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## Hearing Friday for Youth Charged in Feb. 6 Murder of ABC Store Manager

by Jack Rider

Early in February two young men met the first time under "house arrest" for minor infractions of Marine Corps regulations. After a brief acquaintance they decided to "take off".

Leaving Camp Lejuene they went north to the home of one, 20 year-old Martin David Rochelle of Norfolk. With 17 year-old Richard Rodesky of Montgomery, Alabama, they lived it up for a weekend in Norfolk.

But they were out of money, and without transportation.

First they grabbed a man in Norfolk, trying to mug him for

whatever money he had in his pockets; but that man managed to jerk free of the pair and outran them.

So they stole a car and drove back to North Carolina, using a credit card the car owner had stupidly left in the car.

They got back to Jacksonville, but decided they preferred being "out" to being "in" at Camp Lejuene.

But there was still that problem of money.

They broke into the home of a Marine Corps sergeant, stole a few items of food, and a big snap-out knife, and started driving north again.

The first stop, was to use the "Shell" courtesy card they had courtesy of their Norfolk "friend".

By this time they had gotten or of that "Shell" filling station there were customers sitting around, so the money-hunting pair drove northwardly again.

But this time they hag gotten to Jones County, and stopped at "Clara's Fish Market" about halfway between Maysville and Pollocksville.

There once more luck was with the operator of "Clara's Fish Market". Too many people, so back onto US 17 and northwardly again.

But not far.

Just a few hundred yards north from "Clara's Fish Market" Albert J. Jones Jr. was working alone in Jones County ABC Store No. 4.

Both of the money-hunting Marines went in.

When they left a terrible few minutes later Jones was dying from 22 stab and slash wounds, \$235.45 had been stolen from the cash register and three pints of whisky had been taken from the store.

With a pocketfull of money, and three pints of booze the pair turned south, stopping in Jacksonville to change clothes, and later in South Carolina to run their bloody clothing through a laundromat.

And on to Sunny Florida.

Where Rodesky left Rochelle to hitch hike to his home in Alabama. Rodesky took the murder weapon with him, and still had it when he was arrested in Montgomery on February 19th, 13 days after the robbery and murder.

Rodesky, whose stepfather is a retired Air Force Sergeant, entered the Marine Corps after being expelled from high school in Montgomery for repeated violations of school regulations. He had never been in serious trouble, but had been involved in numerous minor problems.

Rochelle, after leaving Rodesky in Florida drove back northwardly, finally abandoning the car stolen two weeks earlier in Virginia beside US 17 near Charleston, S. C.

Rochelle was arrested in Norfolk last Friday.

Rodesky waived extradition and was returned to North Carolina last week, and he is being held in the Craven County jail, pending his trial.

This week District Superior Court Judge Howard Hubbard of Clinton named two New Bern lawyers, John Beaman and Norman Kellum Jr. to represent Rodesky.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Rodesky for 2:30 Friday afternoon before Recorder Joe Becton.

Rochelle was to be given a hearing in Norfolk Wednesday to determine whether he will waive extradition.

## Judge Bundy Presiding Over Mixed Term of Jones County Superior Court

Judge W. J. Bundy of Greenville will preside over next week mixed term of Jones County Superior Court and Solicitor Luther Hamilton Jr. has prepared a docket that includes 25 criminal charges for trial and there are five civil matters docketed for trial and eight persons summoned to appear on the compliance docket.

The criminal docket includes only three felony charges. Lee Fryar is charged with statutory rape and Jimmy Morgan in two instances with forgery.

Drunken driving charges account for 14 of the 25 defendants scheduled for trial and they are Charlie Sylvester Burton, Howard Frost, Millard Filmore Coble, Levie Clayton Mallard, John Alfred Jones, Floyd Stanley Parker, William Henry Britt, Willie Dixon, David Larnell Barfield, Floyd Chavis, Woodley Oliver Bryant, Willie Hill Jr., Ellison Jenkins and Charles Franklin Bryant.

Swindell Mack, Otis Gunn, Harry Lee Darden, Ronald Eugene Byrd and Joe Louis Price all face charges of non-support.

The other defendants on the criminal calendar include W. Bryan Hargett, charged with passing worthless checks and John Haywood Davis Jr., charged with speeding 100 miles an hour.

Called in on the compliance docket are Donnie Vereen, Willie Lee Baker, Thomas Earl Rouse, William McKinley Lewis, Guy Christopher Simmons, Norman E. Robinson, Emmanuel Whitfield and Robert M. Humphrey; all of who are either in arrears with support payments of have failed to pay off fines and bills of cost.

Set for civil trial is a long-standing boundary dispute between Pennie Lessy Kellu and Hardy Collins, a suit between Benjamin L. Parker and Adjer E. Haddock and another between Ernestine Turner Smith and Earl Smith Jr.

Motions are scheduled in the litigation between Cathleen S. McLean and John Tyler McLean and between Rena Mae Boxley and Sam Allen Boxley.

There is a possibility that bills of indictment against Richard Rodesky and Martin David Rochelle may be sent to the grand jury next week but there is not the slightest chance of the charges of murder and robbery being tried at this term.

## Traffic Accounts Cleared All Cases

All charges cleared in Jones County recorder's court during the past week were for traffic violations.

Annie Nelson Conville of Alabama and Donna Swinford Keys of Jacksonville paid off for not having their cars inspected.

Cicero Parker of Newport and Carson Covins of Camp Lejuene had speeding charges not pressed.

Others paying fines for speeding were Charles Edward Grambling Jr. of Jacksonville, Florida, Ronald Laverne Anderson, Charles Casio and Robert Gleen all of Camp Lejuene.

Myrtle Foy of Dover route 2 paid \$28 for driving without a driving license.

## Supermarket Hit

Just after closing Friday night James Murray and three other workers at the North McLewain Street A&P Store were stuck up and robbed of some over \$4000 by a young white man, wearing a Navy pea jackets, armed with a .45 caliber automatic, who ordered the four to stay in the storage room for at least five minutes. Aside from the bandit having a bad front tooth, and being about six feet tall and weighing about 170

## One Jones Arrest

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports the only person booked at the county jail the past week was Warren Lee Hawkins of Trenton route 1, who was arrested by Patrolman R.R. Mason on a drunken driving charge.

## Elbert Blango: 32-Time Loser Back in Trouble Again

Last Friday night Elbert Blango of 1165 Hadley Street was booked on his 31st and 32nd charges by Kinston police since he reached the age of 16 in 1960.

Before beginning his formal adult record Blango had one of the longest and most aggravating juvenile records ever to plague local authorities.

He began his adult record on December 21, 1960 with a disorderly conduct charge.

On August 30, 1961 he again was charged with disorderly conduct, carrying a concealed weapon and resisting arrest.

On January 16, 1964 he was booked for assault on a female.

On April 22, 1964 he was charged with disorderly conduct, assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest.

On March 27, 1964 he was charged with disorderly conduct, failing to comply with an offic-

er's order and resisting arrest.

On August 27, 1964 he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

On March 8, 1965 he was charged with simple assault.

On July 13, 1965 he was charged with simple assault.

On September 14, 1965 he was charged in two warrants with conspiracy.

On November 12, 1965 he was charged with engaging in an affray and malicious damage to private property.

On November 11, 1966 he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, disorderly conduct, malicious damage to private property and resisting arrest.

On August 12, 1966 he was charged with disorderly conduct.

On August, 1966 he was charged with murder.

On October 23, 1967 he was charged with malicious damage

to private property.

On November 21, 1967 he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

On December 15, 1967 he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

On January 15, 1968 he was charged with assault and robbery.

On February 16, he was charged with carrying two concealed weapons ( a .38 caliber pistol and a straight razor) and with resisting arrest.

Since reaching 16 years of age he has been given four short jail terms in recorder's court and one in superior court.

In the 1966 murder charge he was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter, after a man he shoved off a front porch struck his head on a doorstep and was killed. For that taking of a life Blango was given from 12 to 18 months in prison.

## All We Have For Supper Tonight Is Just One Lobster



Editor Jack Rider learned that his friend Roger Jones down at Broad Creek had landed some lobster Monday, and went to investigate on Tuesday, promising his family and a friend or two a big lobster. When Rider arrived back in town late Tuesday, his wife Muriel, a bit concerned about company coming, called Rider to check up on what kind of success he'd had on his lobster hunting expedition. "All I got is one lobster", he complained, and Mrs. Rider began to sputter about what she was going to feed her own hungry brood, not to mention hungry company. After she'd steamed for a while Rider consoled her, "Don't worry too much, I think this one lobster will take care of the problem." Pictured above is that "one lobster" with Jack Jr. sitting, ready, willing and an-

xiously able to dispatch the sea-going monster, which tipped the scales at an even 15 pounds. The Riders, their company (Helen and Olin Reed) and one late guest, Carl Garner Jr. all eat more than normal humans should. Jones' new trawler Miss Maxine had landed 6,000 pounds of these delicious crustacean, and while up along the Delaware and New Jersey shoreline had also hauled in over 14,000 pounds of flounder — the smallest ranging from four pounds upward. There was some fear for a while around the Rider kitchen that such a huge lobster might not be as tasty as a small one. If anything it's better. If any reader gets a lobster too big for their pot, or too big for their taste, the Rider Telephone number is 523-2381. 24-hour Service is guaranteed.