

# Ocean Isle Drug Defendant Receives Active Sentence

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An Ocean Isle Beach man was given a seven-year active prison sentence Monday after pleading guilty to cocaine trafficking charges in Brunswick County Superior Court.

Perry Wallace Neville pleaded guilty to one count of selling cocaine to undercover officers and one count of trafficking in more than 28 grams but less than 200 grams of cocaine from a relative's home in Robeson County.

Lt. David Crocker, head of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department narcotics division, said the case stemmed from an undercover officer's purchase of a half ounce of cocaine from Neville on April 26 and another purchase of one and a half ounces of cocaine on June 1 of this year.

Detectives then followed Neville to a home in Robeson County owned by Stacey Oxendine, Crocker said. Half a kilogram of cocaine was seized at the home. Oxendine faces charges in Robeson County Superior Court, Crocker said.

In court Monday, Judge Giles R. Clark sentenced Neville to a seven-year active sentence on the trafficking charge. Judge Clark also handed down a five-year suspended sentence for the sale of cocaine charge and placed Neville on five years' supervised probation to begin at the expiration of his active prison sentence.

Neville was ordered to pay \$1,250 in restitution, \$750 to the State Bureau of Investigation and \$500 to the Brunswick County Undercover Fund.

In other cases heard Monday in Superior Court:

•William Leroy Faircloth Jr. of Grissetown re-

ceived a five-year suspended sentence after pleading guilty to possession of marijuana, felonious possession of stolen goods and possessing a weapon of mass destruction. Judge Clark placed Faircloth on three years' supervised probation and fined him \$1,000. He received a five-year suspended sentence. Faircloth must also perform 100 hours of community service within 120 days.

•Jerry Lee McNeil of Airport Road, Shallotte, received a prayer for judgment, continued until his sentencing can be scheduled by the district attorney's office, after he pleaded guilty Monday to possession with intent to deliver cocaine. McNeil was arrested by Shallotte Police Officer G.J. Samek for possessing crack cocaine.

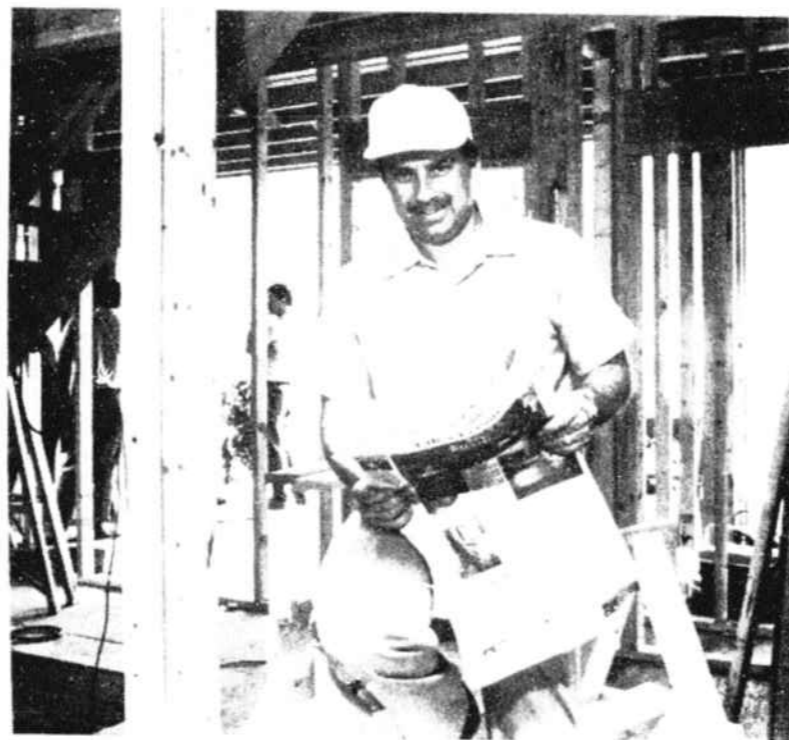
•Roscoe Roberts of Leland was given a 12-year active prison sentence after pleading guilty to two counts of

second degree rape. Roberts was originally charged on nine different sex offenses involving minors, said Det. Nancy Simpson with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

•Jerry L. High of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., will await sentencing on two counts he pleaded guilty to in court Tuesday. High pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to traffic in more than 400 grams of cocaine and one count of possession of more than 400 grams of cocaine. Crocker said the case stems from two incidents in December 1987 and January 1988. High was indicted in June 1989 on two counts of conspiracy to traffic in more than 400 grams of cocaine and three counts of trafficking in more than 400 grams of cocaine. He had previously been given a 13-year prison sentence in 1984 in connection with the "U-Haul" smuggling case in the county dating to the early 1980s.

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