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Pine Hill man jailed after threat to Judge

A Pine Hill man was arrested on Tuesday after he apparently threatened the life of a Circuit Judge.

Rockcastle Sheriff's Deputy Joe Rush arrested Frank Bond, 34, of Pine Hill, after he apparently threatened the life of Circuit Judge Debra Lambert.

According to Rush, Bond made his threat after he was in Lambert's court concerning a domestic dispute with his wife, Martha.

Lambert had ordered Bond to undergo counseling, where he apparently made his threat.

Frank Bond was arrested around 5 p.m. in the courthouse parking lot. Rush said that Frank Bond's wife Martha, 20, was arrested earlier in the day on a civil contempt of court charge.

Rush said that Martha Bond was apparently belligerent to Judge Lambert during a domestic hearing in her court.

Martha Bond was also charged with promoting contraband when she was taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

According to court records, Martha Bond had drug paraphernalia in her possession when she was being admitted to the detention center.

Frank Bond's problems started on Monday night when he was shot in the leg with an AKS assault rifle at his residence around 2 a.m.

State police detective Gary Lane said that Bond was grazed in the left leg by a shot fired by Clarence Bradley, 39, of Mt. Vernon.

Lane said that Bond told him that the shooting was accidental and that no charges were filed.

Lane said the investigation into the shooting continues.

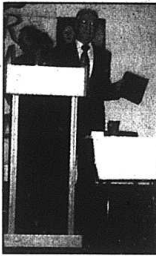
Two plead guilty in federal court

The U.S. Attorney's office in London announced Tuesday that Jason Bullock, 19, of Quail, entered a guilty plea to conspiring to manufacture over 500 grams of methamphetamine and Gary T. Elliott, 34, of Mt. Vernon, entered a guilty plea to attempting to manufacture approximately 188 grams of methamphetamine.

The indictment against Bullock alleged that beginning in January 2000, through April 4, 2001, he conspired with other persons to manufacture over 500 grams of methamphetamine in Rockcastle County. The same indictment charging Elliott alleged that on or about February 12, 2001, he aided and abetted by others, attempted to manufacture approximately 188 grams of methamphetamine.

The pleas were entered before Judge Jennifer S. Coffman in United States District Court in London.

Bullock and Elliott are scheduled to be sentenced on April 12, 2002 in London.



The 42nd annual Rockcastle County Farmers-Businessmen Banquet was held recently at the Rockcastle Middle School. William Jr. and Connie Bullen were presented with the 2001 Master Conservationist Award. At left is Jim Cromer, owner of Mt. Vernon Plumbing and Electric, who was presented with the Businessman of the Year Award by the Mt. Vernon Lion's Club. Shown above is Roy Brown, who was inducted into the Farmers Hall of Fame, along with the late Bob Spence and the late Wayne Stewart.

Farmers-Businessmen Banquet 2001 County dismissed from dog suit

On October 26th, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court was dismissed from an appeal to the Attorney General's Office related to an open records request by the Trivis Foundation and country music star Ricky Skaggs.

Skaggs and the foundation are animal activists that are involved in ongoing litigation with Kentucky counties and county officials regarding the failure to provide dog pounds and dog wardens as required by state statute.

For a second time in three years the fiscal court was dismissed from open records appeals with the Attorney General's office by Skaggs and his foundation. The county was represented by County Attorney Jeff Burdette.

Burdette stated that he was pleased with yet another release from the fiscal court from an appeal to the Attorney General's office. "The credit belongs to the fiscal court

clerk, Mrs. Anna Mullins and Mary Jane French," Burdette said. "They accumulated the documentation which included a grant package and recent approval, they took photographs of the dog pound location and reviewed years of court minutes to comply with this request," he said.

Loretta Lynn to announce inductees in Hall of Fame

An announcement will be made Friday concerning the first twelve members of the Kentucky Country Music Hall of Fame.

That announcement will come at 4:00 p.m. by Country Music Legend Loretta Lynn and Kentucky's First Lady Judi Patton, during a news conference at Renfro Valley.

Lynn and Patton are co-chairs of the Hall of Fame project. Construction is underway on the

multi-million dollar facility at Renfro Valley, which is located on the former (Cont. to A10)

Loretta Lynn in Renfro Valley this weekend

Renfro Valley Entertainment Center will host Loretta Lynn for two performances on Friday and Saturday in the New Barn Theater. Lynn is a living legend in country music and fans have enjoyed seeing her unforgettable performances at Renfro Valley since 1995.

Lynn is a native of Butcher Holler in Johnson County, Kentucky. Lynn entered the country music world in the 1960's and never let her success interfere with her love of pure country music or long-standing rapport with fans.

Lynn has won awards ranging from the Country Music Association's coveted "Entertainer of the Year," "Vocalist of the Year," "Artist of the Year," along with many others. Lynn is one of the most admired women in the world for both professional and personal reasons.

From her first single, "Honky-Tonk Girl," in 1960 to other favorites including "Coal Miner's Daughter," "You Ain't Woman Enough to Take My Man," "Don't Come Home a Drunkin'" and the release in 2000 of the CD "Still Country."

The performances at Renfro Valley will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the New Barn. Tickets are \$30 and \$32 plus (Cont. to A10)

City of Mt. Vernon threatened with legal action by local resident

By: Richard Anderkirk

A local man is threatening legal action against the City of Mt. Vernon after an encounter with Mt. Vernon police last week.

Michael Sheliga of West Main Street, Mt. Vernon, says in a letter to Mt. Vernon Mayor Karen King that he was unnecessarily detained by police in the Fairground Hill area of Mt. Vernon around 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, October 30th.

Apparently a local citizen had called police to complain about Sheliga's presence in the area.

Sheliga wrote in his letter to Mayor King that while carrying an apple and bag of rice he was detained by four Mt. Vernon City Police officers.

Sheliga says he had been to see a sick church friend, went to Save-A-Lot to buy some groceries and about an hour after stopping at his friends house he was stopped and questioned by Mt. Vernon city police.

In Sheliga's letter to the Mayor, he said that during the conversation with the four officers he was repeatedly threatened with arrest and jail for various legal activities including, being in the Fairground Hill section of Mt. Vernon, knocking on any house door and eating unpuffed rice.

Sheliga also alleges that officers searched his grocery bags and pockets and subjected him to a lengthy, wide-ranging interrogation on subjects including his eating habits and neighbor's dog.

Sheliga said that during the interrogation that officers told him that the activities he had been involved in that day were not permitted with the "war going on and not in this climate."

Sheliga also alleges that one officer tried to intimidate him by standing six inches in front of his face and that one officer would not allow him to speak during the interrogation.

In his letter to Mayor King, Sheliga requested what he calls a constructive solution to the officer's actions.

Police include: Assistant Chief of Police Eddie Delaney receives a written reprimand to be placed in his permanent employment file for detaining Sheliga without good cause, his threats of arrest/jail for legal activities, and as the officer in charge of the scene, not limiting the actions of officer Doan.

Officer Brian Doan receives a written reprimand to be placed in his permanent employment file for his purposeful efforts of intimidation.

The City of Mt. Vernon, on behalf of its police department issues a written apology to Sheliga for its

actions on October 30th.

Officers Barry Adams, Doan and Delaney receive additional training, through a professional training organization, on how to appropriately interact with citizens.

Officer Adams receive a written reprimand to be placed in his permanent employment file for detaining Sheliga without good cause and his threats of arrest/jail for legal activities.

Sheliga receive full compensation for all legal and clerical fees incurred.

A minimal (\$50) settlement is paid by the City. The city will donate this money to Sheliga's House in Sheliga's name.

Sheliga receive a written acknowledgment for his right to walk to Fairground Hill and elsewhere in public areas of Mt. Vernon.

Sheliga receive a written acknowledgment of his right to knock on people's doors, under normal circumstances, for purposes including but not limited to asking directions, saying hello to church friends, proselytizing, campaigning and informing citizens about the actions of their police department.

Sheliga receive a written acknowledgment of his right to possess and consume unpuffed rice.

The City of Mt. Vernon send a courtesy letter to the original complainant in this matter asking her or him to take sensible steps to reasonably determine the facts of the situation before making excessive, inaccurate claims to the police department.

Asst. Chief Delaney said Tuesday that he had seen the complaint and that he could not comment, except to say that Sheliga had not been charged with any crime.

Several attempts to reach Mayor King for comment were unsuccessful.

Carloftis to appear on KET

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis will appear on a live-broadcast on Kentucky Education Television on Monday night.

The Judge will take part in a live debate concerning Kentucky Governor Paul Patton's Smart Growth Kentucky Task Force.

Carloftis will debate with Crit Lualien, the Secretary of the Governor's Cabinet and Serena Williams, a law professor from the University of Louisville.

Louisville attorney Glenn Price will also participate in the debate. The live broadcast will be shown at 8 p.m.



The Rockcastle Rockets are 11-0 and will play in the second round of the playoffs on Friday night. The Rockets held Greenup County to just eight yards of total offense on Friday night. Above, P. J. Rowe, James Michael Bussell, Stephen Boring, William Blair and Jason Leger stop a Greenup Country back. The Rockets host Ashland Paul Blazer on Friday night.



Loretta Lynn will perform in Renfro Valley on Friday and Saturday. She will help announce the first 12 inductees into the Kentucky Country Music Hall of Fame on Friday.