

Geter refuses lie detector, confident of being cleared

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DENMARK, S.C.—Black engineer Lenell Geter said Tuesday he refused a lie-detector test that could have cleared him of armed robbery charges because the examiner isn't qualified.

"I've taken three polygraph tests and passed those and I think the whole thing is unnecessary," Geter told UPI in a telephone interview.

"I think they'll drop the charges," he said. "I have faith. I'm looking at it from a spiritual point of view."

Geter had until Monday to take a lie-detector test in Texas or face a second trial for the 1982 holdup of a Kentucky Fried Chicken stand in a Dallas suburb.

Geter, 26, was sentenced to life in prison for the stickup but the conviction was overturned in December.

When he was released on an appeal bond, Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade said he would drop the charges if Geter passed a polygraph test administered by Bill Parker, a

Dallas police officer who owns a polygraph business.

"I have always said I'm going at the advice of my attorneys and I agree with them, we're not going with Parker because he's a part-time examiner," Geter said. "He doesn't have the proper credentials to issue the test."

The engineer said he would prefer an examiner with "at least something to say that he's not necessarily doing this on the side as a tree-shade mechanic might do."

"In effect this is my life and I

want the best examiner possible to examine me."

Geter has maintained throughout his ordeal that sloppy police work and racism landed him behind bars.

"From the very inception, my incarceration was a fallacy in that I was arrested simply because I'm black," he said. "Because I was black I was arrested."

"There seems too exist no corrective remedies to prevent this kind of activity from happening to anybody. I'm saying to the parents, wives and husbands, this can happen to them. I'm tired of it."



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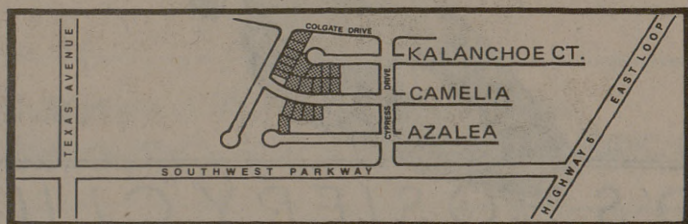
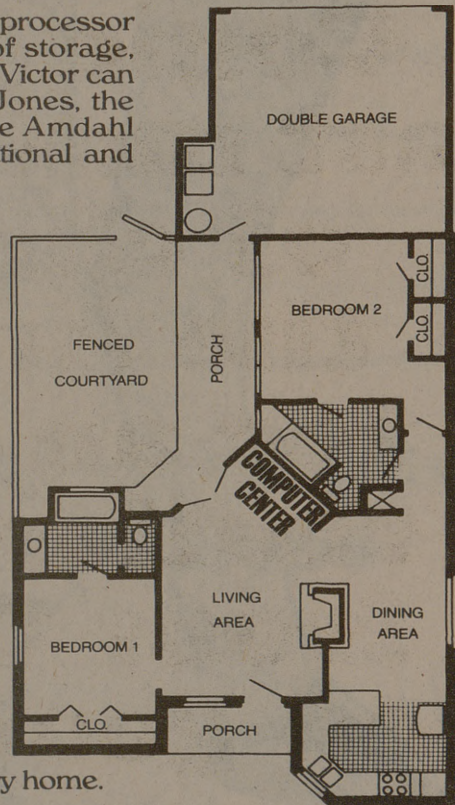
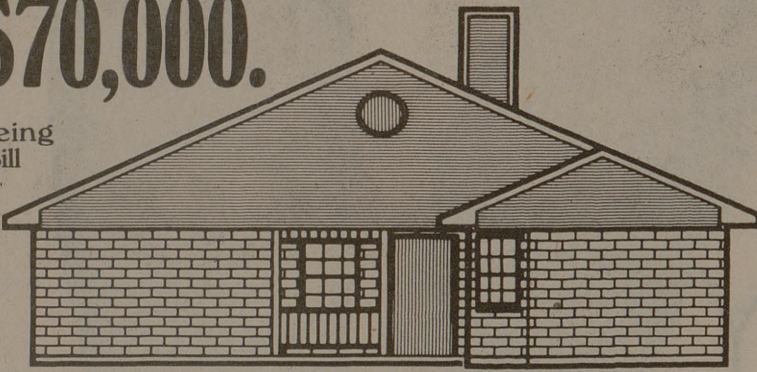
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"In my judgment, former Vice President Walter Mondale has the nomination all wrapped up," said Ford, who was in San Antonio to deliver a lecture at Trinity University.

However, Ford said he believed President Reagan has an excellent chance "of winning the election."

Ford said Mondale probably already has more than a third of the delegates needed to win the nomination. He said Sen. Joe Glenn, D-Ohio, would have to win the Iowa caucus and the few primaries to have any chance to challenge Mondale.

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