

# Davis' stepdaughter arrested for forgery

**United Press International**  
FORT WORTH — The stepdaughter of Cullen Davis, a millionaire industrialist involved in one of the state's most notorious murder cases, is fighting a heroin habit and hoping to be out of jail by Christmas.

Angela Dee Davis, 25, was arrested on a stolen check forgery charge Nov. 21 at a grocery store in Fort Worth. Because she is on probation for an earlier forgery arrest, she faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of the latest charges.

Her stepfather, one of the

richest men in the city, was accused of murder after four people were shot at his Fort Worth mansion in the summer of 1976.

Priscilla Davis, who was divorcing Davis at the time, was wounded. She now lives in Dallas.

Pricilla Davis' 12-year-old daughter, Andrea Wilborn Davis, was killed, as was one of her friends, Stan Farr. Another family friend was wounded.

Davis was tried in Andrea's death and acquitted after one of the longest and most publicized trials in Texas history.

Angela Dee Davis said she turned to heroin after the killings and then to crime to support her habit.

"I was at my boyfriend's house when they called to tell me what happened at the mansion that night," she said. "At first I just thought it was some kind of sick joke."

"All that was happening, and then my boyfriend was killed (in an auto accident) 10 days later," she said.

After trying college in Lubbock and Denton, she returned to Fort Worth and "fell in with a bunch of degenerates," she said.

"I guess that was because I had money and they knew it," said Davis, who draws dividends from stock in Kendavis Industries, the company her stepfather owns with his brothers.

Davis was arrested in 1980 for stealing a blouse from a Fort Worth store, but that charge was dismissed when she paid the store back. She was arrested again in 1981 for stealing several articles of clothing from another store, pleaded guilty and was placed on one year's probation.

Four months ago she was placed on five years' probation and ordered to enter a drug rehabilitation program in Dallas after pleading guilty to passing forged checks and to credit card abuse.

Because she was still on probation at the time of her Nov. 21 arrest, she could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison if convicted.



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## Excessive long distance costs

# AT&T opposes rate hike

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AUSTIN — The soon-to-be divorced parent company of Southwestern Bell Telephone Tuesday joined the Public Utility Commission's consumer counsel in opposing Bell's request for a \$976 million interim rate hike.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co., which will be split from Southwestern Bell on Jan. 1, said Bell's request could force AT&T to file for a \$200 million increase of its own.

Spokesman Ron LeMay said AT&T agreed that Bell deserved an interim rate increase, but he said Bell's proposal would force long-distance carriers, such as AT&T, to pay most of the rates.

"This proposal would impose costs on long distance services that never before have been assigned to them," he said. "The premium charge on AT&T Communications would place us at a competitive disadvantage."

"This is, of course, something they have to make a decision on," Bell spokesman Dale Johnson said of the AT&T statement.

Upon divestiture, AT&T will provide interstate long distance service, while Southwestern Bell will provide local service and access lines to long distance carriers.

Bell is seeking the interim rates while the PUC decides the fate of its \$1.7 billion rate case, which is aimed at offsetting the effects of divestiture.

PUC administrative law judge Jacqueline Holmes said she will take comment on Bell's request until Friday and will probably make a decision next week. The company has the option of

appealing her ruling to the full three-member commission.

The PUC staff has recommended interim rates of \$645 million.

PUC consumer counsel Jim Boyle said Bell's request was "bloated" by false estimates of revenue losses and lucrative executive salaries.

Boyle filed a motion for dismissal of the interim rates on the

grounds that an ongoing hearing on Bell's rate case showed the company needed less than one-tenth of the \$976 million it requested as an interim rate increase.

The proposed interim rates would result in hundreds of millions of dollars of overcharges to residential ratepayers, said Boyle.

Evidence presented at the Bell hearing, which began last month, showed the company

had over-estimated losses from its divestiture, AT&T, he said.

The interim request also inflated by excessive overhead and inflated profit margins, "phantom" taxes.

"By filing an interim rate, Bell asks the PUC to ignore massive evidence produced far in the hearing," he said.

Boyle's motion also asked PUC to suspend salary increases for Bell executives if any of the interim rates was granted.

"Southwestern Bell cannot provide \$3 million in executive bonuses, over \$7 million in free basic phone service staff and a salary for its president in excess of \$300,000," Boyle said.

"So if they are really broke, their executives are planning to go down in flames," Boyle said.

Bell spokesman Johnson, however, that Boyle "isn't realistic" in economic reality.

"Southwestern Bell has lished the need for more \$997 million and we are feel those rates should be applied to our interim rates," Boyle said. "We appreciate that the (PUC) staff has recognized we have a need. How they fall short of meeting needs we have."

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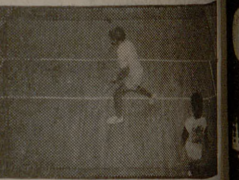
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