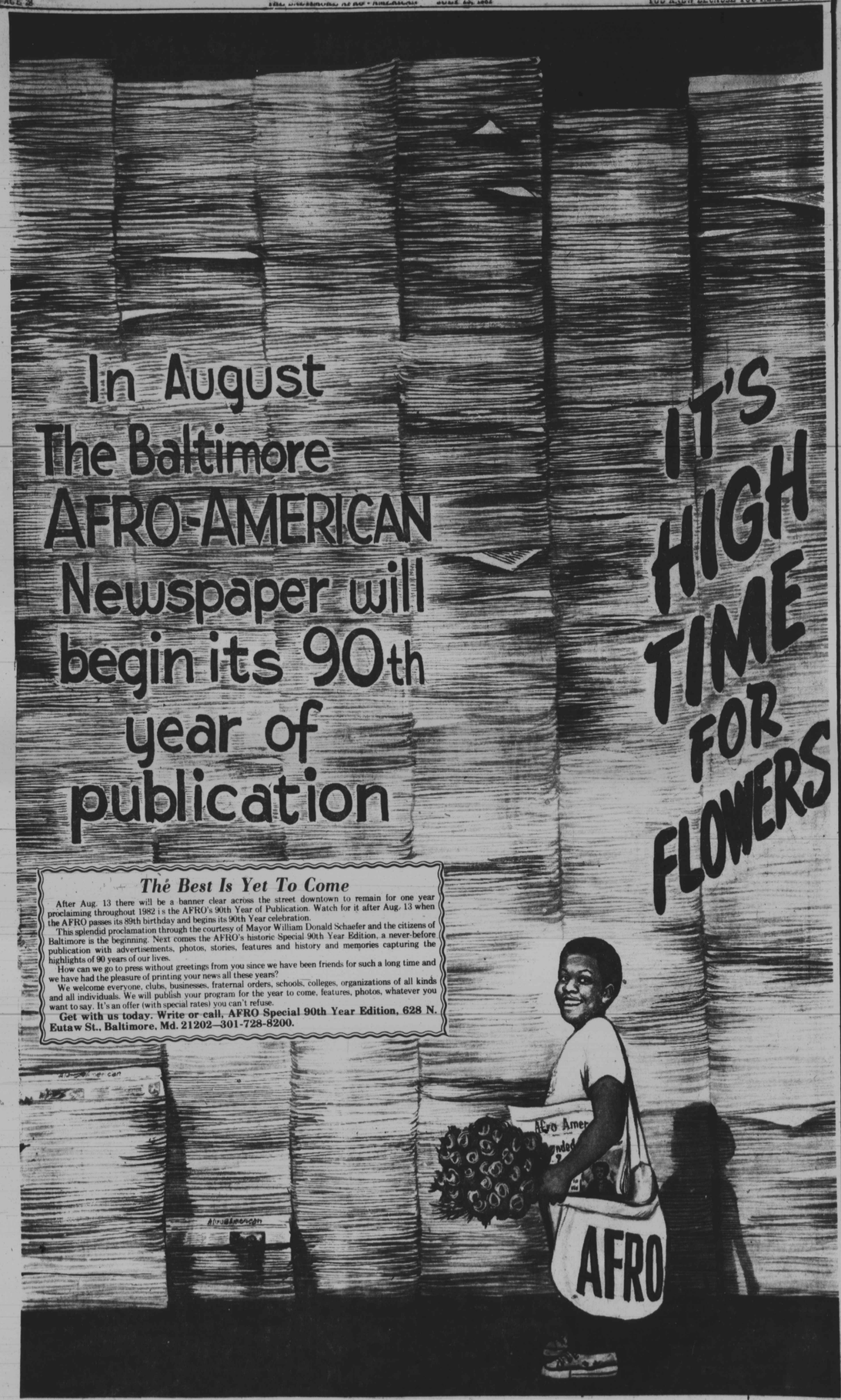

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FBI, NAACP enter case of county man slain by cop

'Slim' Butler arrested on old charge in middle of manhunt for kidnappers

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

According to a NAACP official, two witnesses have been found who may be able to shed more light onto the July 20 shooting death of a 48-year-old Annapolis man, shot by an Anne Arundel County police officer.

Local FBI agents have stepped into the case and are conducting their own investigation of Leroy Perry, who was killed by officer David Hodge. Hodge, 27, claimed self defense in the shooting.

Carl Snowden, vice president of the Anne Arundel County NAACP, said Wednesday he learned from Anne Arundel County Attorney, Warren Duckett, a man and a woman witnessed a portion of the early morning shooting.

"According to Mr. Duckett, the man was helping out a (woman) motorist, who had car trouble on Ritchie Highway. Both observed part of the shooting and their testimony may be the key to the whole incident," he said.

Prior to the appearance of these two witnesses, it was believed only Hodge and Perry were present during the shooting, Snowden said.

Perry, a stationary engineer at Baltimore City state Employment Security building on Eutaw Street, was described as an easy-going family man. Perry's wife, Shirley, said the day after her husband's death that "he was just a peaceful guy, he wouldn't hurt anybody."

Perry was stopped by Officer Hodge along a stretch of Ritchie Highway near Annapolis at about 3:20 a.m., July 20, for suspected drunk driving.

Hodge later told police, Perry climbed from his car and approached the officer with what appeared to be either an ice pick or a pistol. Hodge claimed he shot Perry, twice in the chest, in self-defense.

The object in Perry's hand turned out to be a screwdriver, with a five and three-quarter inch blade. Mrs. Perry said Perry stored his vehicle registration papers in the car's trunk and needed the screwdriver to pry the lock open.

After the shooting, Hodge left the scene and did not file a report of the incident for more than 12 hours.

Last Friday, Hodge was reassigned from the Patrol Division to a desk job in the Communications Division. His service revolver, automatically turned over to police officials for tests, has not been returned to him, police said.

Hodge, a six-year-police veteran, also has lost the use of his patrol car. Only Patrol Division officers are allowed to take their work vehicles home with them.

Duckett could not be reached for comment about the status of the witnesses by AFRO presstime. Earlier in the week, he said two preliminary reports of the shooting by the police Internal and Criminal Investigation Divisions had been completed.

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AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME for Edward "Slim" Butler, well-known local nightclub impresario who owns Giovanchy's, the French Rivera and Pascal's. He was arrested by city police and FBI agents Thursday afternoon, who were staking out kidnap ransom site. Butler was in the Preston Street and Maryland Avenue zone when search for kidnappers who abducted a Baltimore County woman after a rock concert Wednesday night. Police spokesman say Butler's arrest was not connected with the kidnapping but came after discovery of an outstanding warrant against him.

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

An intensive manhunt Thursday for the kidnappers of a Baltimore County woman abducted during a rock concert at the Civic Center Wednesday night, snared several possible suspects as well as causing the arrest of a well known night club operator on unrelated charges.

As police closed in on a Preston Street and Maryland Avenue phone booth, where $5,000 ransom money had been placed per the kidnappers' telephone instructions to the woman's mother, Edward "Slim" Butler, owner of Giovanchy's, Pascal's and The French Riviera found himself surrounded by city police and federal agents.

Sgt. Mike Bass, a spokesman for the Police Department told the AFRO, Butler was not involved in the kidnapping but was seen with a large quantity of money in a bag.

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Prisoners hunger strike continues

By Robert F. Buchanan

Nineteen inmates at the Maryland Penitentiary must spend an extra 75 days in pubitive isolation because of their refusal to be transferred to another section of the prison.

Hearing examiner David Bartlow extended the inmates sentences Tuesday because they balked at orders to transfer out of the isolation unit last Thursday.

Prison officals said they think the inmates refused to move because they did not want to live in "B" block, an area inmates consider to be occupied by homosexuals and informers.

Prison officials ordered 25 men to move out of the segregation section last week in response to complaints that some were being made to stay in segregation longer than they were supposed to because of prison overcrowding. Warden George Collins had conceded there was a shortage of space.

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Atlantic City jazz fest hopes Miles will show, blow

UNPREDICTABLE — The Atlantic City Jazz festival promoted annually by Baltimorean Elzie Street kicks off today at New Jersey's gambling and beach resort. Legendary Trumpeter, Miles Davis, who has come out of self imposed exile after six years, had according to Street and his associates to make the Atlantic City festival his second appearance since coming out of retirement on July 4. At AFRO presstime, Davis and the Atlantic City promoters were still negotiating.

National Ushers Convention is one of city's biggest

OLDEST NATIONAL USHER — Mrs. Rosalie Patton, 82 - year - old active member of Mother Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia, Pa., received special recognition at the 62nd annual convention of the National Church Ushers Association of America, Inc. at the golden age luncheon on July 28. Mrs. Patton has been an usher for 60 years. More than 1,500 ushers from 27 states are in Baltimore this week for the annual ushers convention at the Hilton Hotel downtown.

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Warden Lightfoot leaving his City Jail post

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

The young ex-marine stood alone in the yard on that April morning, as six inmates made a dash for freedom over the South wall.

Suddenly a gun fired in the distance, as then-City Jail warden Hiram Schoonfeild shot at the escaping prisoners.

One of the prisoners had already gained the wall. He and the other five turned as one to see who was firing at them.

The young guard, Calvin Lightfoot, pointed his keys at the near-fugitives, and they began coming away from the wall.

"I pointed my keys at them," said Lightfoot. "they thought I had a gun, so they came off of that wall."

"From that point on I started to move," said Lightfoot. "A year after that I made sargeant."

In September, Lightfoot will be making the biggest move of his life, as he takes on the number two job in the New York state prison system.

He will assume the Executive Deputy Commisoner for Corrections position, which will place him second in command of New York's 23,000-inmate corrections system.

Lightfoot, a Baltimore native, holds the distinction of being one of the few line officers to rise to the top of his profession to head a facility.

As warden, Lightfoot continued the "enlightened" policies of former warden and Public Safety and Corrections head Gordon Kamka.

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Calvin Lightfoot

Redistricting threatens our voting power

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

The biggest battle of the 1981 General Assembly will not be over the budget or state employee pay raises. It will not even be over abortion, that oft-debated subject.

Instead, next year's session will face its toughest battle over reapportionment.

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This week's Mr. AFRO

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JUDGE E. EVERETT LANE, Maryland's first black judge is in his 90th year, same as the AFRO will be on Aug. 14 when we begin our 90th Year of publication. In our Special AFRO 90th Year Edition, Judge Lane will review his early years as a lawyer, the judicial system in Maryland and the time when he was the AFRO's sports writer. Now we're waiting for you to get in on this spectacular never-before edition with your ads, features, photos, history and special messages. Write or call today, AFRO Special 90th Edition, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21202.

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