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## Suspicious Run Rampant

# Brutal Slaying Shocks Residents

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
Questions and suspicions are running rampant following the brutal murder of a 25-year-old African-American woman in Southeast Raleigh.

Police are questioning those who knew the victim in search of clues to solve the case.

However, there's something about this case residents can't seem to pinpoint and the atmosphere is still clouded with questions and suspicions.

The nude body of Ms. Karen

Winston, of 441 Parnell St., was discovered early March 18 southeast of McKenny and Sons Wrecker Service at 323 Kennedy St., near a footpath that runs to Lord Anson Drive.

The victim had been severely beaten and disrobed except for a decorative belt found around her waist. Ms. Ursula B. Richardson discovered the body at approximately 8:30 a.m. March 18 when she was walking the pathway from a local convenience store on Poole Road.

"My children are frightened now, and I'm frightened too," she said,

following news reports that no one had been arrested or charged in the slaying. "I keep the door locked at all

the neighborhood for some years, was last seen at the Do Drop In Diner located at 2007 Poole Road. That was

**Police continue to question those who knew the victim in search of clues to solve the case as residents question and try to understand that there is a killer or killers perhaps hiding in the area.**

times now because the murderer is still at large."

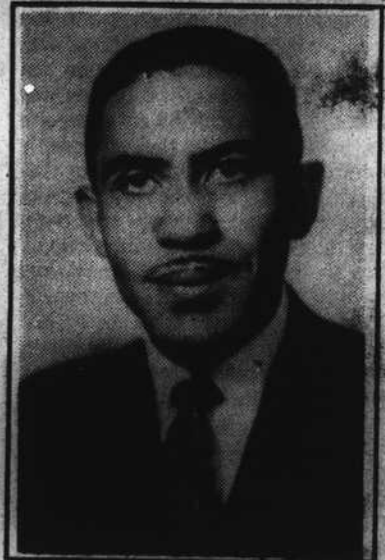
Ms. Winston, who had been living in

on Friday night, Ms. Mae Eckerson, owner of the diner, says she remembers the night and Ms.

Winston quite well. "It seems to have been the usual crowd that night. There was one guy who acted as if he was high or something. I had to calm him down several times. Karen was here around 10 or 10:30 p.m. and left before the last call was given, I'm certain of that," she said.

Other than facial wounds, police would not say what caused the death, whether she had been shot or stabbed, but said an autopsy would reveal if she had been sexually assaulted.

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DR. JAMES CHEEK

## Howard Trustees Concerned About Administrators

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Trustees of Howard University have expressed concern that the institution's administration might be incapable of resolving pressing problems and agreed to closely monitor top administrators, it was reported last week.

Board members also told administrators that they hold them responsible for student demonstrations at the predominantly black university that subsided only after the intervention of Mayor Marion Barry, Jr. and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, the Washington Post said.

John E. Jacob, chairman of the board of trustees, told reporters that in a board meeting with President James Cheek and others, "We expressed our expectation that the administration will manage this institution as efficiently and effectively as possible and correct the inadequacies that exist. The board wants to make sure we don't get a recurrence of the demonstrations in the future."

The Post quoted one unidentified trustee as saying, "There is a deep concern on the part of the trustees that our recent troubles are a result of the fact that there is no one at the

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### CITY ANNEXATIONS

The City Council plans to annex several subdivisions and shopping centers on Raleigh's outskirts, adding 1,268 acres and 2,250 taxpayers to the rolls this year. The annexation will be the subject of a public hearing April 4 and involve six locations in North Raleigh and four elsewhere.

### MEDICAID FOR POOR

A House subcommittee approved three bills designed to channel more Medicaid money to the poor, especially poor children. The bill would expand Medicaid coverage for children under age 8, bringing it to more than 70,000 more children in the first two years at a cost of \$6.9 million; expand prenatal coverage to an additional 9,700 pregnant women and 10,100 children and increase the amount of money poor people can have in reserve and still qualify for Medicaid.

### KLAN CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Campaign contributions from scores of Northwest residents helped former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke win a seat in the Louisiana legislature, financial reports indicate. The reports list 31 contributions from Washington state, 20 from Oregon, and eight apiece from Idaho and Montana. Total contributions were less than \$1,500.

### REVERSING ROLES

Historically, the Republican Party has prided itself on opposing higher taxes. But suddenly, the political landscape has been

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## Violent Crimes Reported Crime Rate Rising In State

### Sentences For Crimes Inadequate

An increase in illegal drug use along with inadequate prison sentences are behind a crime rate that continues to creep upward, Attorney General Lacy Thornburg said Tuesday.

Thornburg released the preliminary crime report for 1988, which shows North Carolina crime trends projecting an overall six percent statewide increase.

According to the report, violent crime, which includes murder, rape, aggravated assault and robbery, increased five percent during the past year. Property crime, which includes burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft, increased six percent.

"The most telling increase is in robberies," Thornburg said, "because robbery is the violent crime which is most often directly related to drugs."

"Cocaine, especially the highly addictive crack cocaine, is cheap and more widely available," Thornburg said. "Many robberies and assaults can be attributed both to those committed by crack users under the influence of the drug, and to drug users who commit robberies to finance their addictions."

The preliminary crime report shows robbery up 17 percent.

"Another factor contributing to the crime rate increase relates directly to limited prison capacity," Thornburg said. "With North Carolina's prisons filled to capacity, a criminal

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HALIFAX COURT CELEBRATION—The Housing Authority of the City of Raleigh held its third annual Arbor Day celebration at Halifax Court and among the attendees were councilmembers Mary W. Nease, far left; Ralph

Campbell, Jr., right; and Mayor Avery Upchurch. The celebration was a community success. (Photo by Tally Sabir-Calloway)

## Blacks, Hispanics, Gays Highest Risk Group For AIDS Rise In N.C.

The figures are out on AIDS and according to the Centers for Disease Control in North Carolina, 721 cases have been reported. Though the state ranks 10th in population and 21st in AIDS cases nationwide, the incidence of AIDS in North Carolina continues to increase.

An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 North Carolinians may be infected with the HIV virus that causes AIDS. On both

the national and state levels, minorities appear more likely to be disproportionately represented among those with AIDS, especially African-Americans and Hispanics.

Current U.S. statistics indicate that blacks account for 12 percent of the total population and 26 percent of all AIDS cases. Figures also show that Hispanics account for seven percent of the total population and 15 percent

and American Indians show one percent each diagnosed with AIDS.

In January, 319 African-American, or 45 percent of the 708 adult cases reported with AIDS were black. A profound need has materialized to target education programs to raise the awareness level of everyone of this life-threatening disease.

The data for adult black males with

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of all cases related to AIDS.

Blacks make up approximately 22 percent of the 6.3 million people in North Carolina. Yet, a shocking 45 percent of all North Carolinians with AIDS have been African-Americans. This clearly shows that the black population in North Carolina is being severely affected by AIDS. Hispanics

AIDS indicate that the majority of these men engaged in homosexual practices. Forty-five percent of the African-American men diagnosed with AIDS in North Carolina are reported to be gay or bisexual. Another nine percent are gay or bisexual and report intravenous drug use. (See BLACKS, P. 2)

## FBI Denies Lack Of Involvement In Vicious, Murderous Drug War

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.

NPNA News Editor  
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation William Sessions admitted his organization has no task force working the district's streets, even though this is the nation's capital and the drug-related murder rate is escalating to the point that some prominent citizens are seriously considering requesting that the National

Guard be called in.

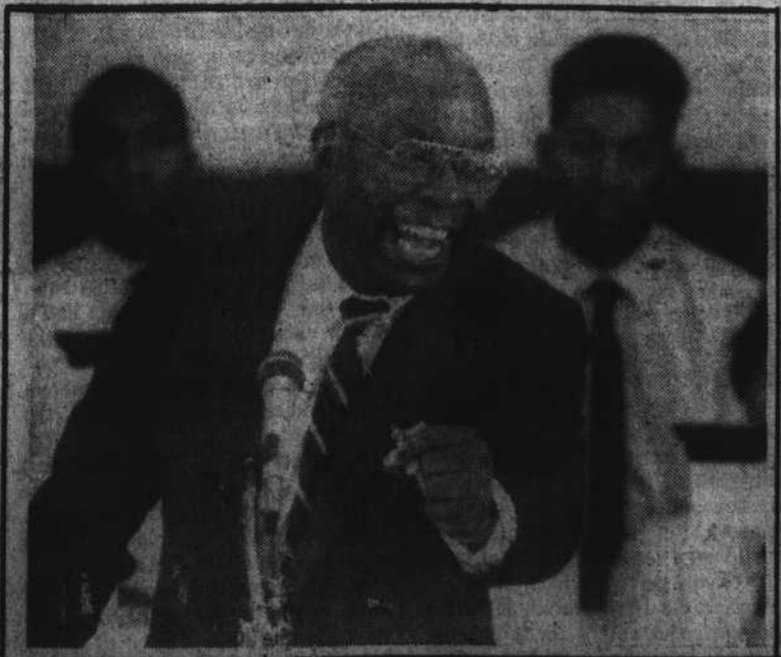
Sessions declared, however, the FBI is in the process of formulating a policy in the District of Columbia that will put this desperately needed task force in the city streets similar to others his organization has operating in six other U.S. cities that are fighting the deeply entrenched drug traffic. These cities are New York, Miami, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and San Diego.

This policy is aimed at "the major drug trafficking organizations" in those cities, he said—the drug traffickers from Mexico, South America, Sicily. The district does not have a major drug organization operating within its confines. He shrugged off references to a "Jamaica Connection." Sessions was responding to an NNPA query at a lengthy news conference at the FBI headquarters on why the FBI seems to have no visible enforcement policy toward the murderous drug wars raging in the nation's capital.

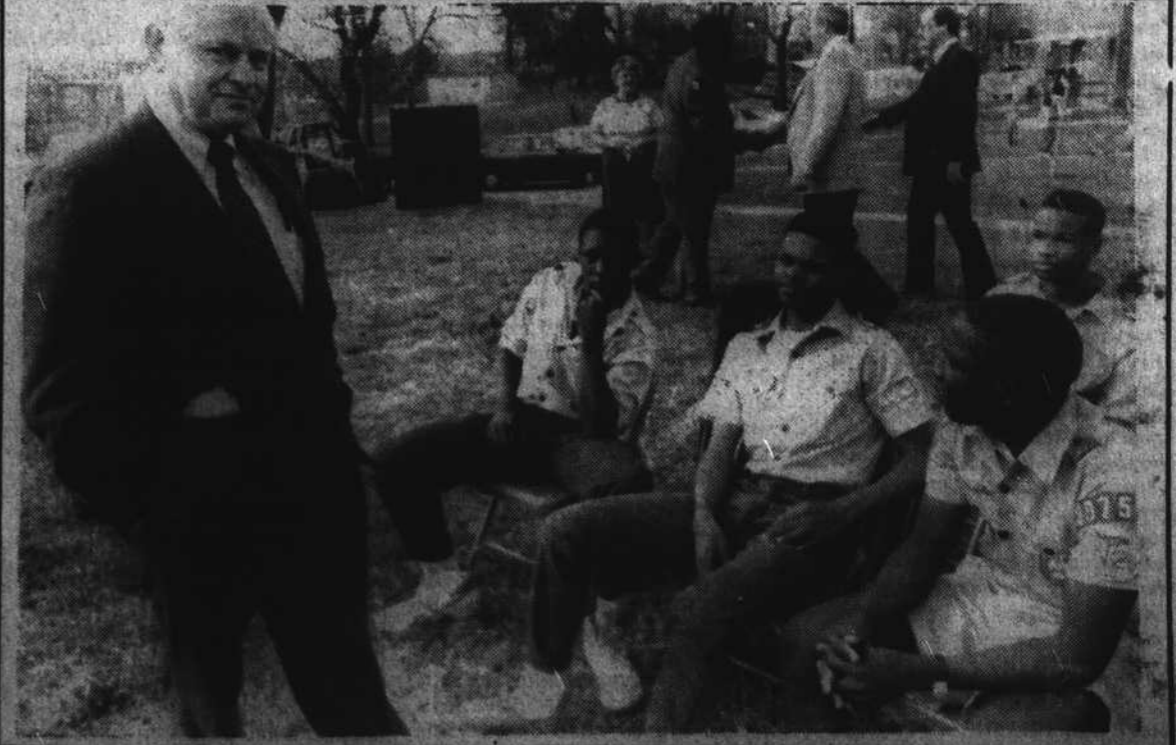
"There is no major drug trafficking organization in the district," he said. "There is a lot of crack" on the streets. But what about the crack deaths that are running so high now that more young people are being killed in D.C. than in Beirut, Lebanon? Don't these spring from drug trafficking? he was asked. "Yes," he acknowledged, "and we are not ignoring this. We are not far away from formulating a plan for the city." He insisted that there is now "a strong climate of cooperation between" the FBI and district police. Some observers believe that if those murdered were white, the FBI would be doing more than making pious pronouncements about "cooperation" with district police.

He denied that FBI suspicions of local police action are keeping the FBI from setting up a drug task force here. Some observers believe the FBI is still concerned about the alleged visit of Mayor Marion Barry to a Ramada Inn during which a drug bust against the man, Charles Lewis, Barry was visiting was mysteriously

(See FBI, P. 2)



ADDRESSING CONFERENCE—Dr. Miles Jones, minister of Providence Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., is on hand to address those gathered at Shaw University's Divinity School for the 19th annual event with the theme, "The Pastor as Educator." Dr. Floyd B. McMillan, attorney and colorist at law from Oxford, was the speaker. (Photo by Tally Sabir-Calloway.)



LET'S TALK—Mayor Avery Upchurch takes time off from his busy schedule to talk with members of Boy Scout Troop No. 575 of Walnut Terrace. The mayor promises

Scouting and educational activities throughout the community and has a solid rapport with area youth. (Photo by Tally Sabir-Calloway.)