Wife, children killed

Ellis faces murder charges in D.C.

By Robert Lipscomb

A 35-year-old full time printer and part-time mechanic has been returned to Maryland to face murder charges in the shooting deaths of his estranged wife, two children and three family friends.

Ronald Ellis agreed Monday to waive extradition proceedings and was turned over to sheriffs deputies from suburban Prince Georges County, Md. He surrendered earlier to the FBI.

At a morning hearing before a federal magistrate, prosecutors dropped fugitive charges against Ellis to hasten the extradition process.

On May 2 a real estate agent seeking to sell Ellis $100,000 split level home in suburban Clinton, Md., unlocked the front door and found Ellis' wife Ingrid, 33, lying at the foot of the stairs. She had been shot five times with a handgun.

Police later found the bodies of daughters Tammy, 12, and Monica, 4, and family friends Sherry Robinson, 32, Janet Jackson, 31, and Tyrone Jackson, 12, upstairs, the victims of shotgun wounds. A third daughter, Tracey, 15, was not home at the time of the slayings.

Police said Ellis then abducted a woman friend and her 5-year-old son from their home in Fairfax County, Va., and drove to the Midwest. Police said the two escaped at a rest stop near Chicago.

It was reported last week that Ellis had called his father and told him he was ready to surrender to authorities and that the elder Ellis, of Shelby, N. C., told his son: "Get in touch with the FBI. Period. Not those local yokels."

The telephone call came while the father was being interviewed by reporters as the family was preparing for the funerals.

Authorities did not speculate on a motive, but published reports Sunday said the Ellises 16-year marriage was dissolving, that Mrs. Ellis was becoming more interested in her career as a District of Columbia police sergeant and enjoyed being independent for the first time since she married her childhood sweetheart at the age of 17.

Her husband was portrayed as becoming more of a homebody who liked to do things for his children and to work around the orange brick home with the outside volleyball court.

Both were said to be bothered with money pressures caused by a $765 monthly mortgage, private schools and ballet lessons for the children and other pressures of suburban living on a combined income of about $50,000 yearly.

The Post said Ingrid and the children had already moved out and that they and the friends dropped into the home May 2 to visit Ellis, who had earlier shown the home to a real estate agent and his clients.

—Black police chief!

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"If Battaglia were Robinson and Robinson, Battaglia," said the Senator, "I doubt seriously if Robinson would have been recommended for the job."

Welcome said she received a threatening phone call the day following a "news story in a local daily in which she called for a black commissioner."

Dr. Emmett Burns, regional director of the NAACP, agreed with Sen. Welcome. "The longer we wait before we get a black police chief, or even a black mayor, the longer we're going to have to wait before any sustantive changes are made. Therefore, we need a black commissioner now."

Burns said, "First, Bishop Robinson is eminently qualified to be police commissioner and he is perhaps the most knowledgeable person, black or white, in police work today.

"Second, Baltimore city is overwhelmingly black and it is time for blacks to assume control in areas of high responsibility and visibility."

Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president of the NAACP, told the AFRO, "We feel that it would be to the advantage of all concerned to have a qualified black to fill the commissioner's role.

"We further feel that Bishop Robinson is qualified. He has had considerable managerial experience and he has had any number of contacts with the community and one of the main ingredients he would bring to the department is confidence on part of the citizens in a change of attitudes.

"A large number of citizens in this city (over half) are black and a large number have an attitude that is unhealthy towards the police department. There is a lack of confidence and one of resentment. I think a black commissioner would change the attitudes and his handling of the department will make additional changes."

Schaefer said he plans to select a permanent chief from within the department before Pomerleau's term runs out in 1984.

Pomerleau, 66, has been police commissioner since 1966, when Governor Millard Tawes named him to head the city police department.

In the riots of the late sixties, Pomerleau took full charge of the department and said afterward that "I am unaware of any glaring mistakes made by the department during the riots."

And in 1974 the former marine organized a campaign where police paid a $50 bounty to any person who turned in a handgun and $100 to anyone who helped police seize an illegal weapon. The city had paid $750,000 for about 17,000 firearms, at the program's completion.

When Schaefer names a replacement for Pomerleau, it will be the first time in 121 years that a Baltimore mayor has nominated a new police chief. Because of corruption, the governor of Maryland began making the appointment in 1860, a practice that was returned to the mayor in 1976.

The City Council must approve Schaefer's choice. Police spokesman Dennis Hill said Pomerleau will remain in charge until several ongoing investigations are completed. Hill said Pomerleau told him to announce "He will be gone by the time the Orioles play in the World Series."

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—Social Security

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Larry Massanari, director of the Office of Human Resources for SSA, said the 1,000 will be divided between the Office of Disability Operations and the Office of Systems.

"These are high skilled positions that require substantial training and college degrees," said Massanari.

Last fall, 26,000 people lined at SSA offices for a chance to apply for 75 vacant positions. Only 20 of those applicants were actually hired.

Massanari said he was not certain that the latest hiring call would generate as many job seekers, but he said he did expect a large number of applicants from other federal agencies and the private sector to apply.

"These are good, challenging and interesting jobs," said Massanari, "and I expect a lot of people to apply."

He added that the selection process should begin in the next week and could take several months. He said that several hundred positions should be filled by the fall.

Many of the people to be hired are already on the SSA Office of Personnel Management registrar lists and have already taken the necessary tests.

Positions to be filled in the Office of Systems will require individuals with training in the computer sciences and start at the GS-7 level which has a starting salary of $15,300.

—Pope John Paul

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Archbishop William D. Borders said "Since the holy father has accepted the responsibility of the leader of the world's Catholics and all who are deeply concerned for religious values, without hesitation moves from continent to continent reaching out to people of every class and nation with a message of life and hope.

"In this context, it is hard to understand how an act of violence can be committed against such a person. I am sure that with his concern for the welfare of all people, he is even now praying for those who are involved in the attempted assassination."

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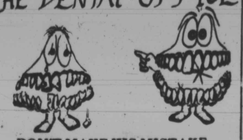

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Diabetic summer camp planned

by Deborah Feaster
Afro Student Intern

A unique learning experience for youngsters afflicted with diabetes will resume for the 26th season in June.

Camp Glydon, 44 acres located off of Central Ave. in Glydon will be the site of a unique recreational and educational experience for diabetic campers between the ages of five and 15. The camp is operated by the American Diabetes Association, Maryland Affiliate.

At the camp, the young people take part in all types of outdoor and indoor activities, while learning about diabetes and how to cope with it.

Louis J. Bandell, executive director of the Maryland Affiliate says efforts are made to make the campers self-reliant. "They learn how to control the disease, eat relative to activity, test their own urine and take their own insulin," he said. The recreational and educational guidance is provided by a camp staff of 40.

Dan Markowitz, camp director for 15 years, believes the combination of medical and recreational guidance is important to learning. "It's just like sending children to school," he said. "If you can make them have fun, they'll learn more about it."

The camping session is divided into four two week sessions, according to the campers' ages. The first session is attended by 13 to 15 year olds; the second, 10 to 12 year olds; the third, seven to nine year olds; and the fourth, five to six year olds.

In the last two week session, a program has been developed for the families of diabetic youngsters. This program helps the children's families to better understand the problems of diabetics.

The cost of the sessions begins June 28 and the last ends August 22.

The cost of a two week session is $360, but Bandell said no child will be denied a chance to attend the camp due to inability to pay the fee. The American Diabetes Association, Maryland Affiliate makes available full and partial camperships for families in need of assistance.

Applications are available by contacting the American Diabetes Association, Maryland Affiliate, 3701 Old Court Rd., Baltimore, Md., 21208

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On Saturday, May 16, 1981, the Talent Search Program at Coppin State College will hold its First Annual Career Day.

Entitled "Projecting the Career Outlook for the Mid - 80s," the program will focus on some of the career areas which will continue to give promise of career opportunities in the next four or five years.

In order to accomodate participants and simultaneously provide a meaningful experience, there will be two sessions of the same program. (Morning: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Afternoon: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) The program will be held in the Grace Hill Jacobs Building.

The areas to be highlighted are: International Affairs, Occupational Safety and Health, Communications, Energy and Conservation, Health, Data Processing and Entrepreneurship and Management.

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