Latest Atlanta suspect New warden released after 12 hours

By Mark Mayfield A black man known as a media groupie who liked to hang out with reporters and photographers was questioned nearly 12 hours before being released early Thursday

investigating the slayings of 28

young blacks.

Wayne Williams, 22, told reporters he "got the opinion they were trying to pin all the murders on someone as soon as possible" in the 22-month case of Atlanta's morning by FBI agents and police missing and slain children. Williams said he was taken into

custody at his home Wednesday afternoon and an FBI agent told him; "I'm not going to say to you that you are under arrest or not. You are not going anywhere until you tell us what we are looking

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Dean abandoned allies

By James M. Abraham AFRO Staff Writer

There's a distant rumbling in the streets, the rumbling of a veritable herd of chest-thumpers and political stumpers.

In the 41st district, Del. Walter Dean faces the most serious threat of his political career. Dels. Wendell Phillips, and Margaret Murphy, along with state Senator Clarence Blount, have plans to freeze Dean out of their unified campaign, and instead run with Nathaniel Oakes, an MCEA of-

41st District delegate faces election alone

ficial. This scenario could be all the more chillling when one contemplates the fact that Dean barely beat Oakes by eight votes during the last state campaign.

Dean, a progressive legislator who successfully introduced a bill during the last session of the General Assembly to increase unemloyment benefit payments, apparently suffers from an image problem.

Most politicos agree that nobody knows what he does, nobody knows his record. Unless he can get his program across to his constitutents, he may find himself with time on his hands come the 1983 session.

In the 38th district, Del. Frank Conaway, D-38, and company, including Del. Isaiah "Ike" Dixon, are attempting to retire Del. Lena K. Lee who, despite her age, still retains an incisive

legislative mind. At the most recent black caucus fundraiser. Lee was presented a plaque for her services in the General Assembly. That plaque looked suspiciously like one of those gold watches presented to retiring employees! But Lee has plans to run again, and will face new-comer Rodney Orange, who served as master of ceremonies at Conaway's recent fundraiser.

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AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

County beyond the Northwest city line. James E. Hall, a Lemmel Junior High School music teacher, was found dead in the closet of his second floor apartment on June 1.

Howard Lyles takes over at House of Corrections

By Pam Widgeon AFRO Staff Writer

DEATH STALKS corridors of ritzy Balmoral

apartment house at Liberty Road and Saint Lukes

Lane. This is a photo of Balmoral apartments in

the affluent Liberty Road section of Baltimore

The Maryland House of Corrections, known as "the Cut" has a new warden. He is Howard N. Lyles, 46, who will replace Paul J. Day is who is now head of the prison's pre-release system.

Lyles, who was one of the first black correctional officers to work in the Maryland Correctional system in 1958 came up through the ranks.

He was the first black officer to be promoted in the Maryland Division of Correction as a sergeant and the first black lieutenant and captain.

Speaking of his new position, Lyles says, "I feel the position is a

challenge to me since I have been away from the institution for six

Before being promoted, Lyles was the assistant corrections commissioner for operations for six years.

"I now have an on-site responsibility that will be challenge to me and am responsible for two institutions with approximately 2,174 inmates, he

According to Lyles, there are 1,438 inmates at the Maryland House of Correction and by late summer, the new medium security prison in Jessup will house 736 inmates.

Ed Davis, head of Local 1678

American Federation of State. County and Municipal Employees, represents correctional officers and has said he questions Lyles qualifications to be the

Lyles, however, told the AFRO, he is confident that he has the experience and feels he was most qualified for the job. "If programs are planned with appropriate screening, inmates can benefit from them. Some inmates have had the apprenticeship program and have completed training and are how working in the community after being released."

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Cleric sues PHCC over election

By James M. Abraham Three weeks after elections were held for board positions at the Park Heights Community

Local rights groups protest Argentinian 'tall ship's' arrival

> By Portia E. Badham AFRO Staff Writer

A coalition of community groups, headed by a Northwest Baltimore House of Delegates member plans to protest the arrival of the Argentine tall ship, Libertad.

The ship, scheduled to arrive at the Inner Harbor on Saturday, June 6 will dock in the city for a week before continuing its goodwill tour. Delegate David Shapiro, D-42nd, is strongly opposed to the arrival of the Libertad and expressed his concerns in a letter to the mayor.

The delegate asked the mayor to cancel the invitation to the ship based on what he calls "Argentina's poor human rights policies." Shapiro has called for a boycott of visitors at the ship during its stay.

He hopes the demonstration will also demonstrate the group's opposition to Secretary of Defense Alexander Haig's efforts to remove the arms embargo placed on Argentina by President Carter in 1978.

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Corporation, an unsuccessful candidate for president has filed a motion in Superior Court.

In the suit filed on June 3, the Rev. Elijah McDaniel, who lost by a wide margin to Ms. Rosetta Jolley in the May 21 election, called for an ex-parte injunction which would require the election to be held again on the grounds that several officers elected did not meet candidate requirements.

The suit alleges that Ricky Diggs, David Branch and Marsha Curry did not meet the residency requirements or attend enough meetings to qualify for the election.

three were elected treasurer. secretary and corresponding secretary of the corporation respectively. "They're not going to win that case," declared Ron Dashiells, attorney for the corporation. He said that the complaint concerning candidate eligibility was invalid because "(that question), was solved by the corporation two weeks before the election.

Dashiells was referring to a meeting held by the PHCC before the elections, attended by Mc-Daniel, at which the nominating

McDaniel and the three dissenters are represented by Elijah Cummings.

committee approved the changes. McDaniel says the changes were meant to apply only to community members who would be voting. not candidates.

answer.

had happened.

Mrs. Hall was cleaning her

Mystery surrounds death of popular Lemmel music instructor

By Pam Widgeon AFRO Staff Writer

Police are investigating the mysterious death of a popular Lemmel Junior High School music teacher who was found nude in the closet of his luxurious quarters in the Balmoral apartment complex at Liberty Road and Saint Lukes Lane, Baltimore County, around 4;35 p.m. June 1.

Police report the medical examiner has not determined how long the badly decomposed body had been in the closet and the cause of death has not been determined.

There were no visible injuries or wounds on the body and the medical examiner is waiting for the results of toxicology tests.

A spokesman for Baltimore County police department said the name of the victim is not being released because the body was so decomposed and they are now waiting for dental records to make positive identification.

However, the AFRO has learned the victim was James Edward Hall, 39, a public school teacher since 1964.

Hall was last seen alive last Thursday by a relative who attended a musical concert at Lemmel who reported that "The concert was excellent and he seemed to be fine."

John Hall, a retired music teacher who taught in Washington, D. C. public schools, was the last person to see his nephew alive. Hall told the AFRO he spent the night at his nephew's apartment last Thursday after attending the concert and left his

home Friday morning. The teacher's mother, Mrs. Mabel Hall Clark, of Atlanta, Ga., who arrived in Baltimore this week thinks her son was killed.

"Everyday at 5;50 a.m. and again at 5 p.m. he would call me. I talked to him last Friday morning and he was still excited about the Thursday night concert."

Mrs. Clark said when she did not receive a call from her son Friday morning, she decided to call him around 11 a.m. "A man answered the phone and I asked if my son was there and the man said he would be back in an hour." said Mrs. Clark.

However, when Hall did not return his mother's phone call, Mrs. Hall said she later called him back but did not receive an

After not hearing from her son all day last Sunday and he did not report to work on Monday morning, she said "I knew something



James Edward Hall

son's \$345.00 a month apartment when a reporter arrived.

Baltimore County police have very little to say about the case but did report there were no signs of forced entry in the apartment. Security at the Balmoral Highrise apartment complex is yery tight and a code system is used to enter the apartment building.

How did Hall die?

Was the teacher placed in the Was the person who answered

the telephone a friend of the teacher's or possibly the one responsible for his death?

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Sylvester of 'First Class' marries Sydney, Sunday (See Show Time)



READY FOR THE SECOND STAGE - Graduates of Walbrook High School hold up fingers indicating victory as they awalt to walk into Convention Center for commencement program. Thousands of

(AFRO photo by Mark Gall) young people received diplomas this month, and many will go on to the next haul - four years of college.