

Cary Man Admits Guarding Marijuana In 1983 Incident

BY TERRY POPE

A Cary man admitted in Brunswick County Superior Court Monday that he was paid \$500 a day in 1983 to guard a mobile home near Ocean Isle Beach loaded with more than 10,000 pounds of marijuana.

Kenneth Lansing Peacock, 32, pleaded guilty to felonious perjury Monday and was fined \$5,000 by Judge Giles R. Clark. Perjury carries a maximum term of 10 years in prison, but no jail term was imposed as part of his sentence.

He was accused by SBI agents of lying to an investigative grand jury on July 31, 1989 about his involvement in the case that resulted in the prosecution of its major dealers. He was indicted on perjury charges last month by a Brunswick County grand jury.

Peacock was in college when he was recruited by Bailey Owen Cooper of Charlotte to guard the trailer. Defense attorney Robert W. Myrick of Durham said Monday that Peacock did not have a lawyer present when he told the grand jury he was not involved in the drug operation.

"If he had stopped to get a little advice," said Myrick, "he wouldn't have made that fatal statement."

Peacock is now general sales manager of a Toyota dealership in Durham. He and his wife also own a chain of weight loss clinics in the Cary area. Peacock said he hopes to obtain his own car dealership if having a felony on his record doesn't stand in the way.

"I apologize to the state for the money spent on my behalf," said Peacock. "I'm willing to face the consequences."

Myrick asked Judge Clark to issue a prayer for judgment postponing a felony from appearing on Peacock's record and to order community service work.

However, Assistant District Attorney Thomas Hicks said that it was time to impose a sentence.

"I do not see where it will serve

any purpose to prolong the matter," added Judge Clark. "It would be best to put it to rest and do the best we can under the circumstances."

Peacock said he had been questioned about the incident many times since 1983 and had lied to SBI Agent Fred McKinney about his involvement. After lying to the grand jury in 1989, he told Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) officers the truth six months later.

"I felt I had a small role in it and that it would go away," said Peacock.

He had been friends with Cooper since 1979. Part of his reward for guarding the trailer was to keep the marijuana swept up from the floor. He said he carried the drug, about a pound of marijuana, to Raleigh and gave some to a friend.

But Peacock had already determined "this was not his way of life," said Myrick, and began making an honest living before agents started questioning him.

On May 16, 1983, federal, state, county and Ocean Isle Beach enforcement officers raided the mobile home at Lakewood Estates near Ocean Isle Beach. Inside was more than 10,000 pounds of marijuana with an estimated retail value of \$1.1 million.

The marijuana is believed to have been stored there while en route to distribution points at more northerly counties in North Carolina. Nine people were indicted in the case.

All were later prosecuted, with penalties ranging from \$250,000 fines, suspended sentences to 35-year active prison terms.

Susan Chapman, who works for a Raleigh mitigation firm, prepared a report for the court that characterized Peacock as a good worker who decided he did not want to be involved with drugs. "He had worked very hard to get where he was," said Ms. Chapman. "He was scared he was going to lose everything."

Robbery Reported Near Chappell Loop Road

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A Town Creek man was injured Saturday after two men beat him in the face with a drill and robbed him of \$2.

The victim told Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Mason that he met the suspects on Cedar Hill Road around 12:40 a.m. and then drove them to the Chappell Loop Road community near Belville.

One suspect hit him in the head with a drill and chased him from the vehicle, Mason reported. The suspects followed him to a ditch in front of Standard Trucking Co.

After wrestling in the ditch, one suspect placed a knife to the victim's throat and took his wallet, Mason stated.

The victim was taken by ambulance to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington for treatment.

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

■ A car left parked along U.S. 74-76 near Leland was found destroyed by fire last Wednesday, April 15, Deputy Wendell Bennett reported. The Wilmington owner said the 1986 Plymouth ran out of gas. It was found about 1.4 miles west of Sandy Creek burned.

■ Damage was listed at \$250 to a student's car parked at North Brunswick High School April 16, Deputy William Hewett reported. Someone let the air out of the tires and stole a \$79 stereo speaker.

■ Vandalism damaged a summer home off of N.C. 130 east of Shallotte, Deputy Richard Long II reported. The windows were broken, a bottle had been thrown through the front door and a screen ripped from the porch.

■ A Winnabow man had the hood of his car dented while parked outside the Half Time Sports Bar and Deli in Leland Saturday, Mason reported. Damage was listed at \$500.

■ A billfold was taken from a shopping cart in

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the Maxway store in Southport Saturday afternoon, Deputy Cathy Hamilton reported. The theft occurred when a mother took her children to a restroom and left her pocketbook in the cart. ■ Someone broke the rear glass to a car parked at a home on Old Maco Road April 15, causing \$500 in damage, reported Mason.

■ Damage was listed at \$300 to a 1984 BMW parked in the teachers' lot at West Brunswick High School April 14, reported Deputy Darryl Marlow. Some molding had been ripped from a door.

■ A car reported stolen in Wilmington April 9 was found abandoned behind the Godwin Concrete Plant off Chappell Loop Road April 14, reported Deputy Pete Moore. A rear window had been broken and the ignition lock damaged on the 1986 Ford Taurus.

■ A Sunset Beach man told Deputy Randy Robinson Friday that someone took his gasoline company credit card and forged his name on charges, one for \$200. An Amoco representative called the owner to question the charges.

■ A vehicle parked at a home on Alligator Road in Ash was hit by a shotgun blast around 1:45 a.m. April 16, reported Deputy Phil Bryant. A vehicle drove by the home with its lights off. Someone shot into the tailgate, tool box and side of the truck.

■ A camera and photography supplies worth about \$400 were stolen from a car near Winnabow Friday, reported Sgt. Carl Pearson.

■ Thieves took a video recorder, radio, tape recorder and \$1,100 in cash from a home in Brunswick Mobile Home Park in Leland Friday, reported Moore. A rear door had been forced open.

■ Someone took \$100 from the cash register at

Skip's Tire Service on Village Road in Leland Sunday, Hewett reported.

■ A woman told Deputy Sharon Carter that someone took her purse from the waiting room at Leland Veterinary Hospital at Clairmont Plaza April 15. Inside the purse were \$25 in cash and \$60 in food stamps.

■ A bicycle worth \$65 and a saw valued at \$190 were stolen from a storage shed at a home on Green Loop Road near Leland Sunday, reported Deputy Richard DuVall.

■ A neighbor who saw smoke coming from a garage at Sunset Harbor last Thursday, April 16, alerted the resident inside, Deputy Charles Crocker reported. A fire is believed to have been set in the middle of the garage, burning a 1986 Oldsmobile inside. The neighbor and the resident put out the fire with a water hose.

■ Someone took a surfboard, television and radio from a mobile home off of Seashore Road near Holden Beach between November and April 17, Ms. Hamilton reported. Damage was listed at \$100 to a door. Items were worth \$725.

■ A Ford Mustang found burned April 14 on No. 5 School House Road (S.R. 1305), at the rear of Brunswick Plantation, was missing its tires and rims, Long reported. The identification plate was melted, and deputies are trying to find an owner.

■ Someone pried open a front door to a home at Route 3, Shallotte, last Thursday, April 16, and took a television and jewelry worth \$625, Bryant reported.

■ At Seaside Station someone broke into a home between March 7 and April 16 and left with a \$170 lawn mower and \$300 television after prying open a door, Robinson reported.

■ Someone pried open a door near Shell Point between March 27 and April 16 and took a radio, coolers and rods and reels valued at around \$1,150 from the home, reported Deputy Patti Hewett.

Deputies Recover Property

Brunswick County sheriff's deputies recovered \$28,603.91 in property during March, according to the department's monthly report.

Officers answered 1,250 calls, including 173 domestic calls, and made 506 investigations. They also made 22 arrests as prosecuting witness and served 710 civil papers, one juvenile petition, 311 local warrants, 55 foreign warrants and eight

Flimflam Reported In Supply

Two men driving a white and blue pickup truck stole \$250 from a Supply resident Saturday.

The men are operating a flimflam operation, said Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Gene Allen Caison.

Anyone approached by the men should call the sheriff's department immediately, he said.

"They are fast talkers," said Caison. "As they are talking, they're working their way into the home."

Detectives are looking for a white over blue Ford pickup truck and two white, clean-shaven males. They ap-

proach the victim with a false claim

that the home may qualify for free repairs through legislation aimed at helping elderly and handicapped residents. As one man begins taking measurements around the home, the other claims he has to return to the truck for paperwork. Instead, he goes into the home to look for money or goods. A Supply resident became suspicious and ran the men away from their home on Saturday, said Caison. Persons should try to get a license tag number and report suspicious persons to Det. Caison, 253-4321.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Navassa will hold a Public Hearing on its 1992 CDBG CR-Application on May 5, 1992. This application proposes the following activities:

Target Area activities follow: rehabilitate 15 homes including waste water treatment improvements at a cost of \$325,000 (\$315,000 CDBG funds and \$10,000 Town funds); planning \$3,500 (100% CDBG) and administration at a cost of \$65,646 (100% CDBG funds).

Local Option activities follow: rehabilitate 2 houses (\$26,067); and project administration (\$5,723). Local Option is 100 % CDBG funding.

Total Project Cost: = \$425,936; Total CDBG Cost=\$415,936; CDBG/Total Cost Percent=98%.

Location of the Project: Town of Navassa, North Carolina, 15 approximate acre tract of land containing 9 houses located on the north side of Broadway Street near its intersection with Main Street, including one house on the south side of Broadway Street; approximate 10 acre tract of land containing 3 houses located west of the intersection of Broadway Street and its intersection with Main Street; and approximate 3 acre tract of land containing 3 houses located on the west side of Main Street.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the Town's Application to obtain citizen input. The May 5, 1992 Public Hearing will be held in the Town's Municipal Building at 7:30 PM. Written comments received by Mayor Louis Brown, General Delivery, Navassa, North Carolina 28404, before 5:00 PM the date of the Public Hearing will be considered.

Louis Brown, Mayor, Town of Navassa

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