

Victim sues officials, city over rape in Suffolk jail

By BETHANNE GRIFFIN Staff Writer
SUFFOLK — A man raped two years ago while jailed for a petty theft is suing the city, the sheriff of Suffolk and Isle of Wight County, two Suffolk deputies and Isle of Wight's board of supervisors.

The man, who now lives in Norfolk, had also sued the three men convicted of raping him on Dec. 30, 1985, at the Suffolk City Jail.

The man's name is being withheld due to the newspaper's policy of protecting the privacy of victims of sexual crimes.

The suit filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Norfolk claims the defendants denied the man his "constitutional right to be protected from unreasonable threats of violence and sexual assaults from his fellow inmates" while in the jail.

According to the suit, all the defendants knew the jail was "grossly overcrowded and subject to numerous deficiencies," conditions that allegedly aggravated the sexual assault. It also claims that, because of the victims' mental condition, jail officials should not have placed him with such violent and disruptive prisoners as the three who raped him.

The victim was 18 at the time and had never been jailed before. He was charged with petty larceny by Isle of Wight County police. Calling him a "young and uneducated prisoner," the suit claims deputies knew the results of his psychiatric examination, which was completed the day of the incident. It said jail officials knew he "had a mental capacity substantially less than 18 years of age."

Suffolk houses prisoners from the county as well as the city.

Named in the suit are Suffolk Sheriff J. Irving Bates, Isle of Wight Sheriff R.F. Dixon, Sgt. Grady Masonburg and Deputy Jesse Goodman, both of the City Sheriff's department, and Suffolk county supervisor. Fred Bailey, Henry Bradley, Richard Turner, Thomas Jones and Joel C. Bradshaw.

Also named were former Suffolk jail inmates George Tyrone Edwards of Suffolk, William Ray Hargrave of Suffolk and

Keenan Dale Magouirk of Smithfield.

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Area deaths and funerals

Funerals today
Funerals will be held today for:
BANKS, Mr. Charles A. 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, East End, burial in Greenview Cemetery.
COLEMAN, Mr. Thomas L. 12:30 p.m. at Peninsula Funeral Home; burial in Peninsula Memorial Park.
COOK, Mrs. Lillian O. 11 a.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Newport News; cremains buried at a later date in Fort Pierce, Fla.
EASON, Mr. John L. 11 a.m. at Ansony Funeral Home Chapel; burial in Peninsula Memorial Park Cemetery, Newport News.
ELLIS, Mr. John E. Jr. 11 a.m. at Peninsula Funeral Home; burial in Parkview Memorial Park.
GARDNER, Mr. Earl S. 1 p.m. at Rising Valley Baptist Church; burial in the church cemetery.
HUGGINS, Mr. Herman Sr. 1 p.m. at Mount Nobe Baptist Church; burial in the Bailey's Division of Mount Ray Cemetery.
JONES, Mr. Tyler W. Noon at Zion Baptist Church; burial in Hampton Memorial Gardens.
MITCHELL, Mr. Earl B. Sr. 2 p.m. at Peninsula Funeral Home Chapel; burial in Peninsula Memorial Park.
OLSON, Mrs. Hazel M. 2 p.m. at Flandreau United Methodist

Church; burial in Union Cemetery, Flansburg.
OSBORNE, Mrs. Edna P. 2:30 a.m. at Peninsula Funeral Home; burial in Peninsula Memorial Park.
REED, Mr. Arthur S. 10:30 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church; burial in the church cemetery.
ROGERS, Mr. Noel A. 3 p.m. at Herndon United Methodist Church; burial in Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Herndon.
RUSSELL, Mr. John W. 2 p.m. at W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home; burial in Russell Family Cemetery, York County.
SHACKELFORD, Mrs. L. B. 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church; burial in the church cemetery.
WILLIAMS, Mrs. Arlene P. 1 p.m. at Smith Bros. Funeral Home; burial in Hampton Memorial Gardens.
WILLIAMSON, Mrs. Jill P. 2 p.m. at Fox Hill Road Baptist Church.
Mr. James Walnwright
NEWPORT NEWS — Mr. James E. Walnwright, 54, died Thursday at his home. He was born in Greene County, N.C., and had been a Peninsula resident for 20 years. He was a Navy veteran and served during the Korean War. Survivors include three daughters, Miss Cathy Walnwright, Miss Patricia Walnwright and Miss Linda Walnwright, all of Yorktown, N.Y.; a son, James Walnwright of Yorktown; three sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Burgett of Greenville, N.C., Mrs. Edna Whiggemont of East Galois, Fla., and Mrs. Bechelle Moinage of Raleigh, N.C.; and a brother, John W. Walnwright of Newport News.
A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Hampton National Cemetery by the Rev. Robert Lyons.
The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contribution to the American Heart Association.
Peninsula Funeral Home is in charge.

Mr. James Green Sr.
NEWPORT NEWS — Mr. James Robert Green Sr., 66, of 651 36th St., died Wednesday at Newport News General Hospital.
He was born in Screven, Ga., and had been a Peninsula resident for more than 36 years.
He was employed by the Air Force Regional Hospital at Langley as a food service worker.
He was a 32-degree member of Jeremiah Lodge No. 151 A.S.A.F.M. He was a past member senior warden, junior warden and also a member of Hiram Chapter of Rose Croix Kadosh Council, Pride of Porters month and the Grand Consistory of Virginia.
Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ethel M. Green of Newport News; two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Atlow of Newport News and Mrs. Henry Louise Mathews of Greensboro, N.C.; four sons, Earnest Henry Green of Trenton, N.J., Edwin Louis Green, James Robert Green Jr., and Ronald Alphonso Green, all of Newport News; and 12 grandchildren.
A funeral will be conducted at noon Monday at Franklin Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. L. T. Daye. Burial in National Cemetery at Hampton University.
A wake will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Isadora C. Joynes
VIRGINIA BEACH — Mrs. Isadora Conkling Joynes, 90, a former Peninsula resident, died Friday at Bayside Hospital.
She was born in Hampton.
Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Kellerman of Virginia Beach and Mrs. Mabel J. Lipm of Norfolk; a sister, Mrs. Edith Conkling of Virginia Beach; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Rock Church by the Revs. John and Anne Ginnier. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk.
Visitation will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Williams Funeral Home, Kempville Chapel.
The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to the Rock Church or to Davis Corner Volunteer Rescue Squad.
Mr. James Warren
HOLLIS, N.Y. — Mr. James Warren, 76, of 1834-C Camden Ave., died Tuesday at Mary Immaculate Hospital in New York.
He was born in Southampton County.
He is survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.
A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Pentecostal Holiness Church by Bishop James Charles Copland and

burial will follow in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, York.
Coker Funeral Home is in charge.
Mrs. Lillian O. Cook
WILLIAMSBURG — A memorial service for Mrs. Lillian Olga Rubin Cook, who died Dec. 11 at Williamsburg Community Hospital, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Newport News, by the Rev. Fred King.
The cremains will be buried at a later in Fort Pierce, Fla.; Umpahet Funeral Home is in charge.
Mrs. Celia Frazier
CHURCH VIEW — Mrs. Celia Frazier, 83, died Wednesday in Harper Hospital, Detroit.
She was a member of Lebanon Baptist Church, Urbana.
Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Wake of Saluda, Mrs. Angriet Kinble of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Olivia Ruffin of Detroit; a son, Freddie Frazier of Cincinnati; a brother, James Hugh Eston of Matthews; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.
A funeral will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Mt. Zion Baptist Church by the Rev. Fred Holmes. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will be placed in the church at noon.
Tidewater Funeral Home, Jamaica, is in charge.