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Polygraph results refused

United Press International
DALLAS — Prosecution Monday refused to accept the results of two independent polygraph tests which defense attorneys claimed Lenell Geter passed with flying colors, paving the way for a new armed robbery trial for the black engineer.

"We attempted to meet with (Dallas County) District Attorney Henry Wade, and he refused to see us," said defense attorney Edwin Sigel. "We wanted to present the results of two polygraph tests he (Geter) has already taken successfully."

"We were hoping they would consider this instead of the polygraph offered or that they would agree to a polygraph by someone who is objective and impartial."

Geter, 26, was convicted of robbing a Kentucky Fried Chicken stand in Balch Springs, a town near Dallas, in 1982 and sentenced to life in prison. His conviction, clouded with allegations of racism and sloppy police work, was overturned in December.

Wade said when Geter was released on an appeal bond last month he would drop the charges if Geter passed a lie detector test. He said if Geter did not take the test by Monday deadline, a new trial would proceed this spring.

Sigel said one of the two defense tests was administered by Nat Laurendi, a well-known polygraph examiner in New York City. The second was administered by Frank Falk, former chief polygraph examiner for the state of South Carolina.

"Geter passed both of them with flying colors," Sigel said. Norman Kinne, of the Dallas County District Attorney's office, said the refusal of the sides to agree on the lie detector test Monday signaled an end to polygraph negotiations.

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"So it's trial time," Kinne said. "As far as we're concerned, the polygraph negotiations are closed."

Kinne said the next step in the case is a pretrial hearing at the end of this month, with trial to come April 7.

Sigel said he was dissatisfied with the county test that would have been administered by Bill Parker, a Dallas police officer who also runs a polygraph business.

"We would like an impartial, qualified examiner. Mr. Parker is neither impartial in our judgment or to our knowledge is qualified," Sigel said. "It appears he is not well-known in the field, if known at all."

Sigel said he planned to approach Wade again with the independent polygraph results but he did not expect any success. Lawyers for Geter had hedged Monday on whether the young black engineer from South Carolina would agree to a polygraph test. Geter returned to Dallas after visiting his mother's home in Denmark, S.C., during the weekend.

Cable company wants higher subscriber rate

United Press International
DALLAS — The head of a company that holds the cable television franchise for Dallas asked Monday for a subscriber rate increase and permission to cut the number of local access channels it must provide.

Drew Lewis, who resigned as President Reagan's administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to become chairman of Warner Amex Cable Communications Inc., said without changes in the contract the company will have no opportunity to recoup its investment during the 15-year life of the franchise.

Warner Amex did not specify the size of rate increase it wants or how many public access channels it would trim.

Lewis went to Milwaukee last week and told city leaders there

that Warner Amex wants to build a 54-channel one-way system instead of the 108-channel two-way system it originally agreed to build.

Industry leaders have said the actions by Warner Amex — jointly owned by Warner Communications and American Express — reflect a national trend of problems in metropolitan cable systems.

At a news conference with Lewis, Dallas Mayor Starke Taylor said he would appoint three members of the City Council to a task force to meet with Warner Amex officials and consider their requests.

Bill Morgan, a member of the Dallas Cable Board which oversees the system for the city government, said, "I could think of no worse time to ask to cut services and increase rates than right now. That's awful poor

timing. "He (Lewis) said there will be no lessening of services. But if they cut the number of channels it is, of course, de facto lessening of services."

Lewis said Warner Amex to date has invested \$150 million in the Dallas cable system and has 62,000 subscribers. He said construction is more than a year ahead of schedule with 2,800 miles built.

However, Lewis asked that a different formula for extension of service be allowed in remaining unserved areas with low residential densities. Again, he was not specific.

"Further, we propose that the city confirm our view that construction of remaining apartment units be based on agreements with the owners to assume installation costs or provide for bulk-billing to all residents," Lewis said.

Low tornado toll recorded

WASHINGTON — Thirty-three Americans died in tornadoes last year, well below the average annual tornado death toll of 103 over the past 30 years, the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Monday.

"The low tornado death rate in 1983 can be attributed in part to the lack of major, killer tornadoes during the year," said Fred Otsby, director of the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo.

Texas led the nation in 1983 with seven tornado deaths. Louisiana had five, Florida four

and New York and Alabama had three deaths each. Two tornado fatalities were recorded last year in Delaware, Illinois and Ohio, while Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Montana and Oklahoma each had one twister death.

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Monday:	Pottery--Wheel Throwing	January 30-March 5 5:00-7:00	20.00/24.00	Wednesday: Woodshop Orientation	February 1-February 22 1:00-4:00	25.00/30.00
	Stained Glass	February 6-March 5 7:00-9:00	19.00/23.00		February 1-February 22 7:00-9:00	15.00/18.00
	Calligraphy	March 19-April 23 6:30-8:30	20.00/24.00		February 1-March 7 6:30-8:30	20.00/24.00
	Intermediate Stained Glass	March 19-April 16 6:30-9:00	19.00/23.00		March 7-April 4 6:00-9:00	18.00/21.00
	Drawing	March 19-April 16 6:00-8:00	15.00/18.00		February 8-March 7 6:30-8:30	15.00/18.00
	Pottery--Wheel Throwing	March 19-April 23 5:00-7:00	20.00/24.00		March 21-April 11 7:00-9:00	12.00/15.00
Tuesday:	Quilting	January 31-March 6 6:00-8:00	18.00/21.00	Thursday: Pottery--Wheel Throwing	February 2-March 8 7:00-9:00	20.00/24.00
	Airbrush	January 31-February 28 6:00-8:00	15.00/18.00		February 2-March 8 6:00-8:00	15.00/18.00
	Basket Weaving	February 14-February 28 6:30-8:30	9.00/11.00		February 2-March 1 7:00-9:00	15.00/18.00
	Heart-shaped Bandsaw Boxes	February 7-February 8 6:00-9:00	12.00/15.00		February 9-March 8 6:00-8:00	15.00/18.00
	Intermediate Pottery	March 20-April 17 7:00-9:30	19.00/23.00		March 22-April 12 6:00-8:00	12.00/15.00
	Jewelry Casting	March 27-April 17 7:00-9:30	15.00/18.00		March 29-April 26 7:00-9:00	19.00/23.00
	Basket Weaving	April 17-May 1 6:30-8:30	9.00/11.00		April 5-April 26 6:00-8:00	12.00/15.00

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