

Three Face Indictments In Columbian-Grown Marijuana Deal

BY TERRY POPE

Three people arrested in an undercover marijuana operation in February were indicted by a Brunswick County grand jury Monday.

More than 25 pounds of Columbian-grown marijuana was seized in the alleged drug deal uncovered by SBI agents and Brunswick County Sheriff Department narcotics detectives.

Indicted Monday were Joseph Carson Brooks III, 33, of Route 5, Shallotte (Seaside); Ellis C. Bordeaux, 58, of Route 1, Delco; and Marion Jensen Reis, 34, of Route 1, Leland.

Officers set up surveillance along Mt. Misery Road in Leland where about a pound of marijuana was seized from Reis, Sheriff's Detective David Crocker said.

Reis was indicted on a charge of possession with intent to sell a pound of marijuana from that alleged Feb. 3 incident.

An investigation led to the Bordeaux residence in Columbus County where an additional 20 pounds of marijuana was confiscated, Crocker stated. Charges were also filed against Bordeaux by Columbus County authorities.

Bordeaux was convicted in 1989 in Brunswick County Superior Court on a trafficking cocaine charge.

In Brunswick County Monday, he was indicted on charges of maintaining a vehicle, a 1981 Datsun, for keeping marijuana and possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver marijuana, stemming from an alleged Feb. 4 incident.

He was also indicted on charges of possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver marijuana; sale

of marijuana; and maintaining a vehicle for keeping drugs, stemming from a Feb. 3 incident.

The case led officers to the Brooks residence at Seaside south of Shallotte, where detectives say they seized nearly a pound of marijuana.

Brooks was indicted Monday on a charge of possession with intent to deliver 22 pounds of marijuana. The indictments accuse him of delivering the drugs to Bordeaux on Feb. 2.

Brooks was also indicted on charges of maintaining a 1984 Toyota truck for keeping and selling drugs on two occasions, Feb. 2 and Feb. 5. A fourth indictment accuses him of felony possession of 380 grams of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver it on Feb. 5.

The marijuana was of a high quality, said Crocker, and most likely grown and imported from Columbia. Information from a confidential source helped detectives break the case, said Crocker.

Others indicted Monday include:

■Adolph Garfield Holmes, 50, of McMilly Road, Shallotte, on two charges of possession with intent to sell and deliver .8 grams of cocaine; sale and delivery of cocaine, on Dec. 17 and Dec. 28; and maintaining a home on Mintz Road (S.R. 1360) Shallotte, for keeping and selling cocaine.

■Anthony Vereen, of Keel Circle, Poplar, S.C., on charges of possession with intent to sell and deliver .2 grams of cocaine and sale and delivery of cocaine on Jan. 9.

■Edward William Bell, 21, of Mulberry Street, Shallotte, on a charge of possession of cocaine on March 5.

■Larnie Jefferson Carty Jr., 42, of Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, on charges of possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver an ounce of marijuana; manufacture, including repackaging, of marijuana; and maintaining a 1988 Chevrolet for keeping and selling drugs, from an alleged Oct. 5 incident investigated by Brunswick County detectives.

■William Harold Stallings, 31, of Woodburn Mobile Home Park, Leland, on charges of breaking and entering, larceny and possession of stolen goods. The indictment accuses him of breaking into a home at Woodburn Mobile Home Park where a television and video recorder valued at \$353 were taken on March 7.

■David Leon Floyd, 25, of West 11th Street, Southport, on a charge of possession of less than an ounce of cocaine March 5.

■Diria Kym Thompson, 35, of Cedar Hill Road, Leland, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Thompson is accused of stabbing Jeffrey Lindell Ballard in the chest and shoulder with a knife Jan. 28.

■Kelly Lynn Woodruff, 19, and Brandi Lauren Soles, 19, both of Roanoke Rapids, on charges of felony possession of more than 1 1/2 ounces of marijuana on Jan. 4.

■Timothy Eugene Hollins, 21, of Winnabow, on two counts of breaking and entering, larceny and possession of stolen goods. He is accused of breaking into a Winnabow home where four guns, a six-pack of beer and chainsaw, all valued at \$650, were taken Feb. 15.

Indictments also accuse him of breaking into a Route 1, Winnabow, home on Jan. 23 where a video

recorder, television, jewelry, radio, Nintendo game and coins, all valued at \$980, were taken.

■Curtis Lee Epps, 28, of Route 3, Supply, on seven counts of forgery and uttering forged papers and possession of .1 gram of cocaine with intent to sell and deliver Dec. 28.

He is accused of forging signatures on seven checks cashed between Dec. 28 and Jan. 1 for amounts ranging from \$45 to \$60.

■Carolyn Marian Johnston, 33, of Long Beach, on a charge of possession of more than 28 grams but less than 200 grams of cocaine Jan. 17 and maintaining a home for keeping and selling drugs.

■Gene Webb, 30, of Sloan Drive, Winnabow, on a charge of robbery with a dangerous weapon. He is accused of robbing a Cedar Hill Road nightclub in the Phoenix community Feb. 13.

The indictment accuses him of pointing a revolver at the club manager and taking \$150.

■James Dennis Allen, 39, of 79th Street, Yaupon Beach, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. He is accused of using a razor-bladed box cutter to cut the face of someone on Jan. 18.

■James Michael McKinley, 24, and James Freeman Jobe, 35, of Fort Bragg, on charges of common law robbery. They are accused of assaulting a clerk and taking \$137 from the Winds Resort Hotel at Ocean Isle Beach Feb. 25.

Quick action helped Ocean Isle Beach Police arrest the suspects just after the alleged incident, prompting Chief Curt Pritchard to issue an official commendation for Officer Dan Hunter.



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A Little Sticky

Things got a little sticky at Lincoln Primary School in Leland as Jane Henry and Myra Robbins' kindergarten classes learned first hand about the four basic food groups. Students read the story "Stone Soup," wrote their own food-related stories and brought vegetables to help create their own version of Vegetable Stone Soup. The soup was served with fruit, milk, cookies and of course, peanut butter sandwiches prepared by the youngsters themselves, including (above, from left) Christopher Robbins and Andy Aydell.

Occhipinti Talk Set

Mike Occhipinti of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction will return to Southport next week to review the year-by-year steps involved in implementing what he terms the "comprehensive school improvement management system."

He will speak Tuesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Employee Relations Building behind the CP&L Visitors Center on N.C. 87.

The talk and informational meeting is sponsored by Parents In Action, a community group advocating a change in management approach for local schools, in cooperation with the Brunswick County Schools, said spokesman Leslie Collier. Occhipinti is to meet April 8 with the faculty and staff of South Brunswick High School. That school is beginning plans to implement the system.

At Tuesday's meeting Occhipinti will also be answering other questions parents, educators and other concerned county residents have about the approach, said Ms. Collier.

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Greene Seeks One Of The Two 14th District N.C. House Of Representatives Seats



Shirley Thomas Greene, a semi-retired farmer from the Barnesville area, filed for the 14th District of the N.C. House of Representatives in the May 5 Democratic Primary.

That district encompasses parts of Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover and Robeson counties.

"(I) offer my candidacy because of my belief at the present time that some new and innovative thoughts and ideas should be integrated into the state legislature and that the people deserve no less than ef-

fective representation...." said the 53-year-old Greene.

He said he feels the representatives should be aware of "the wonderful area we live in by helping enact laws to present and enhance this area by supporting law enforcement officers and continue to make us proud of our agricultural and suburban area."

The one-time bank errand boy is active in business and banking, serving as a bank's chairman of the board of directors and has worked five years in a bank as well as various positions. He is now involved in the automotive business.

Greene is also involved on the local, state and national levels in agriculture and says he has helped shape, reform and implement farm legislation. He says he is mindful of the district's diverse economic picture.

He said he feels that with the mass demands and tremendous size of the state budget that the representative should know and understand the scope as well as adhere to strict fiscal responsibilities and the people should receive a full dollar's value for the dollars spent. The person

elected, he said, should "stand up, speak out, comprehend and direct or redirect the state dollars for the fullest benefit to his constituents and the state."

Greene has studied business law and economics at the American Institute of Banking and received a pre-standard and standard degree.

He later studied law at LaSalle Law School and received an LLB degree in 1963. He also holds a Juris Doctor Degree. He then was employed by an international company, traveled abroad having additional schooling in Europe.

Greene has also worked on child abuse and neglect issues as well as served on national agricultural boards and extensive consulting.

He is married to the former Vivian Nye Floyd Orrum, who is a graduate of Pembroke State University and a doctoral candidate in education. He is a volunteer firefighter with the Sterlings Volunteer Fire Department, county Democratic Party worker and a Master Mason and holds an honorary degree from a Bible college.

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