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One killed, one injured

Veteran attacks IBM

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RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. — A veteran under treatment for Vietnam stress who was fired by IBM broke through company security and marched down corridors firing submachine gun at random, killing one person and wounding another before shooting himself.

The attack Monday by a man identified by police as Leonard Avery, 39, was the second dead-end assault on an IBM plant by a former employee this year.

Avery, whose friends said he had served two tours of duty in Vietnam, fled in his car after the attack, exchanging fire with a highway patrolman in the research and production facility's parking lot. A 15-mile, high-speed chase ended at a roadblock on the outskirts of Raleigh, where Avery shot himself in the

head with a .22-caliber Derringer pistol, police said.

He was listed in critical condition after surgery.

Police said, in the attack, Ralph A. Glenn Jr., 53, a part-

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time minister, was killed, and employee Richard D. Martin,

51, of Cary, was wounded and in critical condition.

Employees were warned over a plant intercom system an armed man was roaming the complex and told to barricade themselves in their offices.

"I was on the phone and saw a girl running with her head in her hands, screaming," said Rosalyn C. Basden, 32, an administrative specialist. "I turned my head and I could smell the gunpowder, and heard a shot."

Basden said she fled from her desk and when she got to the end of the aisle, "he was there." She turned and ran to an office and locked herself in, she said.

Michael F. Pandich, director of communications at the plant, said Avery breached plant security by entering a loading dock area of Building 205 in the IBM complex, which has 19 buildings on 521 acres.

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Employee O.T. Weaver said the man entered Building 201 through a passageway and encountered Glenn. Glenn tried to calm Avery, Weaver said, and Avery shot him. Glenn died during surgery.

Avery had been fired from the plant Aug. 19, but officials declined to give the reason.

"He was terminated at that time and made some threats to some other employees at the IBM facility," said Durham County Sheriff's Department Capt. Tommy King.

Pandich said neither of the victims was Avery's supervisor. He said he did not know if Avery knew either of them.

"It appeared to be random," he said.

A former neighbor who would not give his name, said Avery had a wife and children, although reporters were unable to find them. He said Avery told him he served two tours of duty in Vietnam, had been exposed to Agent Orange and was undergoing treatment for stress.

Inmates challenge injections

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WASHINGTON — A lawyer for five death row inmates in Oklahoma and three in Texas said Tuesday he will appeal a federal judge's ruling allowing states to execute with lethal drug injections.

U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson dismissed a lawsuit Monday filed by the inmates, rejecting their argument that without approval by the

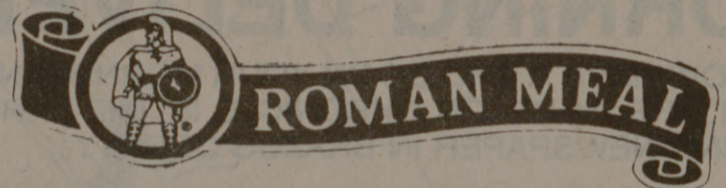
Food and Drug Administration such injections are illegal.

David Kendall, lawyer for the inmates, said the ruling affects death row inmates in four states where lethal injections are permitted — 146 inmates in Texas, 39 in Oklahoma, four in New Mexico and five in Idaho.

In her ruling, the judge said the FDA is not required to approve the use of the lethal drugs for death penalty cases.

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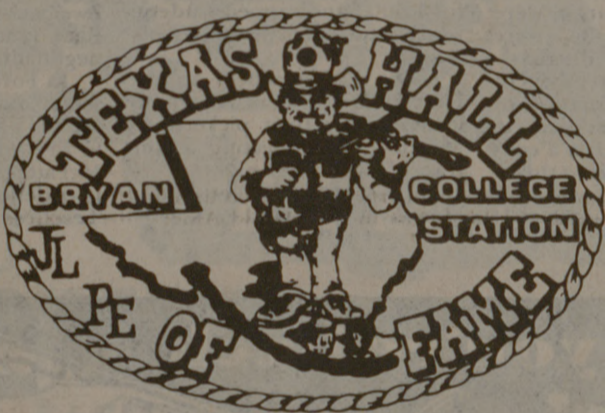


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