider the associations complaints.

The association is particularly concerned with the crime that occurs after dark when the "night element" hits Franklin Street, Julian says. "There are some students and a lot of people that think there's a lot of things to steal in Chapel Hill after dark," Julian said.

Kohn agreed. Between midnight and 2 a.m., "the bugs come out of the woodwork," he said.

'New' Coke leaves bad taste for some old fans



Special to the Tar Heel/Sam Kittner

James Mousmoules of Jeff's Confectionery, like everyone else, is puzzled by Coke's change.

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"I've been selling Coke here for 38 years, and I don't know why they changed," says James Mousmoules of Jeff's Confectionery on Franklin Street. "I can't tell you what I think, I sell the stuff. But 99.5 percent of the people I've talked to don't like it.

"Who knows the true story?" said Mousmoules with the testy air of one who has been over the same ground many times. And indeed who does know the true story? "Maybe the government made them stop because it causes cancer," Mousmoules added jokingly. "I got customers here."

Jeff's has the last 'true' soda fountain in Chapel Hill. At Jeff's, Coke syrup is mixed with fresh carbonated water. Mousmoules has a gallon of the 'old formula' of syrup stashed away.

No one we talked to in Jeff's approved of the switch. "They're trying to make it taste like Pepsi, I don't know why though," said

Charlie Stancell, a 40-year patron of Jeff's.

"This is worse than when they took the cocaine out of it," remarked another patron.

Mousmoules has a theory, though. He predicts that when the new Coke has failed to convert Pepsi drinkers and the like, Coca-Cola will make a big production out of switching back to the old taste.

"It'll be the biggest ad scoop in history," he said. "Radio, TV, newspapers. 'The people have spoken,' that sort of thing." Asked if he believed the rumor that the company had waited until the death of its president to try the gimmick, Mousmoules said the president did die but didn't speculate as to the rest of the popular theory.

However, attitudes were different at Sutton's Drug store. Margaret Durham, an employee at the Sutton's lunch counter for the last 26 years, approved of the

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