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TDC to seek execution for Saturday slayings

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Texas Department of Corrections officials vowed to ask prosecutors to seek the execution of the inmate accused of drowning the warden of the Ellis Unit on Saturday and then shooting and killing another high-ranking prison official.

The suspect in the case, a 30-year-old inmate convicted of aggravated robbery in Tarrant County, was a trusty at Huntsville's maximum security unit.

TDC spokesman Rick Hartley said the inmate "apparently shot himself in the foot" during the fracas and was in good condition in the Huntsville prison hospital Saturday night, suffering from a gunshot wound.

The suspect is being kept under heavy security, Hartley said.

The suspect's identity was not released pending the formal filing of charges.

There apparently was a short period of time after the

killings until other unit officials could get to the scene, not more than 10 or 15 minutes, and he was apprehended immediately," Hartley said. "We believe he may have shot himself in the foot during the fight."

Rev. Walter M. Cooksey, the justice of the peace who investigated the case, said he had "skeleton information" that the incident began about 12:15 p.m. when prison farm manager Billy Moore "somehow or another got word there was someone smoking marijuana" at one of the Ellis Unit's garden shop areas.

"That's farm land, you know," said Cooksey.

"He (Moore) went down to arrest the man and bring him in," Cooksey said. "On the way back, they met Warden Wallace Pack on the road. One of them got out of the car and talked to the other — it must have been Moore talking to Pack."

"There was a little pistol in the glove compartment in Moore's car. The suspect got it and shot four times. He shot

Moore through the head but didn't hit Warden Pack," said the justice of the peace. "But he got the warden in a ditch — it's a pretty good sized body of water — and drowned him in 2 or 3 feet of water some way or another."

Pack was reported to be 54 years old.

The bodies were sent to Houston in a Huntsville funeral home hearse for autopsy.

"The suspect apparently tried to escape, but did not," a Department of Public Safety dispatcher in Austin reported. "We have not been called in for assistance. Only one Ranger has gone to the scene to investigate. They have everything under control and there is no one at large."

Cooksey said he was acting as coroner in his rural county and, after making arrangements for the bodies to be taken to Houston, he returned to the site of the deaths to complete his investigation.

Hartley said the inmate was a "Class Two" trusty, which allowed him out of the maximum security unit of the prison

facility. He said the suspect, who arrived at the Huntsville unit Oct. 20, 1977, worked in the section of the prison where vehicles are routinely maintained and repaired.

"We do anticipate charges," said Hartley. "The (Texas) Department (of Corrections) is certainly going to seek two charges of capital murder."

There was an initial report of a "near-riot" or "escape" at the prison, but Hartley said the incident was reported by another inmate and the situation at the prison unit never became serious.

Hartley said the incident was an isolated one.

He could not confirm reports that the suspect had been smoking marijuana.

The Ellis Unit is located near Huntsville in Walker County. Its sprawling farm includes livestock and dairy facilities, a syrup mill, sawmills, brush factory, bus repair facility, dental lab, woodworking shop and factories at which inmates make garments, shoes and belts and metal signs.

Killer appeals to delay death sentence

ANGOLA, La. — A convicted killer who shouted to his trial jury, "Give me death," will look to the federal courts Monday to keep the state from fulfilling his request.

Colin Clark is scheduled to die Wednesday in Louisiana's electric chair for the 1979 stabbing of a Baton Rouge restaurant manager.

Attorney Richard Shapiro said he would seek a stay Monday from the U.S. District Court in Baton Rouge. He said time was running out for Clark, who changed his mind about wanting to die.

"It does seem like we're getting close," Shapiro said. "We're just going to file the motion and hope for the best. Preparing legal work within this time frame is very difficult but it has to be done. There's not much of an alternative."

Department of Corrections officials during the weekend prepared for what would be Louisiana's first execution since the 1961 death of Jesse James Ferguson for the rape and murder of a 9-year-old girl.

While lawyers plead his case in federal court, Clark will be prepared for death with visits from Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola Warden Frank Blackburn, who will ask about the inmate's wishes for spiritual counseling, family visits and a last meal.

If no stay is received Monday, Clark will be moved from death row to a death house isolated five miles into the remote prison compound.

The house, a single-story cinder block building, contains a special cell where the condemned

man will be under suicide watch. It also houses the state's 6-foot, solid oak electric chair.

On Friday the state Supreme Court denied a request to stop Clark's execution. Earlier in the day, state District Judge Carl Guidry rejected all 12 motions filed by Clark's lawyers, who said their client should be granted another trial because his attorney was intoxicated during the initial proceedings.

A hearing on a request for a stay filed by another death chair candidate, convicted state police killer Dalton Prejean, was scheduled for next Thursday. Prejean will die April 15 and become the first black executed in the United States since 1968 unless he wins a stay.

The convictions of Clark and

Prejean both have been upheld by the state Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review them. The two are the fifth and sixth Angola inmates to face the state's electric chair this year. The others all escaped with court-ordered stays.

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Man identified in photo as Reagan's assassin sues

SHREVEPORT, La. — A man identified in a widely distributed photo of a Nazi group as would-be presidential assassin John W. Hinckley Jr. said Saturday he was slandered and would sue.

James Whitton said it was he — not Hinckley — in the picture made available by a free-lance photographer and distributed by the Associated Press on Wednesday.

The picture depicted three men in the Nazi uniforms of the National Socialist Party of America at a meeting on March 11, 1978.

"I am no longer a Nazi," said Whitton, a former Oklahoma City resident. "I quit the party shortly after that."

Whitton said identifying him as Hinckley without checking to make certain of the identification was "unprofessional and irresponsible."

Whitton did not say whom he would sue and he did not make clear if he would sue for slander, as he stated, or libel, which would normally be the case when dealing with printed material.

Whitton was arrested in Oklahoma City in April 1977 for allegedly handing out Nazi literature while dressed in a storm-trooper uniform. He was charged with distributing handbills in a public place, but the charge was later dismissed.

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