

Quentin Jackson Charged with Obstructing Police

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Editor

Hertford Town Councilman Quentin Jackson was arrested Saturday and charged with resisting, delaying, obstruction of a police officer, a misdemeanor offense.

According to court documents, Jackson, 34, allegedly attempted to interfere with Captain Gilbert Rodriguez, Hertford Police, as he was doing his duty Saturday while conducting a traffic stop.

Jackson has not offered any comment.

Inquiries were made late Monday with Town Hall to confirm and/or elaborate about other details not included in the police report. As of Tuesday evening before press time, council has not responded.

Jackson's bond was set as a written promise with his court date scheduled for Sept. 16.

May 17, Jackson was charged with a misdemeanor offense of communicating threats when he allegedly threatened Sonya Thomas of Hertford — allegedly telling her

that he was going to beat her up and spit on her, according to court documents.

His court date is scheduled for Aug. 12.

Jackson is serving two years probation arising from a simple assault conviction last year.

In December, Jackson spent a little over a week in jail following his guilty plea to assaulting a former town councilman Sid Eley by hitting him in the face.

Jackson served eight days in jail and he was ordered to serve two years

of probation, required to attend anger management counseling and pay court costs and fees.

The sentencing formula was based in part upon Jackson's prior arrest record that includes convictions for simple assault and communicating threats.

During court proceedings, Jackson apologized to Eley, the 72-year-old former Hertford town councilor he punched in the face following a work session on Oct. 1, 2018. Jackson also apologized to his colleagues on Town Council.



AP PHOTO

This photo shows the removal of a Confederate statue in Greenville, North Carolina, on Monday June 22, 2020. Part of the 27-foot monument to Confederate soldiers outside a courthouse in eastern North Carolina has been removed after local officials gave their approval last week. WNCT-TV reports crews on Monday removed the bronze statue that tops the monument outside the Pitt County Courthouse in Greenville.

OBITUARIES

Victor Francis Baker

RUISLIP GARDENS, ENG - Victor Francis Baker, 85 of Ruislip Gardens, Middlesex England, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2020 in his home.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 20 years, Sandy Baker. Surviving is his son Victor Gary Baker; three sisters, Veronica Rountree and husband, Jesse of Belvidere, NC; Shelia Bushell of Gateshead, Scotland; Maureen Sullivan and husband, Mike of Bovington, England and several nieces and nephews.

During his 68 visits to the Belvidere community to see his sister, Veronica and family, Victor was affiliated with the Up River Friends Meeting. While he was visiting, he enjoyed time spent outside as he was fascinated with snakes. Victor also loved his nieces, Kim, Kathy, and Sarah, and enjoyed taking family vacations with them. Often venturing to the Appalachia mountains.

Victor was well-loved by his family and his new American friends. Often making friends everywhere he went.

Funeral services will be held in England at a later date.



Herman Hill

HERTFORD - Herman Hill, CPO, US Navy Retired, 94, of Hertford, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2020 in Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

Mr. Hill was born in Macon County, GA, on August 18, 1925 and was the son of the late Frank and Alice Eathel Mott Hill. A retired Chief Petty Officer from the United States Navy, he was a veteran of both World War II in which he had served in the Pacific Theatre, and the Vietnam War. For his service to the country and for his valor and courage he received numerous decorations including the Purple Heart. During his years of living in Hertford he enjoyed fellowship in Hertford Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Dennis Hill, and by a brother, Frederick Hill.

Surviving are his wife of 71 years, Joyce Goolsby Hill; a daughter, Bonnie Ann Holtzschelter and husband, Ron, of Chesapeake, VA; two sons, Gary Hill and wife, Debra, of Norfolk, VA, and Donald Hill and wife, Marie, of Allen, TX; six grandchildren, Robert and James Holtzschelter, and Christopher, Travis, Megan, and Melissa Hill; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in the Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral Chapel, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, and were conducted by the Rev. Don Carter. Burial with military honors followed in Cedarwood Cemetery. Friends joined the family in the funeral home the hour prior to the services on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hertford Baptist Church, PO Box 34, Hertford, NC 27944.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.millerfhc.com.

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COUNCIL

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to the proper Zoom channel. Monday's meeting was important because a public hearing offered a citizens a chance to comment about the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020/21 that is slated for approval this week.

After much debate, council opted to move forward with Monday's meeting which was dominated by discussion about budget planning for King Street Park and a grant associated with the development of the waterfront park.

Jackson and Norman have long been supporters of improving King Street Park. They questioned why there wasn't money in the budget for playground equipment — \$80-\$100K in funds they believed that council had set aside during budget planning.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Hodges countered that because of a tight budget that is forecast to be more stressed because the forecast economic effects associated with COVID-19, money for improving the park was not appropriated.

However, if as the year goes by and the general fund's bottom line becomes more clear, Hodges said, council may dip into these funds to pave the way for upgrades. He stressed that based on past discussion, council appears strongly committed to improving the park.

"We have to balance budget by statute. Changes will be made going forward," Hodges said.

Jackson countered that at least \$50K has been set aside as matching funds needed to secure a \$145K US Department of Agriculture grant to develop the town's waterfront — if that grant is awarded to the town. He said that money was "hijacked" from funds he hoped would be set aside to improve the King Street Park.

The town's match — more than \$50,000 — is to concentrate on developing a plan for the town itself — what to do with empty green space, reduce blighted housing, where parks and businesses should go.

Jackson questioned how during the tough economic times ahead, would council be able to find that \$50K.

Town Manager Pam Hurdle said these funds have been earmarked in the budget to be in place if the grant is awarded.

Jackson said when he found another way to secure \$50K by changing the wording associated with securing the grant before funding deadline, he called a special meeting for June 12. He chastised council because only he and Norman attended the meeting.

Jackson then sought answers about \$6K raised from private donations to facilitate planning for waterfront development.

This money was paid to Rivers and Associates to help write the grant application.

Jackson said because the money would be used to pursue development on behalf of the town, council should've been consulted as it meant this would set the stage for plans to come.

Jackson said he is not playing the "race card" but rather than just a "select" group of people, no one from various diverse constituencies from Wynne Court to King Street has been involved with the concept — particularly local businessman Tony Riddick, who might have opinions on such matters because of his expertise on property development.

Hodges countered that the purpose of the grant is to fund a master planning process which will include town hall discussions in every community to ensure all residents can make their voices heard.

When Norman brought out email exchanges Hodges had with Mayor Earnell Brown that seemed to suggest Hodges was making decisions regarding the grant without council's assent, Hodges clarified the emails' intent as he explained the signatures and time constraints associated with filing the grant.

"The strategy moving forward, the plan is to finish things earlier so Council has time to see all the documents before they're submitted," he said.

Meeting's end, Norman praised all who assisted with Saturday's Protest and Historical March through downtown Hertford. He praised Kim and Tim Brinn of Front Street for assisting citizens with census forms and/or voter registration.

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Man Charged in Monument Removal Effort in Raleigh

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — North Carolina State Capitol Police on Monday announced the arrest of a man suspected of starting a riot days earlier that led to a pair of damaged Confederate monuments on the old Capitol grounds.

Conrad Paul James, 27, was charged with inciting a riot, first-degree trespass, resisting an officer and injury to personal property, for events covering two nights, authorities said.

He was arrested Sunday night after he allegedly jumped a fence around the Three Presidents monument in Union Square and failed to return to the other side, police Chief Chip Hawley said in a news release.

Two statues of Confederate soldiers attached to the obelisk were pulled down by demonstrators Friday night, and the state's governor subsequently ordered the remaining monuments be moved to protect public safety. By midday Saturday, crews had removed the monument to the Women of the Confederacy and the figure of Henry Lawson Wyatt.

James was in the Wake County jail on a \$55,000 secured bond, the police statement said. A jail official didn't have information late Monday about whether James had an attorney.

At Gov. Roy Cooper's

direction, the state on Sunday started to remove a 75-foot (23 meter) obelisk near the old 1840 Capitol building. The soldier standing atop the obelisk was taken down in the morning, but crews couldn't remove the entire monument.

By Monday afternoon, the foundation remained intact with graffiti written on it demanding the state "take it down." Messages of "BLM (Black Lives Matter)" and "no justice, no peace" also were inscribed on it.

The toppling and removal of monuments to the Confederacy come across North Carolina and the country amid protests against racism and incidents of police brutality and the deaths of African Americans in encounters with law enforcement.

In eastern North Carolina outside the Pitt County Courthouse in Greenville, crews removed a bronze 27-foot (8-meter) Confederate statue early Monday. It took more than five hours for a crane to lift the statue off its pedestal. A county news release said the pedestal would be taken away later.

The city of Salisbury announced Monday afternoon that its local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy signed an agreement providing for the relocation of the "Fame" Confederate statue.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LOG

Perquimans County Sheriff's Office arrests between June 12 and June 18:

- Ronnie Spence of Edenton was arrested June 12 and charged with driving with license revoked and possession of drugs. Bond was a written promise.
- Steven Bass of East Inlet Circle, Hertford, was arrested June

18 and charged with possession of a fictitious registration plate and possession of stolen property. Bond was \$1,500 secured.

■ Grandy Dunbar of Elizabeth City was arrested June 18 and charged with fictitious registration plate, driving while license revoked and misuse of 911 system. Bond was set at \$3,000 secured.



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