

“Murder”

(Cont. from front)

rolled approximately 300 yards down a hill off Lone Oak Road and smashed through a fence. However, Bryant said it turned into a murder investigation after discovering a gunshot wound in Bullock's side.

Bryant said he originally arrested and charged Mt. Vernon residents Gary Lee Kirby, 19, Joshua Duane Cameron, 25 and Bobby Peters, 36 with Bullock's murder. Upon further investigation, Bryant said he also arrested Mary Hannah Hunsucker, of Mt. Vernon and charged her with murder. He said Robinson was later arrested on an arrest warrant after she had been indicted by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

Bryant told the jury that Kirby, Cameron, Peters and Hunsucker all pled guilty to murdering Bullock during their respective court dates in 2012. Hunsucker was sentenced to 20 years in prison while Kirby, Cameron and Peters were all sentenced to 25 years in prison, due to their separate charges for manufacturing methamphetamine.

During the investigation, Bryant said he received a call on December 2nd from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department saying that Robinson and her stepmother had come to their office to report a murder.

In a tape recording of the interview with Bryant at the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, Robinson told him that she was at her boyfriend's house at the intersection of Hwy 39 and Hwy 70 in Willaila on Wednesday, November 30, 2011. Robinson said her boyfriend was at work and that she had forgotten her hair straightener at Peters' and Hunsucker's house on Lone Oak Drive. Robinson said Peters and Hunsucker were in a relationship.

Robinson said Bullock came to her boyfriend's

house to pick her up around 10 or 11 p.m. on the night of November 30th. She said her boyfriend didn't mind Bullock picking her up because he was a family friend whom her boyfriend trusted.

On the way to the house on Lone Oak Drive, Robinson called Hunsucker to let her know they were coming to get the hair straightener. However Robinson said Hunsucker kept asking her if Bullock had any "pills" to which she replied "I don't know." She admitted that Hunsucker and Peters knew that Bullock had just returned from a pain clinic in Georgia with his prescription pain pills.

When they arrived, Bullock and Robinson met Hunsucker and Peters inside the house. During this time, Hunsucker reportedly told Robinson that Kirby was inside the upstairs bathroom and that he was sick.

Robinson said that she got her hair straightener out of the downstairs bathroom and walked upstairs to say goodbye to Kirby. However, she said Kirby was nowhere to be found.

While she was upstairs, Robinson said she heard a commotion coming from outside in the driveway. When she walked toward the open window in the upstairs bedroom, toward the front of the house, Robinson said she could see the silhouettes of two masked men standing on each side of Bullock's car while he was in the car trying to leave.

Robinson said that's when the man on the driver's side shot Bullock and she could instantly tell that he appeared dead as he was slumped over the steering wheel while his car continued rolling down the steep driveway and down the embankment off Lone Oak Drive.

Robinson said she panicked and asked Hunsucker and Peters what had happened and they told her to calm down and be quiet.

After the murder, Robinson said the two unknown men came inside the

back door of the residence and she identified them as Cameron and Kirby after they removed their masks. She said they both appeared extremely "high" and disoriented.

Robinson claimed that all four people told her to get inside the Peters' vehicle with them. She said they dropped Cameron off on an unknown country road and that Peters and Hunsucker dropped her and Kirby off at her boyfriend's residence. However, Robinson later said that her boyfriend "ran Kirby off" from his residence and that he left walking on foot.

Robinson admitted that she followed their commands because she was afraid they would kill her. She added that Cameron told her that if she said anything about the murder "he would blow her head off."

After Robinson's first interview, Bryant told the jury that Kirby didn't provide any statements about the incident but that Cameron, Hunsucker and Peters did provide statements. In their interviews, Bryant said that there was several inconsistencies between their testimonies and Robinson's testimony.

Bryant said that the view from the upstairs window of Peters' house, where Robinson claimed she witnessed the murder, the view was obstructed by a large flower pot outside. He said that he had to press his head up against the window to look outside when he was trying to reconstruct the incident.

In the second tape recording with Robinson, Bryant confronted her with the conflicting information she had given him previously.

Robinson told Bryant that she still witnessed the murder from the upstairs window and that she was about a foot away from the window, which Bryant didn't find feasible.

Bryant then told Robinson that he believed she was withholding information and that her story of the murder didn't match up with Cameron's, Hunsucker's and Peters' stories.

Robinson then said they were all five at Peters' house when Bullock came to pick up Robinson to run errands. Before Bullock came, she said that the other four at the house asked her if she would rob Bullock of his pills but, after some discussion, she said she later told them the robbery was a "no-go."

Robinson said she and Bullock left to run some errands in Mt. Vernon and that they also went to a cemetery to "do some pills." She said that "he did two and I did two." When asked what the pills were, she said Percocets, which were the same pills Bullock was pre-

scribed by the pain clinic in Georgia.

Robinson said that she told Peters and Hunsucker numerous times not to rob Bullock and she also said she was afraid to tell Bullock because she thought "he would go off on her." She said Peters and Hunsucker wanted to rob Bullock of his pills because they owed Bullock money from pills he had sold them previously and that they wanted pills but didn't have the money to pay for them.

Robinson said that when they returned she stayed on the porch with Bullock for a few minutes to make sure "nothing happened." Then she said she went inside and went upstairs. Moments later, she said she witnessed the murder from the upstairs window. She also said Kirby told her he shot Bullock when he came back inside.

Robinson went on to say that she left information out in the previous interview because she was scared. She also said that she never thought Bullock would be murdered and that she had no intention of murdering anyone.

After the second interview, Bryant told the jury that he didn't arrest Robinson at the time because she was still providing them with information and taking them to other scenes where the murder weapon was used for target practice.

Officials anticipate that Robinson's trial will last till the end of this week or beginning of next week since the prosecution still has more evidence to present and the defense will then present their evidence.

Jackson Energy petitions to raise customer's charge on their bills

By: Doug Ponder

An electric company, servicing parts of Rockcastle County, has recently asked the Kentucky Public Service Commission to raise the rate charged for their service.

Jackson Energy is seeking approval to increase the average monthly bill by 1.5% each year in 2014, 2015 and 2016. The cooperative asked for permission to raise the monthly customer charge to cover the costs of their rising operating expenses.

Jackson Energy President and CEO Carol Wright said the company's last rate increase was in 2008. But since the last increase, Wright claims, their operating expenses have increased dramatically.

"Our employees and managers have worked to trim our operating budget," Wright said. "But our reductions haven't been enough to keep up with the five year inflation rate of 8.5%."

Wright said the company has reduced the number of vehicles in their fleet, trimmed operating expenses and used modern technology to streamline day-to-day operations. But even with these efforts, Carol said the company's expenses exceed their revenue.

The proposal for a rate increase asks for a 4.5% increase to be phased in over a three year period.

"By requesting the adjustment to the customer charge over three years, rather than all at one time, our co-op members can better plan for the increase," Wright said. "The change will be a flat \$2 per month for residential customers and will not affect their per kilowatt hour charge which is based on how much electricity they use each month."

Wright went on to say that they also want to help customers lower their bills by reducing the amount of electricity they use each month.

"Jackson Energy offers several rebate programs that can help pay for adding extra insulation and other improvements that will help our members use less electricity," Wright said.

Jackson Energy currently serves over 51,000 customers in seven counties which include Clay, Estill, Jackson, Laurel, Lee, Owsley and Rockcastle. Wright said their territory is largely a rural area which means they have fewer customers per mile of electric line than electric companies that serve larger towns and cities, meaning that they also have higher maintenance expenses.

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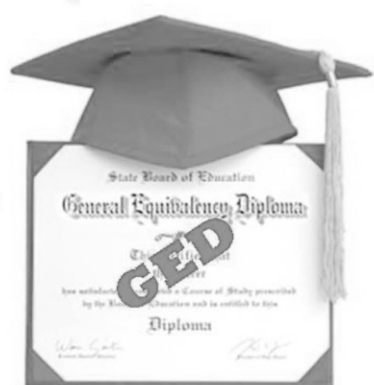
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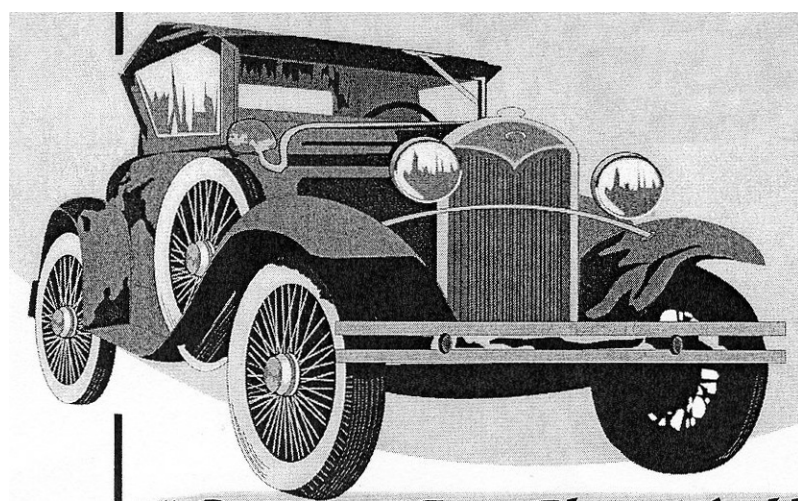
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