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## Defense Files 48 Motions for Young Negroes Charged With Rape, Robbery

Tuesday afternoon court-appointed and tax paid defense lawyers for six young negroes charged with rape and robbery filed 48 motions in Lenoir County Superior Court.

The motions included eight in behalf of each of the six defendants.

In substance the motions asked:

1. To quash the indictments since they were improperly drawn in recorder's court.

2. That the identity of the defendants be protected by not forcing them to sit in a group in the court room until they had been picked from a random group by all of the witnesses the state might call upon for identification.

3. That the cases be transferred into another county for trial because of the "inflammatory" publicity that has resulted from the charges.

4. That all state witnesses be kept apart during the trial of the cases to prevent them putting their stories together.

5. That the court furnish private detectives to each defendant to conduct such investigations as they might feel needed in their defense. This was based by the defense attorneys on the premise that the State Bureau of Investigation had assisted in the investigation that led to the six being indicted.

6. That Solicitor Walter Britt be ordered to supply each defendant with a complete file of all evidence that would be used against them.

7. That each defendant be tried individually, rather than all being tried at the same time.

8. That each defendant be given private psychiatric examination. They have all undergone examination in the state hospital at Goldsboro, where doctors classified them as able to understand the nature of the charges against them and able to confer with their lawyers in conducting their defense.

Wednesday morning Judge Walter Cahoon ruled on most of the eight motions.

He denied the motion to quash the indictments, partially allowed the motion to protect the identity of the defendants, denied the motion to try the cases

out of the county, but granted motion to call a special panel of jurors from Edgecombe County to hear the charges, denied the motion for private detectives, did not rule on the motion pertaining to the evidence the solicitor has against the six, granted the motion that the six be tried individually and denied the motion to have them given private psychiatric examination.

The special panel of jurors will be drawn in Tarboro on February 20th and Solicitor Walter Britt announced that trial of the first of the six would begin on March 13th. He did not say which of the six he would try first.

At the arraignment Wednesday morning the court room was cleared of all persons who were witnesses for the state in the cases and each of the six pleaded not guilty to the charge of rape.

They will each be tried first on the charge of rape and then later tried on the charges of armed robbery, which they also face.

## Trio Indicted for Looting Tractor Company's Office

Kirby Braxton of Grifton route 2, Mrs. Vickie Stallings of Kinston and Mike Lee Harper, a former Kinstonian, now calling Norfolk home, have been indicted in connection with the looting of the office of Barker-Sanders Tractor Company's office last week.

Windsor police caught Braxton and the girl with Harper's car which still had a typewriter, adding machine and other office equipment stolen from the Kinston firm.

Harper escaped but was apprehended later in the week in Kinston.

Harper has also been indicted for breaking into Kinston's Park Theater and stealing money, a watch and a ring. He was still wearing the watch and had a pawn ticket for the ring stolen from the theater.

The 15 year-old Mrs. Stallings was charged with aiding and abetting the two "men".

## Pair Heavily Fined for Possession Doe Deer in Jones Recorder's Court

After a holiday Jones County Recorder's Court got back to work last Friday and with trials and pleas of guilty cleared 37 cases from its calendar. Principal among these cases were two involving possession of a doe deer.

Wayne Jarman of Trenton and Ivey Douglas Jarman of New Bern were each found guilty of possessing this mama deer and each paid \$116, and lost the deer to boot.

Jesse Langston Jr. of Raleigh was fined \$100 for drunken driving, Harold Dean Sholar of Wallace route 2 was fined \$125 for drunken driving and driving without a license and Charlie Sylvester Burton of Maysville asked a jury trial on charges of drunken driving and driving an improperly equipped vehicle.

Clifford Wright of Asheboro was given a choice between 90 days in jail or paying \$50 per month to support his family.

S. J. Whaley of Beulaville route 2, Mrs. Garland Williams of Kinston route 3 and Walter Salter of Trenton were ordered to make good worthless checks and pay court costs. Mrs. Williams appealed her conviction.

Andrew Hill of Maysville was found not guilty of trespassing.

Billy Riley Jenkins of Maysville paid \$13 for throwing trash on the highway.

Paying off for speeding tickets were Daniel Merritt, Maria Irene Estrada of Camp Lejeune, Oliver Francis Griffin of Kinston, Edward Earl Bell III of Pollocksville, Edward Lee Brown of New Bern route 1, William B. Grice Jr. of Goldsboro and Jack Thompson Mewborn of La Grange.

For not having driving license the following paid off Ira James Price of Bridgeton, Joe Sales of Camp Lejeune, Dallas Gurganus of Maple Hill, James Henry Platt of Raleigh, Juanita Jean Sanders of Maysville and Lewis Whitfield Jr. of Kinston. Odessa Dunn of Trenton and Cecil Gray Avery of Hubert route 1 were found not guilty of driving without a license.

Paying off for not having their flivvers inspected were Julius Locklear Jr. of Maysville, Teddy Eugene Donaldson of Camp Lejeune, Stephen Thomas Humphrey of Kinston route 3 and Willie Merritt of Oriental.

Charles James Haskins of Wilmington paid \$13 for follow-

## Two Civil Suits Filed in Past Week

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports two civil actions being filed in his office during the past week.

William D. Tyndall and Geraldine Tyndall Garner have filed an action against Hardy Casper in which they allege that Casper disputes the correctness of the boundary between his property and theirs.

They petition the court to appoint a surveyor to establish the true boundary.

The other action is a suit for divorce filed by Hilda Leona Dixon Lincoln against Robert Lee Lincoln, in which their marriage is alleged on January 20, 1957 and their separation on August 15, 1964. The suit further alleges three children were born to the marriage and that the children are now in custody of the plaintiff.

## Two Jones Arrests

In the past week Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports two people being booked at the county jail. Clifton Adolph Davis of Maysville was accused of being drunk on a public highway and Wilbur Metts of Comfort was accused of being publicly drunk and disorderly.

too closely. Terry Cleveland Morton of Jacksonville route 2 paid \$13 for failing to stop for a stop sign.

Edmund Samuel Jarman of Richland route 2 paid \$26 for reckless driving.

Charles Dudley Whitfield of Maysville paid \$16 for permitting an unlicensed person to drive.

Thad Jones Howard of Kinston route 3 paid \$13 for failing to yield right of way. Marvin Jills of Trenton route 2 paid the same thing for the same offense.

Robert Baldwin of Maysville paid \$13 for driving an improperly equipped car.

## Youth Dies Playing Basketball Friday

Seventeen year-old Louis Bass of 1306 Lincoln Street suffered a heart attack last Friday night while playing basketball at Holloway Recreation Center.

He was rushed to a hospital but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

The Akin High School junior had no previous experience with heart and members of his family at that time in excellent health.

## Lenoir's First '67 Highway Fatality Claims Jones County Woman Thursday

Mrs. Mary Burroughs Basden, wife of J. N. Basden of the Pleasant Hill section of Jones County, died last Thursday night in a Kinston hospital from injuries she suffered in a New Year's Day wreck north of Kinston.

The accident which claimed Mrs. Basden's life took place at about 2:45 p.m. five miles north of Kinston on the Greenville highway, when the car she was riding in was involved in a collision with another driven by Judy Florence Dudley of Kinston route 1.

Patrolman Jethro Wallace indicted Miss Dudley for failing to yield right of way at the time of the accident.

Miss Dudley and Rose Basden were also injured, but not critically in the accident, which took place when Miss Dudley pulled onto the main highway from a side road.

This was Lenoir County's first traffic fatality in 1967.

### BAD COMBINATION

Tuesday Mary Ann Williams was fined \$25 in recorder's court after being found guilty of a rather dangerous combination of offenses: public drunkenness and assault by pointing a gun.

### PAPA MUST PAY

Johnny Holland of 501 Tyree Road Tuesday was given six months in jail for failing to support his minor children.

when the problems they have are too complicated to handle by telephone or letter.

The congressman urged all citizens of the district to contact the office in Farmville whenever necessary.

## Farmville Office Opened to Serve First District

Congressman Walter B. Jones has opened an office in Farmville to make congressional services more readily available to the people of his First Congressional District.

The office is located at 108 East Wilson Street and the telephone number is 753-3082.

Mrs. Carroll Oglesby of Farmville will keep the office open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Additional office hours will be added as needed.

In the words of Congressman Jones, the new office was opened "so that we will be better prepared to help our people

## Six Teen-Agers Held For Break-in Series

Kinston police Tuesday indicted six teen-aged boys for a series of breaking and enterings that has plagued the community for the past several weeks.

The first group of four were charged with breaking into Daniel Davis' store on Oak Street, and included Rozelle Maye, 17, Wendell Maye, 16, both of La Grange route 3, Cleophus Powell, 14, of 630 Oak Street and Linwood Meekins, 18, of 512 Oak Street. And all of this group except Meekins was also charged with breaking into Oscar Taylor's store on Lincoln Street. They, took groceries, tobacco items and small amounts of money.

The second series of break-ins was on the opposite side of town and resulted in the indictment of Ronnie G. Stroud, 14, of 1106 West Lenoir Street and James L. Taylor, 14, of 1924 West Washington Street for taking money from the homes of Eva Cross at 906 Westover, S. E. Pope at 1608 Waverly, Jeanette Herring at 1512 Greenbriar Road, Bob Faulkner at 812 West Vernon, Woodrow Coombs at 1903 Hardee Road, G. H. Heintzelman at 1712 Temple, Rachel Underwood at 1103 Oriental and Lynwood Grant at 903 Hardee Road.

### MUSTN'T HIT MAMA

Jodie Webb of 502 Caswell Street was found guilty Tuesday in recorder's court of beating his wife, which resulted in his being given six months in prison to meditate upon the error of his way.