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Kramer fails to file tax return

Attorney sent back to jail

By VALERIA BICKWERMERT
Messenger-Inquirer

An Owensboro attorney convicted of tax evasion in 1976 had his one-year probated sentence revoked Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Owensboro.

U.S. District Judge James F. Gordon ordered H. Randolph Kramer, 47, of 2733 Western Parkway to serve the remainder of a one-year prison sentence he received March 22, 1976, after his conviction for failure to file income tax returns for 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Kramer's sentence was revoked after he failed to file his 1976 income tax return — a condition of his probation.

U.S. Magistrate Marvin P. Nunley had recommended Feb. 16 that Kramer's probation be revoked because he had not given a sufficient excuse for his failure to file state or federal income tax returns in 1976.

Kramer was first charged with tax evasion Feb. 4, 1976. At that time he was accused of failing to file tax returns on gross incomes of $45,988 in 1970, $50,736 in 1971 and $60,075 in 1972.

On Feb. 19, 1976, he entered a plea of not guilty in U.S. District Court. On March 22, 1976, he was sentenced to one year in prison on each of three counts of tax evasion and fined $2,500 on each count. At that time Gordon said "it would be in the best interest of both the defendant and the U.S." that his (Kramer's) sentence be probated after he serves 60 days. Kramer also was ordered to pay his fines within 18 months and show proof by April 30, 1976, that he had paid all local, state and federal taxes owed through that date. In addition, Kramer was to show the court by April 30, 1977, that he had paid taxes on his 1976 income.

Gordon ordered Kramer to be taken into custody immediately following the hearing. He was lodged in the Daviess County Jail until he can be moved to another facility.

Police attack crime with black briefcase

By SHEILA GARIN
Messenger-Inquirer

Owensboro police are packing a new weapon in the fight against crime — a soft black briefcase.

Fifty officers are carrying the briefcase, and the engraving tools it contains, on their daily beats. They're asking property owners they come in contact with to take a few minutes to engrave "Ky." and their social security number on frequently stolen items, like guns, stereos and televisions.

The police department joined the statewide Operation Identification program 8½ years ago and has signed up about 3,500 persons, according to Lt. William Gesser, head of the crime prevention unit.

Patrolmen only became involved in the past month, Gesser says the program had gone as far as it could with asking people to participate.

"There's some apathy about crime," he said. "But we know if we hand it to the public, they'll use it. The only way we're going to be successful is to take it out and put it in their hand.

"Most of our officers have been working the same beat for several years and they know a lot of people, and they can say, 'Why don't you use this thing?'" he said.

Operation I.D. is easy to join. A property owner uses an electric engraver, free of charge, to mark valuables and then places a warning decal at home or business entrances.

Most burglars steal for re-sale and permanently marked items are difficult to fence, Gesser explained. The program also makes it easier to return stolen property when it is recovered.

"We know it acts as a deterrent because we're not having that many break-ins at homes and businesses in the program," Gesser said.

Almost a half million dollars in property was reported stolen in Owensboro during 1977, he reported.

The officers receive no extra pay for participating, only a certificate and a pin from the governor if they sign up 100 persons. Yet almost the entire patrol force volunteered. And they signed up twice the normal number of people during February.

"We're really excited because it's a voluntary program," Gesser said. "We get that reputation, 'We don't care,' and that sort of thing. But it shows they are concerned."

Blast may be linked to St. Louis bombings

Associated Press

PADUCAH, Ky. — A Missouri man remained in critical condition Wednesday while officers investigated a possible link between the bomb explosion in his car and three similar incidents in St. Louis.

Reports from Western Baptist Hospital indicated that the condition of William Ohlhausen, 38, had yet to stabilize after he received extensive injuries Tuesday when a bomb detonated under the seat of the vehicle he was attempting to start at a motel.

The blast resulted in internal injuries and severe tissue damage to his legs and buttocks.

Ohlhausen, an employee of St. Louis Ship Co., arrived in Paducah Monday evening and checked into the motel. He was injured at approximately 7 a.m. Tuesday when he attempted to start the vehicle at the motel parking lot.

St. Louis authorities then rushed to Paducah because Ohlhausen's girlfriend, Shirley Marie Flynn, 32, was killed when a bomb exploded beneath the seat of her car on the parking lot of her apartment complex last Nov. 3.

In the two previous St. Louis incidents, Robert Jackson, 39, died on Oct. 18 when a bomb under the seat of his car exploded. Ronald Surghnn, 23, escaped injury Oct. 7 when a smaller explosive charge was detonated beneath his car.

Both Jackson and Surghnn resided at apartment complexes in the southern portion of St. Louis County, as did Mrs. Flynn. The three bombings there gave rise to the nickname "The South County Bomber."

Officers are making public little information in regard to the investigation of the Paducah incident and any possible evidence linking to the three St. Louis County bombings. However, three agents of the St. Louis office of the U.S. Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and one detective from the St. Louis County police department were in Paducah Wednesday to assist in the investigation.

One of the local officers in charge of the investigation, ATF special agent Jim Coovert, said Wednesday the investigation in Paducah only involves a "possible link" with the work of the South County Bomber. He declined to make statements having to do with evidence.

But he indicated that no direct connections had been made in the bombings other than the relationship between Ohlhausen and Mrs. Flynn, a divorcee that Ohlhausen had lived with for two years.

Mrs. Flynn had named Ohlhausen as beneficiary on two life insurance policies. The dead woman's parents have contested the policies in court.

Aluminum union vote slated

Members of Aluminum Workers Local 181 will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday at Owensboro Motor Inn to vote on a tentative agreement with National Aluminum Co.

Both management and labor made some concessions in order to produce a tentative contract agreement during federal mediation in Owensboro Wednesday, said Robert McDaniel, vice-president of the union local.

"We backed off on some of our last minute proposals," he said. At the same time, "the company has made some good adjustments."

McDaniel refused to comment on the details of the new contract proposal until the local's 181 members have a chance to vote on it.

He did say the company has met the union's demands for changes in the seniority system.

City woman charged in AFDC fraud

An Owensboro woman was charged Wednesday by Owensboro police with wrongfully receiving federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits.

Dinah Louise Barrett, 19, of 806 W. 9th St. is accused of receiving AFDC benefits for three children while the father of two of the children was living with her.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In reading news reports of criminal accusations it is possible to forget what jurors are reminded of in the trial of the accused: The accused is presumed innocent, unless proven guilty.

Central City man injured

A shooting Wednesday afternoon left a Central City man in fair condition at Muhlenberg Community Hospital, state police report.

Robert Edwards, 34, of Wells Community, Central City, suffered the wound at the D & W Pallett Mill south of Central City.

Police said the shot was "apparently self-inflicted," but declined to say whether accidental or attempted suicide. An officer is investigating.

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The term Christian has been misused

By THE REV. JOHN WESTRA
Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church

Who is the Christian? John 8: 42

"Jesus said, 'If God were your Father, you would love me, for I proceeded and came forth from God.

The term Christian has been so overworked that we no longer understand what it means. Denominations use it. Churches use it. People use it to describe attitudes good or bad. It used to mean "follower of Jesus the Christ." But now, in too many cases, it means not a follower but merely an onlooker.

The early followers were unique, standouts as human beings. They had a determination and strength of character that was their shining witness. They were participants in life, not merely observers. They were able to keep all things in perspective. Why?

They were Christ's people. They believed his promises of constant love and acceptance. They believed that he totally forgave all their sinful mistakes, making them total, complete and new again. Only when the Christ is believed and therefore followed is the term Christian of meaningful.

Many people misunderstand the term using it to describe church activities rather than the one who has the faith in the Christ of the cross. We are called out, to stand out. We are loved much so that we may love. We are forgiven for making dead what Christ has brought to life. We are Christians when we confess our sins, receive God's forgiveness and live out that forgiveness in Christ.

daily record

area deaths

CENTRAL CITY, Ky. — **Mrs. Ruby Carol Bivin Lile**, 57, of Central City died Wednesday at Muhlenberg Community Hospital, Greenville. She was born in Todd County and was a member of Bovier Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, John A. Lile; a son, John Bivin of Frankfort, Ky.; two daughters, Sue Ann Rickard of Greenville and Barbara Curtis of Central City; four grandchildren, and a brother, Keith Bivin of Central City.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Tucker Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation after 3 p.m. today.

GREENVILLE, Ky. — **Ernest "Ace" Coleman**, 69, of Greenville, died Tuesday at Muhlenberg Community Hospital. He was born in North Carolina, was a member of Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Church and was a retired coal miner.

Survivors include a daughter, Willie Mae Coleman Shuford of Lexington, Ky., seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, four brothers, Rev. John Wesley Coleman of Newport News, Va., Howard Coleman of Whitesville, N.C., and Verrice and Herbert Coleman, both of Lumberton, N.C., and a sister Mildred Coleman, Jersey City, N.J.

Visitation between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Burial in West End Cemetery, Greenville. Bibbs Funeral Home, Greenville, in charge of arrangements.

MAYS LICK, Ky. — **James W. Rees Sr.**, 81, of Route 2, Mays Lick, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He was born in Mays Lick and was a retired teacher. His wife, Virginia Rees, died in 1968.

Survivors include a son, James W. Rees Jr. of Owensboro; three grandchildren and two sisters, Betty and Dorothy Rees, both of Mays Lick.

Services are Friday at Pruitt Funeral Home, Millersburg. Burial in Shannon Cemetery, Mays Lick.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Georgetown Manor Nursing Home, Louisville. Services are 2 p.m. today at Gary's Funeral Home, Greenville. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Greenville. Visitation at the funeral home.

Reardon, Mrs. Clara Catherine, 73, of Whitesville died Tuesday at Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital. Survivors include a half brother, Willie Lee Huff of Hawesville; two half sisters, Gladys Myrl Cartwright of Hawesville and Louise Huff of Cannelton, Ind. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Blessed Mother Catholic Church. Burial in Resurrection Cemetery, Daviess County. Visitation at Martin Funeral Home, Whitesville, where a wake will be at 6:30 p.m. today.

Rogers, A.L., 61, of Cirilla, Ky., died Monday at his home. Services are 2 p.m. today at Miller-Schapmire Funeral Home, Hartford. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Ohio County. Visitation at the funeral home.

Turner, Joseph K., 58, of 1617 Mayo Ave. died Monday at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. Services are 10 a.m. today at St. Stephen Cathedral. Burial in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery. Visitation at Haley-McGinnis and Owensboro Funeral Home.

Widow asks $402,500 in death

A $402,500 suit was filed Wednesday in Daviess Circuit Court by a woman who alleges negligence in an incident which resulted in the death of her husband, William F. Boarman.

Dorothy Boarman of Owensboro, administratrix of Boarman's estate, filed suit against Tower Motor Inn Inc. of Owensboro.

According to the suit, Boarman was at The Birdcage late Sept. 26 or early Sept. 27, 1977. Mrs. Boarman alleges that at this time, he was beaten and either was thrown, pushed or fell into the swimming pool at Gabe's Inn and drowned. She charges negligence in the failure of the defendant to discover the beating and to warn him against the possible beating, failure to take steps to prevent it and failure to warn patrons, including Boarman, "of the dangerous and unsafe condition of the premises where the restrooms and swimming pool were located and failure to maintain and supervise the top floor and area near the swimming pool."

Mrs. Boarman seeks $302,500 for compensatory damages and $100,000 for punitive damages.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This report is based on what the plaintiffs say they intend to prove. When the question of validity of the plaintiffs' claim is finally decided, it will be reported in this newspaper.

funerals

Barnett, Mrs. Bernice, 66, of Whitesville died Tuesday at Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital. Services are 10 a.m. today at Old Panther Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County. Burial in the church cemetery. Visitation at Martin Funeral Home, Whitesville.

Lyons, Lawrence, 68, of Evansville died there Monday at St. Mary's Hospital. Services are 1 p.m. today at Gibson & Son Funeral Home, Hawesville. Burial in Rosville Cemetery. Visitation at the funeral home.

Raymer, Mrs. Ara Bobbitt, 75, of Greenville died Monday at Muhlenberg Community Hospital. Survivors include a half brother, Willie Lee Huff of Hawesville; two half sisters, Gladys Myrl Cartwright of Hawesville and Louise Huff of Cannelton, Ind. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Blessed Mother Catholic Church. Burial in Resurrection Cemetery, Daviess County. Visitation at Martin Funeral Home, Whitesville, where a wake will be at 6:30 p.m. today.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

Edwin Lewis Kruger, 30, of 809 Walnut St. and Beverly Jean Yewell, 29, of 2711 West Fifth Street Road.

the courts

DISTRICT COURT
Div. II Judge William Bennett

Third-degree assault — Dennis Roland Daugherty of 320 W. 8th St., $227.50 fine and six months in jail, sentence suspended provided he gets treatment for striking his wife Feb. 28.

Failure to carry vehicle liability insurance — Riley Sanders, 37, of 528 Orchard St., $127.50 fine, $450 suspended provided he pays for damages; and James R. Crowe, 65, of 509 Hocker St., $77.50 fine.

Theft by deception (civil check) — James M. Simmons, 21, of Route 1, Utica, (four counts), $10 suspended fine on each count, to pay $117 in court costs and make restitution for bad checks; and Theodore R. Suggs, 23, of 604 Orchard St., $37.50 fine and restitution.

Carrying a concealed deadly weapon and public intoxication — Don M. Johnson, no age listed, of Lexington, six months in jail and confiscation of the weapon and 90 days in jail, to run concurrently with the above sentence on the intoxication charge. Both sentences were probated for one year provided Johnson gets treatment.

MARRIAGES DISSOLVED

Stephen Wayne Ayer and Donna Lee Ayer.

William Ira Wood Jr. and Barbara Jean Wood.

James M. Haynes and Cynthia Haynes.

police reports

A car valued at $2,500 was reported taken Monday night from a garage in the 1400 block of Robin Road.

A car buffer valued at $100 was reported taken sometime during the last three weeks from a residence in the 2800 block of West Sixth Street. Police received a report of the theft Tuesday.

A fire plug valued at $207 was reported taken sometime in December 1977 from the Towne Square Mall. Police received a report of the theft Wednesday.

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