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Investigation Sought Over Officers' OSBI Jobs

By Jennifer Jones
Associated Press Writer

Five of six uniformed Corporation Commission officers transferred to the OSBI last year to help investigate oil theft have left the agency, and one is asking the Oklahoma Crime Commission to intervene.

Ted Limke, director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, said the five left "because they chose to do so. No one forced them out."

Under legislation approved last year, the six-member Corporation Commission team, created to investigate oil field pollution and illegal dumping of oil wastes, was transferred to the OSBI, said Bob McDonald, legal counsel to Gov. George Nigh.

The legislation also gave the OSBI greater powers to investigate thefts of oil in the field and the hauling of stolen oil, McDonald said Wednesday.

Coy Rogers, one of the six members of the unit, said he learned at 3:30 p.m. on July 31, 1985, that he was to report to the OSBI the next day.

But the OSBI would not let the team work, said Rogers, who is now with the state Department of Mines. The five left within four months, he said.

"We could have stayed as long as we didn't want to work. We had no car, no radio, no commission," said Rogers, a former U.S. marshal who also was sheriff of Comanche County for four years and was a member of the first Oklahoma Crime Commission.

Coy Rogers

Ted Limke

McDonald said, "The legislation was pretty general. It was done kind of overnight. They were just transferred, period. The OSBI woke up and it had these people."

"The Legislature didn't consult with the OSBI ... they have certain standards for education, training," he said.

Only one of the six met the agency's education requirements, and none had undergone OSBI background checks, lie-detector tests or attended OSBI training, McDonald said.

"It wasn't coordinated very well," he said, adding that those who didn't leave right away were given clerical-type positions.

"They were caught in the middle. It's not their fault; it's not the OSBI's fault," McDonald said.

Rogers, who has asked for intervention by the crime commission, said one of the team has gone to work for the Alcoholic Beverage Law Enforcement Commission, three returned to the Corporation Commission and one remained at the OSBI.

Limke said the five positions have been filled, but the one former Corporation Commission officer has not been commissioned as an OSBI agent. He said the employee was doing some field work.

Limke said the crime commission would meet with Rogers. "I'll welcome it if it goes to litigation," Limke said, adding he would not respond to Rogers' comments.

While at the Corporation Commission, the team had police powers and during its three years of operation levied just less than $1 million in licenses, fees and fines, Rogers said.

The team was created in 1982 and was supposed to investigate oil field thefts for the OSBI because of the men's familiarity with the oil patch, Rogers said.

Nancy Hall

OU Honors Pathology Professor

Dr. Nancy Hall, a pathology professor at the University of Oklahoma, was named Wednesday as the recipient of the third annual Stanton L. Young "master teacher" award in the OU College of Medicine.

With the honor comes a $10,000 prize.

Hall, 38, has been on the OU faculty for seven years.

Class officers and student honor society members nominate teachers for the award. The OU dean of medicine makes the final selection.

Hall earned her undergraduate degree in microbiology from Stanford University. She completed her master's degree at OU, and earned her doctorate at Kansas State University.

She also has done research in respiratory diseases at OU as a post-doctoral fellow of the National Institutes of Health.

Hostage Situation Ends

Son Released Unhurt

By Anthony Thornton

A 2½-hour hostage situation in far northwest Oklahoma City ended peacefully Wednesday morning when a man placed his young son on the ground and surrendered to police.

Ronald Daugherty, 33, was turned over to Oklahoma County mental health deputies, who took him to Central State Griffin Memorial Hospital in Norman for observation, county sheriff J.D. Sharp said.

Police said the man was distraught over a recent separation from his wife.

Police spokesman M.T. Berry gave the following account of the incident:

At 2:48 a.m., a woman called police and said her estranged husband was trying to break into her apartment at the Warrington Apartments, 12709 N MacArthur.

Ten minutes later, the woman called police again from another location, saying her husband had broken in and taken their baby hostage. The woman, Debbie Daugherty, 22, said her husband had shot at her twice but missed as she ran out the door.

Berry said officers were dispatched after the first phone call.

Police were unsuccessful in their attempts to talk to the husband, so the tactical unit and hostage negotiators were dispatched, Berry said.

At one point, police had to send a telephone on an extension rod through an apartment window because the man had jerked his wife's phone off the wall, Berry said.

At 7:25 a.m. the man threw a handgun outside. Twenty minutes later, he walked outside, put down the baby, who was unharmed, and surrendered to police.

Berry said a hearing is scheduled today to determine if Daugherty should be released to law officials or committed to the hospital for 28 days of observation.

One of the suspect's co-workers said Daugherty, a night manager at a local restaurant, had been depressed since separating from his wife about two months ago.

"I was really surprised, because he always handled himself very, very well. This is completely out of character from the way we know him at work," said the co-worker, who requested anonymity.

Trial Date Set In Kidnapping

KINGFISHER — A May 14 trial was set Wednesday for a Lexington man accused of kidnapping his estranged wife and shooting her male companion.

Paul Eugene Stamper, held in the Kingfisher County Jail in lieu of $619,808 bond, is charged with kidnapping, shooting with intent to kill and feloniously carrying a firearm.

Stamper, 36, is accused of shooting Chris Butler, 25, of Hennessey and kidnapping Teresa Stamper, a passenger in Butler's car, after he pulled over Butler's car off U.S. Highway 81 in Kingfisher County in November.

Officials say that Paul Stamper shot Butler and forced the woman to travel with him to Kansas.

She escaped two days later in Topeka and notified authorities, who arrested Stamper in Salina, Kan.

City Police Link 3 Grisly Slayings

By Anthony Thornton

Police have linked the recent dismemberment-murder of an Oklahoma City woman to the slayings of two other women who met similar fates in 1976 and 1979.

One of the slayings previously has been attributed to convicted mass slayer Henry Lee Lucas, who confessed to 165 murders.

Each of the findings were within a one-square-mile area near downtown Oklahoma City.

The most recent victim, Tina Sanders, 23, died on March 4 or 5, authorities said. Her torso and a leg were discovered March 6 in an alley near NE 1 and Cesery. Six days later, her skull was found behind a garage at 507 N Lindsay.

Berry said the Sanders case bears a striking resemblance to the 1979 dissection-slaying of Arley Bell Killian, 23, and to the 1976 dismemberment of a woman in her early 20s who remains unidentified.

In April 1979, Killian's severed head was found by children in the 300 block of NE 10. Police later found various parts of her body.

Police said at the time that the killer appeared to be playing a macabre game with them.

In 1984, Lucas confessed to killing Killian, but that confession has since been questioned by local authorities.

Three years earlier, on April 1, 1976, body parts of an unidentified woman were found in a vacant house at 325 NE 6.

Four Tulsa Firms Face Tax Charges

TULSA — Four Tulsa firms have been hit with embezzlement charges alleging failure to forward withholding taxes and sales taxes to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, officials announced Wednesday.

"The four cases were based on information provided by the Oklahoma Tax Commission's Criminal Unit," Teresa Garrison, a Tulsa County assistant district attorney, said in a statement released by the commission.

Vidco, Inc. and Robert Allen Blair and Lyndon Blair were charged with 11 counts of embezzlement of state sales taxes totaling $42,380.67, authorities said.

Midwest Swimming Pool Construction, Inc., and Robert Leachman were charged with 21 counts of embezzlement of $6,743.86 in state withholding taxes.

Handy Andy Enterprises, Inc. and Merkel Eugene Anderson were charged with 11 counts of failure to file state sales tax reports and 11 counts of embezzlement of state sales taxes totaling $15,251.35.

Gilmore Pattern and Manufacturing Inc. and Richard E. Gilmore Jr. were charged with 31 counts of embezzlement of state withholding taxes totaling $25,937.96 over a four-year period.

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Power Line Kills Worker

BLANCHARD — A McClain County maintenance worker was electrocuted Tuesday morning when he came in contact with a power line, a county official said.

McClain County Commissioner Hank York said Gary Taylor, 31, of Blanchard, died after he was knocked down by a crane that was being repaired at a site four miles north of Blanchard.

Nigh Names 3 Judges

Gov. George Nigh appointed three people to judgeships Wednesday, including a new member of the Workers Compensation Court.

Nigh named John M. Mancillas, an Oklahoma City lawyer, to the workers court. He succeeds Patricia Redd Demps, who resigned.

Michael R. Davies of Medford, an assistant districts attorney, was named associate district judge for the 4th Judicial District. He replaces John W. Michael, who has been appointed a district judge.

Aubrey J. Henshaw Jr. of Sallisaw was appointed an associate district judge for the 15th Judicial District, succeeding Fred D. Green, who retired.

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