—Del. Brailey attacked

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Del. Brailey and Mrs. Brailey were forced to miss part of the funeral while they went to Western District police station. Del. Brailey was unable to attend the burial services which followed Thursday morning.

Mrs. Brailey revealed she suffered extreme fear as she saw a man resembling the assailant follow them into the church. She said he came in and then turned around and went out.

The Brailey's son Norman spent the entire night of the incident running down clues to the suspect and already suffering grief over his aunt's death and the painful condition of his father, he said he was near exhaustion himself.

A woman passenger in the back seat of the Brailey funeral car suffered shock and is now confined to bed. She asked that her name be withheld since what she saw convinced her that there may be further danger to come. She said she fell to the floor of the car and begged, "Don't shoot, Don't shot" before she collapsed.

AFRO presstime no date has been set for a bail hearing for the suspect who was lodged at Western District lockup Thursday.

The AFRO talked with Del. Brailey as he lay in bed at his home Thursday morning.

Here is his description of "the most horrible experience I have ever had":

"It was after dark and we were in line on the way to the church. My aunt Mrs. Fannie Sue Bradley, died Jan. 21. She was 80. The funeral was Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. James United Methodist Church, Lexington and Monroe, not far away from what happened to me.

"We were in the 1000 block Monroe. We had just left the North Fulton Avenue home of a niece where the family was in mourning. The pastor, Rev. George A. Stansbury, pulled his car out first. I was driving next. My wife and another lady were in my car. It was pouring rain and quite dark.

"We went out Winchester to Monroe and since we had no police escort, we had to wait for traffic to clear. The pastor went on. I waited for traffic and then pulled into Monroe. The car with more of the family and the March Funeral Home mortician was behind me waiting for traffic to clear.

"I pulled over to the curb in the 1000 block Monroe to wait for the rest of the procession. As I pulled over, this man came up in a dark colored van. He was behind me. I looked around and suddenly a man snatched the car door in my side open. He said, 'Is anything wrong? Is anything wrong?'

"He pulled open the door and started hitting me in the head and neck and shoulders and I threw up my left arm to protect myself, he rammed me in my left ribs. I lost balance. My hat fell in Cheesie's lap. I fell over. He kept on hitting me in my side and back and neck.

"My wife and the woman kept screaming and screaming for him to stop. The woman in the back yelled, 'He's got a gun. Don't shoot, Don't shoot.'

"I got myself together, I don't know how. I caught hold of the door. He had hold of the outside handle. I managed to pull the car away as my wife was crying, 'Drive on. Drive on.'

"We drove wildly about a block or so and turned off into a small street to hide. My wife cried, "Please don't go back on Monroe Street." We sat there quietly in the dark. I awful pain.

"My wife said she thought she saw the van across the street and streak up Monroe.

"Later we drove on side streets to the church. The wake was over. We went to the police station because we felt there might be more danger. I gave the report and described the man. I was really in pain then.

"We left there and went back to the church and the funeral had started. Bob English who was driving the limousine behind us for the March Funeral Home said he saw what happened.

"He told us that just as I managed to pull away, he noticed the van. He saw me trying to get away from the man. He said he saw the man sort of fall and then get into the van.

"He said he took off at high speed and so he English; took off behind him. He said he followed him and got his tag number but when he returned to Monroe Street he saw the van again, going up and down looking into side streets.

"After English gave me the tag number, I called the police station and gave it to them. I stayed at the rest of the funeral but I was so pained I could not be a pallbearer.

"My wife said she would have to take me to the hospital. But, I wanted to get to the police station again first. The desk sergeant could not find the report! I gave it first. I made another report.

"They called the Motor Vehicles after they got the tag number. They said the man fit the description.

"Then when they said the Commissioner would not be in until after midnight, I went to the hospital.

"My wife was with me all the time. They took X-rays and found I had fractured ribs on my left side. I was very sore. I was there a long time. My head still aches. They said my blood pressure was way up.

"I wanted to go back to the Commissioner to get a warrant. At Western District Commissioner Michael Thomas Jr. said he's trying to call the man at home to see if he was doing anything mad he'd have to come in main time to get his story together. He refused me a warrant and said he would issue a summons. He set the hearing for the middle of February. We were there until after 3 a.m.

The AFRO called District Court Administrative Judge Edward Borchering Thursday to inquire why a warrant was not issued. He said he would investigate the 24-year old commissioner's actions.

He said Commissioner Thomas has performed his duties well since he was a summer 1978 part-time employee and there had been no complaint.

A last year student at Morgan State University the now full-time commissioner on the midnight to 8 a.m. shift is a resident of Baltimore, lives on Annellen Road, and has been doing "exceptionally well" as far as he knew. He said Thomas is a Mount St. Joseph High School graduate.

The Brailey's dead aunt Mrs. Bradley is buried in Arbutus Memorial Cemetery. The March Funeral Home presided.

—Musician

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"We grappled for a bit, and I got one punch in, but then, he either hit me with something, or his elbow hit me in the right eye, causing a bad hemmorhage.

"He was evidently looking around trying to break into cars, or nearby houses when he spotted me. He was wearing a kind of knit cap, and wore a pea jacket."

Sterling was treated at a hospital and since then has been given a course of treatments including ultra sound. The sight in his right eye was gone and he was unable to work for the past two weeks.

Gradually, the blood clots are being reduced, and he says he will make an attempt to carry out his musical assignments this week. Although he can only see blurred images with his right eye he doesn't feel his sax playing has been affected.

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—Kamka draws fire

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"I claim no expertise in prison administration, and I do not deprecate the sincerity of those who espouse this newly emerging philosophy," he said. "But simple mathematics, past experience, reason and logic tell me that what is being proposed may be a 'pie in the sky,' 'Alice in Wonderland' solution."

The criticism of Kamka was answered minutes after Murphy's address with a loud speech on the senate floor by Sen. Robert L. Douglass, 45th, head of the legislative Black Caucus, who said he was "highly upset."

"I do believe we need some sensitivity for these prisoners," he said. "I applaud Gordon Kamka for speaking out the way he has done. We do need a different approach in this state."

Sen. Verda Welcome, executive nominations committee's vice chairman, was also upset and expressed concern about the opinions of her fellow committee members.

"They're wrong," she said. "He (Kamka) isn't just concerned with the prisoners, he's concerned with law abiding citizens, too."

She also praised Kamka when he told the committee that joblessness is the major cause of crime in the United States.

"Unemployment is probably the most important thing that relates to criminality in our country," he said.

To that Sen. Welcome said that though "people should pay for what they do" she thanked God for Kamka's "small voice crying in the wilderness" in expressing a very serious concern.

The committee is expected to rule on five other Hughes appointments on Monday, Jan. 29.

They include: Dr. Charles R. Buck, health and mental hygiene; Constance Lieder, planning; James J. O'Donnell, transportation and Wayne Cawley, agriculture.

—Watkins decision

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He told the jury that he saw a photo in the album which allegedly depicted Watkins and Burman shaking hands at an affair held at the 30 Flat Social Club.

Watkins, one of the highest ranking city policemen, was convicted Nov. 21 of malfeasance in office by failing to arrest Burman.

He was also found guilty of malfeasance by filing a corrupt report with superiors.

Watkins testified that the picture was never taken and he was attending a public affair as part of his police duties.

Burman, 45, was the star witness for the state in Watkins trial. He is now confined to City Jail.

Defense attorneys told the court that several police witnesses advised Mr. Denholm of the nonexistence of the phantom picture prior to the trial of this case."

Despite the information Denholm had prior to the trial, Russell states in the motion the state "chose to put on testimony which, at the very best was certainly subject to a great deal of doubt."

Russell claims that the picture which the state misrepresented to the court and jury as being lost, was clearly designed to provide this necessary independent evidence regarding a close relationship between Watkins and Burman.

Watkins attorneys say he was prejudiced by this suppression on the part of the prosecutors to the extent that his due process rights were violated.

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Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment Less Depreciation	2,636.13
Capital Deposit M.S.S.I.C.	48,300.00
Capital Reserve Fund	13,300.00
Other Assets	2,479.93
TOTAL ASSETS	$2,922,364.27

LIABILITIES

Savings Accounts	$2,455,395.53
Notes Payable	200,000.00
Accounts Payable	514.36
Accrued & Withheld Pay Roll Taxes	1,088.39
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Women want sanitary napkin tax exemption

Senate discusses alcohol levels, home mortgages, PTA sales tax

Sen. J. Joseph Curran Jr., D - Baltimore, says Maryland's law specifying the amount of alcohol that must be in a person's blood before he is legally considered intoxicated should be stiffened to correspond with similar laws in other states.

The measure Curran backed received preliminary approval in the Senate Wednesday.

Legislation that would lift the interest ceiling on home mortgage loans will be considered for the first time in a House committee.

Curran said the alcohol bill would bring the Maryland law in line with similar but stiffer laws in 46 other states. The same measure has been passed in the Senate at least eight other times, but repeatedly killed in the House.

The Senate also gave preliminary approval to a bill that would prohibit companies from firing employees who leave their job to volunteer help with disasters, emergencies or civil defense efforts.

Sen. Harry J. McGuirk, D - Baltimore, said the bill was prompted by a recent flood in Frederick during which some volunteers were threatened with the loss of their jobs if they failed to report to work.

In committee hearings, Wednesday, supporters of a bill to grant women a sales tax exemption on the purchase of sanitary napkins and tampons strived for their fourth consecutive year to convince house legislators to approve the measure.

Del. Kay Bienen, D - Prince George's, sponsor of the bill, told the Ways and Means Committee that it was time to stop requiring women to pay a sales tax on an item they cannot do without.

"Here we go again," she said. "It's time to pass this legislation. It's a discriminatory tax. Women need to buy these products. We really don't have any choice in the matter."

At the end of the discussion, Del. Lorraine Sheehan, D - Prince George's, asked a state comptroller's office employee who opposed the measure, "How come a condom isn't taxed?"

Henry Heimmuller, retail sales tax director, meekly said, "I don't know."

The House committee also heard testimony on a bill that would grant parent teachers association a sales tax exemption on goods bought or sold for use in carrying out their work.

Marge Capecci, president of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers Inc., said the hassles of computing a sales tax during fund - raising events discourages people from volunteering.

"With so many inexperienced people working various fund raisings, there is no way these people can be trained to collect sales tax," she said. "The small amounts of revenue received by the state from these units would be so insignificant as compared with the benefits gained by the work they do for all students throughout our state."

News out of Detroit that some 1980 automobile models will eliminate spare tires is certain to spark legislation requiring them. The word is that the new cars will feature low - pressure warning devices to let drivers know when a radial tire is going bad.

Hearings begin to return $6 million to Baltimore

Public hearings got underway in Annapolis Thursday on a bill that would net Baltimore an estimated $6 million in additional revenue.

The House Ways and Means committee heard testimony on HB 72, sponsored by Del. John Douglass, of Baltimore, which would return an estimated $34 million in tax revenues collected by the state to Baltimore city and the 23 counties.

Although details of the testimony were unavailable at presstime, the Maryland Association of Counties and a representative of Donald P. Hutchinson, Baltimore County executive, were expected to testify in favor of the measure.

According to Del. Douglass, the state has collected approximately $120 million in income tax revenue which it has not distributed to the Maryland subdivisions.

Under this measure, the state would distribute $40 million which is owed to the counties.

This is based on a 10-year average distribution of local income tax revenues.

"Under this system Baltimore would be eligible for approximately $6 million," Douglass said.

Gov. Hughes has proposed a similar plan, one that is to be included in his tax package, which is expected to be submitted to the legislature in supplemental budget proposal toward the end of the month.

Under the Hughes plan, the state would return to the subdivisions about $33 million in tax revenues.

This is money that the state has been unable to return as individual refunds, because some taxpayers have never filed tax returns.

As a backstop to this Hughes has proposed increasing local assistance grants by $17 million to make up for the loss of the income tax revenues.

Douglass said he expects no problems in pushing the legislation, because it is generally accepted among his associates.

"Everybody is interested in getting back money," he said. "My bill is widely supported, so I expect no problems."

Douglass added he does not know how Mayor William Donald Schaefer likes the bill.

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