

Kamtsiklis Pleads Guilty To Cocaine Trafficking Counts

A Pitt County man who was indicted in June 1987 by the state's first investigative grand jury pleaded guilty last week in Brunswick County Superior Court to cocaine trafficking charges.

According to the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office, Fotios Kamtsiklis, 28, of Greenville, entered guilty pleas to three counts of conspiracy to traffic in more than 400 grams of cocaine.

An additional conspiracy charge and four counts of trafficking in more than 400 grams of cocaine were dismissed.

Judge E. Lynn Johnson of Fayetteville continued Kamtsiklis' sentencing until the Nov. 28 term of Superior Court.

Kamtsiklis was among 37 individuals indicted in Brunswick County last June and July as a result of work done by the investigative grand jury. All but one of that number have pleaded guilty.

The defendant who remains to be tried, Francisco Navarro of Fort

Myers, Fla., was arrested by Mexican authorities in March and at last report was awaiting extradition to the United States.

Also during the June 27 through 30 term of Brunswick County Superior Court, Judge Johnson heard the following cases:

Levi Stanley, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, guilty plea, N.C. Department of Corrections three years, suspended, supervised probation five years, \$200 fine, costs, 100 hours community service within 12 months.

Kenneth King, assault inflicting serious injury, guilty plea, N.C. Department of Corrections two years, suspended, supervised probation five years, 50 hours community service within six months, \$6,746.96 in restitution to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply and New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, costs.

Terry Lee Boswell, DWI, not guilty plea, found guilty, level 3, New Hanover County Jail not less nor

more than six months, suspended, supervised probation five years, New Hanover County Jail 27 days, \$300 fine, costs, other conditions.

Nancy B. Paredes, DWI, not guilty plea, found guilty, level 5, Brunswick County Jail 60 days, credit time served, suspended, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 fine, costs, 24 hours community service within 120 days, ADETS, other conditions.

Donald Scott Willetts, DWI, driving while license permanently revoked, guilty plea, level 1, consolidated sentence, N.C. Department of Corrections not less nor more than one year, credit time served, immediate work release recommended, other conditions.

Jave Ronald McCowan, careless and reckless operation, guilty plea, Brunswick County Jail six months, credit time served, suspended, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 fine, costs, attorney fees.

George Davis, shoplifting, guilty plea, Brunswick County Jail 60 days.



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Van Driver Injured

Faulty brakes were ruled the cause of this Tuesday morning wreck on U.S. 17 in downtown Shallotte, which sent one man to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply with neck injuries. According to Shallotte Det. Lt. Rodney Gause, the pickup truck pictured at left lost its brakes

and hit the rear of the van. Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad transported the driver of the van, Alvin Williams, 59, of Matthews, to the hospital. Gause said no charges would be filed.

Defendants Plead Guilty

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and suspended three-year prison terms, with five years of supervised probation. Also, Phelps and Lewis were ordered to perform 50 hours of community service; Robinson, 100 hours.

Tony Lewis pleaded guilty last Thursday to conspiracy to possess more than one gram of cocaine. He was sentenced to a \$250 fine, a suspended two-year prison term, with three years of supervised probation, and 50 hours of community service work.

Judge Johnson found that all seven defendants had rendered substantial assistance to investigators—findings which allowed them to receive lesser fines and prison sentences than are required by state drug trafficking laws.

According to the clerk of court's office, the other 12 defendants entered guilty pleas on the following charges:

•Stanaland, conspiracy to traffic in more than 28 grams of cocaine.

•Wendell Evans, possession of more than 1½ ounces of marijuana.

•Douglas Evans, three counts of trafficking in more than 28 grams of cocaine and three counts of conspiracy to traffic in more than 28 grams of cocaine.

•Benz, 15 counts of trafficking in more than 28 grams of cocaine, four counts of trafficking in more than 400 grams of cocaine and trafficking in more than 100 pounds of marijuana.

•Berry, six counts of trafficking in more than 28 grams of cocaine and four counts of trafficking in more than 400 grams.

•Stephens, three counts of traffick-

ing in more than 200 grams of cocaine and two counts of trafficking in more than 28 grams of cocaine.

•Carroll, conspiracy to traffic in more than 28 grams of cocaine.

•King, two counts of conspiracy to traffic in more than 28 grams of cocaine.

•Corbett, conspiracy to traffic in more than 50 pounds of marijuana, conspiracy to traffic in more than 100 pounds of marijuana and four counts of conspiracy to traffic in more than 28 grams of cocaine.

•Jeffery Evans, conspiracy to traffic in more than 400 grams of cocaine.

•McCumbee, conspiracy to traffic in more than 400 grams of cocaine.

•Gary Phelps, three counts of trafficking in more than 28 grams of cocaine.

Health Department Shifts Duties

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Gary McDonald—are responsible for administering the environmental health section, Rhodes said.

Under a reorganization plan that was approved earlier this year by the Brunswick County Board of Health, Crowder supervises animal control, the food and lodging program, the clerical staff and quality assurance in all programs. McDonald supervises the section's sewage disposal program.

The reorganization was threatened last month, however, when county commissioners considered eliminating Crowder's position. On June 24, the county board approved a motion by Commissioner Chris Chappell to delete funding for the position in this year's budget. The vote was

4-1, with Chairman Grace Beasley dissenting.

"What I suggested was very simple," Chappell explained after the meeting. "There's no reason to have two supervisors for no more service than the public is receiving. . . I said to take that money and hire two sanitarians that'll work out in the field."

The commissioner added that members of the health board—who he would not identify—had informally asked him to consider deleting the position. Health Board Chairman Bill Rabon told the Beacon he did not know which members might have contacted Chappell.

However, the commissioners' action was reversed June 28 on a 4-1 vote, after Commissioners Frankie Rabon and Jim Poole said they had

misunderstood the intent of Chappell's June 24 motion. Chappell cast the only vote not to reverse the previous action.

The June 28 vote followed a 1½-hour executive session the previous day, when commissioners talked with Rhodes, Crowder and McDonald. The secret meeting was called by Chappell to discuss "personnel," even though county officials had earlier indicated that their action to delete the position was simply a budget matter.

When the county budget was approved last Wednesday, the supervisor's position was intact, as were the two new sanitarian positions.

Rhodes said that after the new sanitarians are hired and eventually certified, the two supervisors gradually will give up their current field duties.

"My understanding of the public image of the environmental health section is that they're the bad guys—that they're out there to turn you down," Rhodes said. "We're going to make every effort we can to change that image, and the only way we can change it is through information and education."

'Conservative' Budget Adopted

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increase in the Brunswick County school system's allocation, bringing it to \$5,613,685—still well short of the schools' \$5.9 million request; a \$147,387 increase in Brunswick Community College's allocation, bringing it to the college's requested \$402,647; and the creation of a \$314,594 "emergency fund" for anticipated shortfalls among county departments.

The two cuts included \$65,000 for five of 10 new vehicles that were initially recommended in the sheriff's department budget; and \$8,000 for office equipment in the register of deeds office.

Despite earlier board "decisions," the budget includes 2½-percent cost-of-living raises and the possibility for five percent merit raises for county employees. Employees with dependant insurance coverage will pay slightly higher premiums due to an increase in insurance costs. However, the county will continue to pay individual employees' full disability premiums.

Major sources of revenue in the adopted \$27.3 million budget will be more than \$19 million in property taxes, based on Brunswick County's property valuation of \$3.8 billion and a 95.2 percent collection rate; and an estimated \$4.6 million in sales taxes.

Also, \$3.1 million from the county's capital reserve contingency fund was used to balance the budget. No allocations were made from the county's unappropriated fund balance, which is estimated at \$3.2 million.

By department, budget allocations are as follows:

- Governing Body, \$100,142.
- County Administration, \$190,920.
- Board of Elections, \$131,420.

- Finance and Purchasing, \$193,336.
- Computer Service, \$141,922.
- Tax Supervisor, \$486,012.
- Tax Collector, \$212,094.
- County Attorney, \$178,664.
- Register of Deeds, \$401,410.
- Planning, \$163,572.
- Utility Operations Board, \$80,654.
- Buildings and Grounds, \$610,233.
- Housekeeping, \$236,117.
- Sheriff, \$1,421,397.
- Courts, \$21,400.
- Jail, \$367,660.
- Emergency Management, \$83,146.
- Inspection Department, \$230,296.
- Maintenance Garage, \$856,766.
- Soil and Water Conservation, \$40,734.
- Operation Services, \$446,349.
- Corps of Engineers, \$35,500.
- Solid Waste Department, \$658,631.
- Clean County, \$36,972.
- Agricultural Extension Service, \$163,069.
- Integrated Pest Management, \$2,000.
- Veterans Service, \$45,328.
- Parks and Recreation, \$733,510.
- Non-departmental, \$2,118,919.
- Contributions to Agencies, \$1,713,991.
- Debt Service, \$5179,455.
- Coroner, \$17,500.
- Contributions to Funds, \$9,807,513 (including a \$201,196 contribution to the county water system's \$3.3 million total budget).

Beginner Astronomy Workshop Offered

Learn about the night sky and the science of astronomy in a two-part workshop offered by the Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department July 14 and 16.

On the 14th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., participants will view slides and models to prepare for a field trip to Pender County on the 16th, when they will view the night sky through a telescope.

Ronnie Hawes, treasurer of the Cape Fear Astronomy Club and a member of Sunsearch Network, is the instructor.

Pre-registration is required and the fee of \$8 per person or \$14 for two family members must be paid at the Community Arts Center. For more information call 1-341-7860.

Weather Will Be Seasonable

Near normal weather conditions are expected for the remainder of the Fourth of July holiday week in the Shallotte area, according to Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

Canady said temperatures over the next few days should range from around 70 degrees at night to the upper 80s during the day. Rainfall should measure about three-quarters of an inch.

During the period of June 28 through July 4, the daily average temperature was 72 degrees, which

Canady said was seven degrees below normal.

The daily average high temperature was 83 degrees, and the daily average low temperature was 61 degrees.

The maximum high temperature during the period was 87 degrees, occurring on June 29. The minimum low temperature was 52 degrees, occurring on June 28.

Canady measured .67 of an inch of rain over the seven-day period.

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