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# Prosecution says Davis needs 'miracle' to prevent conviction

United Press International  
HOUSTON — T. Cullen Davis, heir to a billion-dollar business empire, said he could find enough money in 48 hours to finance a series of murders of his enemies, FBI tapes showed Thursday in his trial for soliciting the slaying of his divorcee judge.

The taped conversations — laced liberally with expletives — were played twice for the jury, then followed by a video tape showing the Aug. 20 rendezvous of Davis and informant David McCrory, the state's star witness against one of its wealthiest residents.

Passage after passage in the audio tape — made secretly by an FBI informant in a Fort Worth parking lot — exposed Davis, 45, plotting the

killings of persons who testified against him last year in Amarillo in his trial for the shooting death of his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

Friday marks the first anniversary of his acquittal. But prosecutors this week boasted "it would take a miracle" to prevent a Houston conviction.

Time after time, and in and out of the jury's presence, the tapes were

rerun Thursday as Davis sat expressionless amid his million-dollar defense team.

McCrory occasionally smiled from the witness stand during portions of the tapes and often glanced toward Davis as the men heard and saw their dramatic summer encounter.

McCrory testified Davis had spent the preceding few minutes snooping outside the FBI van concealing the

film crew across the parking lot. Davis apparently testified that his statements were unfounded, Davis continued the fateful meeting.

McCrory testified he showed Davis a staged photograph of pieces of identification indicating industrialist's divorcee judge dead.

The jury heard the following conversation of the meeting between Davis and McCrory.

McCrory: All right. Who do you want next?

Davis: Uh, uh. The ones we've been about. The three kids.

McCrory: Bev, Bev, Bubba, right?

Davis: Yeah.

Beverly Bass and Bubba Gava testified against Davis in August. The identity of the third "kid" is unclear, although McCrory testified Davis included Gavrel's name among 15 persons to be killed by professional hit man.

McCrory: Now, you want to have Beverly Bass killed next, right?

Davis: All right, uh.

McCrory: Now, I don't want to make another mistake. You're sure you want to have Beverly Bass killed tonight?

Davis: Oh, well —

McCrory: Cause he's going to create again tonight.

Davis: Oh, well —

McCrory: Hey, the man's name is He's the best I've ever seen.

Davis: Just one problem there. I haven't got the money lined up.

McCrory: How long will that take?

Davis: I will try to get it together. I can get it in two days.

McCrory testified that Davis produced \$25,000 in \$100 bills within hours of being told Judge Joe R. Eads had been slain. FBI agents testified McCrory emerged from the Aug. 20 meeting with the cash.

McCrory testified Davis emerged with the money in an envelope from the trunk of his Cadillac.

The tapes also show McCrory emerging from his car carrying an object wrapped in a white cloth. The object, which McCrory testified was a .22-caliber automatic, top equipped with a silencer and by Davis, is shown being placed in the Cadillac trunk as Davis drove away.

## Living with the law

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Probably so. The Freedom of Information Act requires Federal Agencies which systematically store information about individuals, to let them review and copy that information. There are exceptions to this privilege, but if you make your request in the proper manner, you can see your file.

Editor's note: This column is provided by the students' legal advisers as a service to Battalion readers. Answers are general and should not replace the personal advice of an attorney. Questions for this column can be addressed to the students' legal advisers in Room 306, YMCA Building.

## Graduate student arrested in MSC

By KEVIN HIGGINBOTHAM

A Texas A&M student was arrested for criminal mischief and later released by University Police after tearing up a sign in the Memorial Student Center cafeteria Thursday morning.

In what he called "a bit of social comment," Wesley M. Norman said he tore up the sign saying "Thank you for dining with us" to express his dissatisfaction with the quality of service provided by the MSC cafeteria.

Norman, a graduate student in the chemistry department, said he did try to make an oral complaint but "it was on mute ears."

"It just bothers me as a payer of state fees," said Norman, "they're not interested in pleasing the students at the cafeteria."

"I had no idea it would be blown to such proportions," Norman said of the arrest.

Norman had to stand in line for 10 minutes for hash browns, which made him angry, according to Ken Nicolas, an investigator for the University police.

Nicolas said, "No criminal charges will be brought against Norman as a result of the incident."

Nicolas said this case will now be handled administratively by the department of student affairs.

"Nothing will come of it except maybe a conduct advisory," said Nicolas.

Clinton Borchardt, dining center manager, refused to make any comment on the incident, except that he would "just as soon let it die down."

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