Grandmother seeks missing grandson

By Charles Brown
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One week ago Wednesday, Kimberly Eaddy is alleged to have kidnapped her own two year old son Daniel from the Patterson Park Theater in a drama that has continued across 500 miles and two years.

Daniel, who was the subject of an emotional custodial case, was under the legal care of his grandmother at the time of the kidnapping.

Daniel was first removed from his mother's care when Kimberly Eaddy was found walking aimlessly down a highway with the infant in 1985 in Wake County, North Carolina.

Daniel's grandmother, Denna Graham, was notified of her daughter's condition and in a custody suit involving Graham, her daughter Kimberly, the Department of Social Services and psychiatrists from the Wake County Mental Health (Department), won custody of the child.

The court ruled, on the basis of psychiatrists examinations, that Kimberly Eaddy exhibited a "schizotypal personality disorder" and was incapable of caring for her son.

The condition can cause the sufferer to experience unpredictable bouts of bizarre behavior and is the same condition suffered by attempted presidential assassin John Hinckley.

"I don't even recognize her," Graham said of her daughter. "The things she's doing, the way she has her hair across her face. I just don't even recognize her."

Graham, who resides in the 800 block of George Street, returned from North Carolina with Daniel and quietly began the task of raising another child.

"This is a seniors' home," Graham said. "We don't have children in this building, so everyone adopted Daniel."

Since her apartment didn't have any yard space Graham often took Daniel to her sister's home in the Baltimore Highlands to play. It was there that the latest incident occurred.

Darlene Gunther, Grahams sister, was at work while Graham watched Daniel and Gunther's 12 year old daughter, Kenyatta. As the two children were taking a nap Graham decided to walk to the store to buy food for the children.

At that moment Kimberly Eaddy entered the home and persuaded the children to come with her to the Patterson Park Theater located on Eastern Avenue.

During the movie Kimberly told Kenyatta that she was taking Daniel to the bathroom to change his diaper, Graham said. Eaddy then made her way out to the lobby and out of the theater leaving the 12 year old behind.

After sitting alone for a while Kenyatta ventured out to the lobby and was told by an usher that the woman and the child had left in a taxi. Kenyatta then called her godmother.

When Graham returned from the store she assumed that her sister had returned and taken the two children with her. She later received a phone call from Kenyatta's godmother and it was then that she realized that Daniel was missing. She then phoned the Baltimore City Police.

"Parental Abduction," is how the police report described the incident. "Kimberly Denise Eaddy (alias Kimberly Gunther) wearing a pink jump suit, white knee socks and hair in two braids," is how the alleged abductor is described in the report.

On another occasion, after Graham was awarded temporary custody, her daughter called and said that if the doctors gave permission would she allow Eaddy to see Daniel.?

Graham said she called and verified it with Eaddy doctors and allowed her to visit Daniel. For a while things were back to normal but suddenly Eaddy disappeared with the child again.

This time they found the baby abandoned in a hotel room after the clerk called police to complain of the constant cries of an infant.

"This last time I don't know how she knew we were there," said Graham. She must have just turned up there and that's all I can think of."

Now Daniel's grandmother waits. Hoping for some word from the police on a case that has kept her up nights for more than a week now. But the burden isn't being borne by Graham alone. Little 12 year old Kenyatta is bearing her share of the responsibility.

"She's going through a real problem blaming herself," said Graham. "She thinks she hurt me. I have to hold her and myself together. She's real delicate."

Graham says she also feels the pain of her grandson Daniel across whatever the distance might be. "I want Daniel but I feel as though he needs me now," said Graham. "I feel like he's just waiting for me to come and get him."

Charges dropped against MTA driver

By Ejike Obineme
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Hurman Solomon, the 37-year old MTA bus driver, who was accused of raping a 16-year old girl at gun point May 11 is a free man today. After reviewing all the evidence in the case, state prosecutors decided to drop all charges based on legal and evidentiary insufficiency. In other words, a lack of evidence.

Solomon, of the 1800 block of E. Belvedere Ave., was arrested in the early morning of May 12, based on what the 16-year-old had told police.

City State's Attorney Stuart O. Simms said yesterday that after examining the claims made by the girl and other evidence, "At this juncture, we feel we cannot prove (the case—beyond reasonable doubt)."

Simms was not specific on what is contained in the report of the doctor who examined the girl after the alleged rape. "Yes there was evidence of certain type of trauma," he said. "The medical analysis beyond that is inconclusive."

Simms would not comment on the rumor that the 16-year old was well known to the bus driver, and that she only reported the incident as rape when a misunderstanding involving money arose between her and the driver.

"The State should not be in a position to criticize any complainant who comes forward to report a case," he said.

Solomon may not be out of the woods just yet. For one thing, Simms said if there's evidence forthcoming in future concerning the case," "we'll use it." Also, the MTA may not welcome Solomon back with open arms.

The manager for public relations for MTA, Anita Pesses said yesterday, the MTA was conducting its own investigation which will take several weeks to complete.

Pesses said, "There were some issues raised concerning his (Solomon's) behavior that night."

Until the MTA internal investigation is completed, Solomon's suspension from work continues.

The other passenger in the bus that night who allegedly joined in the rape, Charles Gregory Thomas, 34, of the 700 block Wharton Ct., was later arrested and charged with sex offenses.

Simms said that charges against him will also be dropped as in the case of Solomon.

Young

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Mitchell control. Young was establishing himself as a sharp, committed legislator at the same time the Mitchells were becoming embroiled in a series of financial and legislative miscues which would eventually lead to their downfall.

And ironically, his greatest triumph as an elected official came at the expense of the hapless Mitchell brothers.

Scant months after going down to defeat in the 1987 City Council presidency race, Young was picked to be the first non-Mitchell to represent the 39th district in the state Senate since the district's inception.

Also, last year, Young was chosen to replace former Sen. Michael Mitchell after he and his brother, former State Sen. Clarence Mitchell were sentenced to 2½ years for attempting to obstruct an investigation of a New York-based corporation.

And now, he has told a story to city police that was revealed to be false information, according to police.

On June 2 Young called the police and claimed he was abducted from his home in the 1700 block of McCulloh Street, forced into a van and driven around the Druid Hill Park area.

After police began a thorough investigation of the case, they found "inconsistencies" in Young's claim and concluded that his claim was not true, according to police.

The case was then turned over to the state's attorney Stuart O. Simms, who will decide whether to charge Young with filing a false report.

Earlier in the day on June 2, Young fought with his former assistant, picked up a piece of wood and hit the aide, injuring his arm, according to sources.

Later that night around 9:30 p.m. Young called the police and claimed he was abducted from his home.

Young told police officials that he was driven to Druid Hill Park, released and told not to contact the former assistant and a female associate of the aide.

Sources say that Young became upset with his former assistant after the aide left the senator's staff to begin a new job in Baltimore and became involved in a relationship with his female associate.

In an attempt to cover up the assault, Young filed the false abduction report, according to police.

Beverly Carter, the state's attorney, administrative assistant, said it could take days before the process of reviewing the evidence by Simms, police and Young's attorney is completed.

Del. Tony Fulton D-40 said he believed Black Caucus members leaked information about Young to the press in an effort to spoil his chances of being elected as chairman of the legislative Black Caucus.

The Black Caucus will hold elections on June 24 to decide who the next chair of the organization will be. Young, Del. Curtis Anderson (D-44) and Del. Clarence Davis (D-45) are vying for the position.

Fulton said he believes a few members of the House of Delegates have chosen a week before the upcoming election to divulge information about Young.

"I know a seed was planted by (Black Caucus) members to encourage people to exploit this issue," said Fulton.

"I'm sick and tired of the parochial attitudes of my colleagues," Fulton continued. "I think everybody's hidden agenda gets in the way. They forget that our purpose is to represent the constituents."

Davis said he thinks the negative publicity Young is receiving will damage his chances of winning the Black Caucus chairman position.

But he said he does not believe anyone in the Black Caucus leaked information to the press.

"I find it hard to believe that any member of the Caucus would be so devious as to stab any member in the back," said Davis, "That's not brotherly," he continued.

Anderson said the negative publicity Young is now receiving should not damage his chances of winning the position as chairman of the Caucus.

"Members of the Caucus don't react to rumor or mere allegation," Anderson added.

Anderson also said he does not think members of the Caucus leaked information about Young to the press.

"There were lots of ways the information could have leaked out after June 2," he stated.

Handguns

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tion, is "really a money issue."

He said members of the NRA and many who oppose the law are people who manufacture guns and worry that the law will "chip away at their profits."

Hughes invited members of the audience to join in the fight against the NRA and volunteer time to work for MASS.

Last summer Hughes, Dimarco, former assistant attorney general, and another legislator agreed to work together to form the gun control legislation.

"Last year, we agreed to watch and note everything that anyone said on any hand gun control bill," said Hughes.

Their strategy was to come up with a bill that would appeal to the majority of the legislators, he stated.

The other legislator, whose name Hughes would not reveal, disagreed with the language of the bill that was initially drafted and decided to drop his support of the legislation, according to Hughes.

Hughes rallied the support of his committee, the House Judiciary Committee, and worked with four other members of the committee to push for approval of the bill by the committee.

He then worked with his colleagues to convince the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, to vote in favor of the bill.

The bill successfully passed both Houses during the last day of the session.

Hughes said MASS meets approximately every two weeks and the group is now concentrating on fundraising and organizing members. They will meet more regularly in three to four weeks, he said.

Hunter

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Harrison-Jones said. "He is a competent, committed man who will not be deterred from doing what's best for children."

Harrison-Jones was an assistant superintendent during Hunter's reign as chief of Richmond schools.

"It's unfortunate that he left. I was quite happy being his assistant superintendent and I miss the relationship," she said.

Jones praised the efforts of Hunter, who she said originated a number of effective programs. His most ambitious project was consolidating the seven city high schools, and implementing a shuttle program to ensure more adequate facilities.

In 1976, while Hunter was superintendent, the high schools were not meeting state standards, according to Harrison-Jones. His consolidation program enabled

Richard C. Hunter

schools to combine facilities and offer better courses and equipment to the students.

There are some locals who are less than pleased at the prospect of the next head of schools coming from out of state.

"I don't care how you look at it, you've got to know the territory," Sam, Banks, City social studies head, said. "Even if you brought the most sagacious person in the world here, he would still have to learn our system."

Banks, one of the former applicants for the position asked a question that many Baltimoreans are probably asking, "Aren't there any folk here able to lead the system?" he asked.

The board plans to complete interviews with all three candidates by Sunday, to meet the July 1 deadline of naming a superintendent.

Jerome B. Jones completed his interviews on Wednesday, and Thomas S. Tocco, superintendent in Cobb County, Ga. is expected to complete interviews on Saturday.

During the interview process, the candidates are undergoing interviews from the Board of School Commissioners and concerned community groups.

Oaks

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1976, he was hastily declared a winner in the 41st District delegate race, by 54 votes. But after votes were recounted, Oaks found he had actually lost by six votes to incumbent Walter Dean.

Oaks did not let his dream wither away. Instead, the Morgan State College graduate tried again — successfully.

He won in 1982 by a landslide and was victorious again in 1986.

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Lorton inmate hoodwinks colleges

By Robyn-Denise Yourse
AFRO Staff Writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va — An Alexandria jury has indicted a former Lorton Reformatory inmate on 16 counts of mail fraud in a scam which allegedly hoodwinked eight college presidents — including the president of Southern University — out of nearly $3,400 in membership fees for a non-existent organization.

In letters written last December by inmate Ricky Godbolt, the prexy's were invited to join "The National Association of Black College Presidents and Chancellors" for a fee of $375 each.

Authorities said that Godbolt apparently ran the scam from the Northern Virginia prison where he was serving time for forgery and writing bad checks.

Now on parole, Godbolt, 29, was arrested last week in Fayetteville, N.C. on separate charges of obtaining property under false pretenses and bank card theft, the Alexandria U.S. Attorney's office said.

Pat Wheeler, a spokesperson for the District of Columbia's Department of Corrections — the agency that authorities there became aware of the scheme after opening one of the letters that was returned with a check.

"Any mail that's received by the inmates is opened at once," Wheeler said, "that's standard procedure."

She said prison officials then gave the letters to the FBI and later to the Office of the Postmaster General.

"He received eight checks but only three were cashed," said Sharon Dibbley, a spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's office in Alexandria. "The letters were written in October of last year and the money began coming in early December."

Dibbley said Godbolt used no letterhead stationary with a logo for the false organization in soliciting the funds — only a white sheet of paper with the words "Membership Form" at the top of the page.

She said Godbolt mailed letters to the presidents of 23 predominately black colleges after reading their names in a magazine article listing America's most influential black leaders.

According to the 23-page indictment, five of the eight fleeced in the scheme include Dr. Delores Spikes, president of Southern University; Dr. Curtis Brian, president of Denmark Technical School, Denmark, S.C.; Dr. Irving McPhail, president of Le Moyne-Owen College, Memphis, Tn.; and Dr. Edison Jackson, president of Compton Community College, Compton, Ca.

Jackson sent Godbolt a check for $750, the indictment said.

Also bamboozled, the court papers said, was Dr. Oscar Rogers, Jr., president of Claflin College in Orangeburg, S.C. but he denied sending any money.

"I did not subscribe to this," Rogers said, "I never sent any money. I never did that."

Le Moyne - Owen College president McPhail was out of the country until June 20, his press secretary Vera Walker said, but the school's acting president Roosevelt Richardson refused further comment because of pending litigation.

"We just don't have anything to say at this time," Richardson said.

Dr. Samuel Myers, executive director of the National Association of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, said his group contacted all of the college presidents when they became aware of the letter.

"We became suspicious because there was no telephone number given and the only address was the Lorton post office box," Dr. Myers said. "We knew that the prison was there so we called a meeting to alert our members."

Dr. Myers said that those who got the shaft did not attend the meeting.

Among those who were sent letters, but who gave no financial response were Dr. Yvonne Walker-Taylor, president Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Oh.; Dr. Gerald Ayers, president Chicago State University and Dr. Prizell Robinson, president St. Augustine College in Raleigh, N.C.

In addition to appeals for money, the indictment also said Godbolt included a board of directors for the bogus organization that listed four pages of noted educators and leaders as members.

Named were Dr. James Cheek, president of Howard University; Christopher Edley, president, United Negro College Fund; Dr. Dorothy Height, president National Council of Negro Women; John Jacobs, president, Urban League; Joseph Lowery, president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and Tom Bradley, mayor of Los Angeles.

"And the list goes on and on," Dibbley said. "He even listed National Education Association president Mary Futrell as an adviser for the group."

Dr. Myers said he also called those listed as "board members" but each person contacted said they had no knowledge of Godbolt's organization.

In separate letters, Godbolt told "board members" that they would be invited to attend meetings in Washington with all expenses paid by American Airlines and the Marriott Corporation.

Additional financial support, the letters said, would come from the Merrill Lynch Corporation, American Express, Anheuser-Busch, General Motors and Sugar Ray Leonard.

The letters listed a Lorton post office box as the return address, and in its only true statement, said the organization's executive offices would be located in Northern Virginia where Godbolt was incarcerated.

"Isn't this amazing," Le Moyne-Owen spokesperson Vera Walker said, "you don't even have to go to the movies anymore to be entertained."

Five stories were not continued in Tuesday's AFRO. We regret the error and present the stories in their entirety on pages 2A and 3A.

Can a man lead pregnancy program?

Several Baltimore City Councilwomen are disappointed that a man was chosen to head the city's health department's new teen pregnancy prevention program, instead of a woman.

In March, Richard Rowe, formerly of the Baltimore Urban League, was hired as director of the Office on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention for the Baltimore City Health Department. Rowe, 37, will be responsible for coordinating teen pregnancy programs in the city.

"My goal is to decrease the number of children having children in Baltimore," said Rowe.

Until last year, Baltimore led the nation in teen pregnancies. The city now ranks number three in the nation, with a high teen infant mortality rate.

Councilwoman Vera Hall of the Fifth District, concerned about the presence of female leadership in the Kurt Schmoke administration, said Friday a woman should have been chosen to head the teen pregnancy program, because it is an important woman's issue.

"I had a problem with (a man being selected)," she said. "Women have struggled for a long period of time with this issue for a man to head it up."

"I disagree with it," said Hall.

"It has nothing to do with Richard Rowe," she said "I'm told he is quite wonderful."

Rowe, who spent six-and-a-half-years with the Urban League, helping to develop positive role models for young black males, said people should not spend time arguing about the sex of the person to

Agnes Welch

head the position, but should develop strategy to deter teen pregnancy.

"I think it's unfortunate that we still have this (gender) mind-set," Rowe said. "Men can be as committed about children having children, as women are."

"I'm very much concerned about this issue," Rowe added.

Apparently, the mayor and the health commissioner Maxie Collier were also concerned about the issue and with the City Council's support developed the project to help fight teens having babies in Baltimore, said Rowe.

Last year, there were 3,000 teen pregnancies in Baltimore, the director said.

Rowe said he plans to develop more programs involving young fathers, after examining 65 teen pregnancy programs, which had few programs geared toward men.

Hall supports the concept, but questioned the method.

"It's true you have to engage the men, but I don't think you have to have men to engage men, just like you don't have to have women to engage women," she said.

"I'm sure there were some women out there great for that job."

She however, had no woman in mind to assume the position.

"My father told me that if you make a child, you have to take care of it," Rowe said. "I internalized that message and it was more effective than any condom."

Parents need to talk and listen to their children about sexuality and other problems, which can lead teens to become sexually active and perhaps, pregnant, Rowe said.

"Many young people are crying out for attention and love, because they are confused about what constitutes manhood and womanhood and trying to find it themselves," he explained.

Rowe has visited programs like Stop Teen Pregnancy, started by a Lawrence Pacquin School for teenage mothers graduate, Jeralyn Grandison, 19, to ascertain how much the city is doing to combat teen pregnancy.

He wants to develop summer jobs and self-esteem programs to help young cope with society's hardships.

Agnes Welch, Fourth District, said she was unhappy that the Council, which created a special committee on teen pregnancy, did not have more input into the director's duties.

Welch said, I think (Rowe) has shown concern for the plight and has experienced the plight of the black family and teen pregnancy is certainly one."

Rowe received a B.A. in political science from Morgan State University and a Master's Degree in public administration from the University of Baltimore.

Constant Care files bankruptcy

By Alicia Benjamin
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The Constant Care Medical Center, Inc., which provides medical services to 15,000 patients in Baltimore, has filed for protection against creditors who are seeking payments from the health care facility.

Constant Care has filed under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Baltimore to be permitted to continue operating their facility for a certain time period without paying their debt of about $2.3 million, according to Michael Rashid, Chief Executive Officer of Constant Care.

Rashid said the company had been operating in debt for about four years but was able to turn the situation around and since December 1987, the center has been operating profitably, said Rashid.

According to Rashid, Constant Care has assets of about $1.2 million, which falls over $1 million short of their losses over the past few years.

"We think if we can get protection, we can work with the creditors and work out arrangements to pay the debt," said Rashid.

The cause of Constant Care's financial problems is the company's "over zealous attempt to help the community," said the CEO.

"Years of losses come from (Constant Care) over extending itself to try to provide services for patients and incurring more expenses to provide the services," he continued.

But the brush with financial woes will not have any impact on the quality or quantity of care provided by Constant Care, Rashid added.

"There's a lot of sick people in our community and not a lot of reimbursement for caring for them," he said.

Constant Care has not had to reduce staff size because of their financial troubles, nor do they anticipate laying workers off, said Rashid.

Rashid also said the facility is not in danger of closing its doors to patients at its three locations, 1501 Division Street, Mondawmin Mall and in the Mund-Kirk Multipurpose Center in East Baltimore.

"Our problem is not with the present but with the past," said Rashid. "We need time."

For the last six months, Constant Care has made profits totaling about $75,000, averaging about $12,000 per month, said Rashid.

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