

# Cocaine Charges Net 25-Year Sentence For Greenville Man

BY TERRY POPE

Three counts of conspiracy to traffic cocaine into Brunswick County netted a Greenville man 25 years in prison last week.

Fotios Kamsiklis, of Greenmill Run Apartments, pleaded guilty in Brunswick County Superior Court in 1988 to three counts of conspiracy to traffic more than 400 grams of cocaine into the county.

Judge Giles R. Clark sentenced Kamsiklis to 25 years in prison. He was indicted by a special drug investigative Brunswick County grand jury in 1987 on four counts of trafficking cocaine and four counts of conspiracy to traffic cocaine.

In a plea agreement with Special State Prosecutor William Wolak, Kamsiklis pleaded guilty to three of those charges on June 30, 1988, and agreed to offer testimony against his accomplices. His sentence will run concurrent with an 80-year sentence he received earlier in Pitt County.

In court last week, Judge Clark ruled the defendant had given assistance in the case and consolidated the charges for sentencing. Each count of conspiracy to traffic cocaine carries a maximum of 35 years in jail.

Kamsiklis was arrested in Pitt County on May 18, 1987, on drug-related charges there and placed under \$1 million bond. He was indicted by a Brunswick County grand jury on June 11, 1987.

While awaiting trial in Brunswick County, he was sentenced to 80 years in prison on drug-related charges in Pitt County, according to documents filed at the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office.

In Brunswick County, he was

linked to four drug operations dating back to Dec. 16, 1985. Kamsiklis was indicted for conspiring with Petros Tholiotis and William Anderson Noble, of Greenville, and others to traffic in more than a pound of cocaine into Brunswick County.

Another indictment claimed he conspired in an alleged deal on the same day with Petros Tholiotis, Jack Truesdale and Francisco Navarro, both of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Dale Varnum, of Supply, to possess more than a pound of cocaine.

The grand jury also indicted him for conspiring on May 15, 1986, with Alvin Bryan Willis III, of Shallotte, Varnum and Tholiotis to traffic another volume of cocaine into the county. A fourth indictment charges that Kamsiklis conspired with Willis and Tholiotis on March 1, 1986, to traffic another large volume of cocaine into the county.

### Other Cases Heard

Judge Clark also heard the following cases in Superior Court last week:

■ Rodney Edward Hudson, 28, of Leland, was sentenced to 30 years in prison and ordered to pay \$1,000 in attorney fees after pleading guilty to second-degree rape. He had been charged with first-degree rape, first-degree kidnapping, crime against nature and first-degree sexual offense from an incident that occurred Oct. 31, 1989.

■ Earl Douglas Purnell, 35, of Raleigh, was found guilty of driving while impaired, Level 4. He was sentenced to 120 days, suspended for two years, placed on two years' supervised probation and fined \$200. He must surrender his license, serve 48 hours of community ser-

vice within 90 days in Wake County and undergo assessment there.

■ Milton Gore, 24, of Longwood, pleaded guilty to embezzlement, was sentenced to three years in jail and recommended for immediate work release. He must pay \$350 in attorney fees.

■ Demetrius Raye, 17, of Southport, charges against him of common law robbery were dismissed.

■ Victor Finley Winebarger II, 23, of Long Beach, was found guilty of driving while impaired, Level 4. He was sentenced to 90 days, suspended for two years, placed on two years' supervised probation, fined \$100, ordered to pay \$400 attorney fees, undergo assessment, surrender his license, serve 48 hours community service and submit to tests.

■ Carnell Robbins, 35, of Leland, was found guilty of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle and sentenced to three years in jail.

■ Andeane Doolin Hatch, 51, of Long Beach, pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon, and was sentenced to 18 months in jail, suspended for two years, and was placed on two years' supervised probation. Hatch must pay a \$500 fine and restitution of \$425 and was ordered not to possess any firearm.

■ Thomas McArthur Sullivan, 26, of Leland, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor hit and run, was sentenced to six months in jail, suspended for one year, and placed on one year supervised probation. He was fined \$100 and ordered not to drive for 90 days.

■ Tim Ballard, 30, of Leland, pleaded guilty to sale and delivery of cocaine, was sentenced to three years in jail and recommended for immediate work release. He must pay

\$300 in attorney fees.

■ William Chansi Payne, 19, of Route 3, Shallotte, pleaded guilty to two counts of misdemeanor breaking and entering, sentenced to two years on each count and placed on five years' suspended sentence with supervised probation. He was fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$400 in at-

torney fees and \$400 in restitution to Benny Ludlum and \$860.45 to Holden Beach Seafood.

■ John Thomas Williams, 40, of Route 5, Leland, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor boating while impaired and was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended for 12 months, and placed on unsupervised probation.

He must pay a \$100 fine and \$300 attorney fees and was ordered not to operate a boat in North Carolina for 12 months.

■ O'Larry Lampkins II, 20, of Leland, pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property, sentenced to three years in jail, credit for time served and ordered not to benefit as a com-

# Nevada Man Says He Was Robbed After Accepting Ride

BY TERRY POPE

A Las Vegas, Nev., man whose boat had docked at Southport claims he was beaten and robbed of \$80 by two men he accepted a ride from while at a Long Beach night club Saturday.

The men said they were going to Wilmington "to continue partying," Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Becky McDonald's report stated, but drove the victim to an area near Old Brunswick Town off of N.C. 133 around 3:30 a.m.

The victim, who was intoxicated, was beat about the head and face and had cuts on the mouth and ears, Detective Larry Joyner reported.

The victim walked to N.C. 133 where an unidentified motorist stopped and gave him a ride to the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department. An officer there drove him to Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport for treatment.

Joyner reported he questioned the victim at the hospital. No arrests have been made.

The victim was able to give descriptions of his assailants and the vehicle they were driving.

In other reports on file at the sheriff's department:

## CRIME REPORT

■ A Route 2, Leland, man was shot in the arm with a .357-caliber revolver Friday evening, according to Deputy Georgia Phelps. The man's wife is accused of firing the shot that sent the man to the hospital around 5:42 p.m. He was transported to New Hanover Regional Medical Center by the Town Creek Volunteer Rescue Squad.

■ Someone drove away with 18 bicycles and 168 shrubs worth \$2,693 from the Roses store in Southport over the weekend, reported Deputy McDonald. A chain holding the bicycles together had been cut, it was reported Sunday.

■ A stereo system was reported taken from a Four Winds II home between Feb. 17 and March 23, reported Deputy Phelps. Damage was \$25.

■ A golf cart taken during a recent break-in at Brickland Plantation was found, reported Deputy Don Stovall. The \$3,000 cart had been abandoned at a maintenance shed there.

■ Someone broke into The Kid's Connection day care center on Old

Shallotte Road and took \$11, reported Deputy Robert Hoagland.

■ A torn window screen helped a burglar gain entry to a Seaside home between Dec. 10 and Nov. 18. A \$250 television set was missing.

■ Someone took a \$150 television set from a Long Beach Road home within the past two weeks, reported Deputy Phelps.

■ A couch, chair, tables, television game and television valued at \$1,300 were taken from a Chappel Loop Road home in the Leland area, reported Deputy W.F. Moore. Entry was gained through a window.

■ Someone took a television and microwave worth \$358 from a Route 3, Shallotte, home, reported Deputy Charles Wilson.

■ A satellite control box, radio and microwave valued at over \$2,100 were taken from a Winnabow home, reported Deputy Moore.

■ Four tires and rims valued at over \$2,400 were taken from a car on Woodland Drive in the Leland area, reported Deputy James Warren Jr.

■ An estimated \$600 in jewelry and \$1,560 in cash and other items were taken from a U.S. 17 south home Sunday, reported Deputy Darryl Marlow.

## STREET DEALERS DIDN'T PAY TAX

### Law Enforcement Agencies Awarded Drug Money

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and Shallotte Police Department are getting nearly \$2,900 for their role in recent drug investigations and arrests.

Shallotte Police will receive \$2,474 and the sheriff's department will get \$405 under a program that penalizes people who don't pay taxes on illegal drugs, according to a news release from the N.C. Department of Revenue.

Shallotte Police Chief Rodney Gause said the town's share of the money comes from the arrest of two men last May and July. Both men were arrested for possessing and attempting to sell crack, which is a form of cocaine.

Lt. David Crocker of the sheriff's department said the \$405 represents quarterly payments from three people officers arrested for dealing drugs.

Crocker said two of the men were arrested in January 1990 for selling illegal amphetamines. The other arrest occurred last June and involved the sale of cocaine.

Gause said the purpose of the program is to provide money to law enforcement agencies that battle drug dealers so those agencies can continue to pay for anti-drug efforts. "It's really great because it puts the money back in the department," Gause said. "We can go get equipment and use the money to get the drug suppliers and drug dealers off the streets."

The police chief said he expects to receive approximately \$2,000 more within the next two months as a result of another recent arrest involving cocaine.

A state law that took effect in January 1990 requires drug dealers to buy tax stamps and affix the stamps to the drugs they sell. Failure to buy the stamps within 48 hours of obtaining the drugs results in a penalty equal to 100 percent of the tax.

The N.C. Department of Revenue's controlled substance tax section eventually returns 75 percent of controlled substance tax collections to the investigating and arresting agencies.

"This program taxes controlled substances and holds drug dealers responsible for payment of the tax," Revenue Secretary Betsy Justus said in the news release.

"The presence of illegal drugs in our communities imposes great costs on our society," she said. "This tax represents a reasonable and appropriate means by which

some of those costs can be paid from the enormous profits made by those who deal in illicit drugs."

The state collected \$295,769 in 1990 and has paid more than \$117,000 to law enforcement agencies involved in drug investigations and arrests.

Collections have increased so far this year, according to the news release. The state collected \$114,201 in the first two months of 1991, which represents 38.6 percent of all 1990 collections.

"We expect that collections will continue to increase in the foreseeable future," Ms. Justus said. "Seven controlled substance tax enforcement officers will begin working these collection actions in April. Their mission will be to employ the full range of means under the law for collecting the taxes due on illicit drugs."

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