

Geter blasts judicial system

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 DENMARK, S.C. — Lenell Geter, a black engineer who spent 16 months in a Texas jail for a crime he did not commit, returned home a free man Sunday and said the judicial system that falsely accused him "owes humanity something."
 "I cannot truly celebrate until some type of action is taken to protect people from ambitious people in the judicial system," Geter said in a telephone interview from his mother's home in Denmark.
 "I realize that I am not the only victim of unjust incarceration in this country," he said. "I

don't have any specific case to point to, but reflecting back on my case you can see the system doesn't work 100 percent of time."
 Geter, 26, arrived at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport at 2 a.m. Sunday after speaking at a NAACP leadership forum in Philadelphia Saturday. He said he will return to Texas Monday to attend a court hearing where prosecutors are scheduled to clear him officially of charges he robbed a fast-food outlet in a Dallas suburb in 1982.
 "I think the judicial system in Texas owes humanity something," Geter said. "They owe

humanity the right to seek out the truth, to protect innocent people so they aren't unjustly accused."
 Geter also said he plans to return to the prison where he spent more than a year of his life.
 Geter was greeted at the Columbia airport by his fiancée, Marcia Hickson, a South Carolina State College nursing student. Geter said the two plan to be married this summer.
 "If you can put a big hug into words, that's what she said to me," Geter said.
 The engineer was convicted and sentenced to life in prison in 1982 for robbing a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in a Dallas suburb — a crime he insisted all along he did not commit.
 He blamed his arrest and

conviction on sloppy police work and a racist judicial system. The engineer spent more than a year in prison before winning a retrial in December. That trial had been scheduled to begin April 9.
 Last week, Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade announced the armed robbery charges against Geter had been dropped and a suspect had been brought to Dallas County for questioning.
 The case attracted widespread media attention, including a segment on CBS' "60 Minutes."
 But Geter, who has returned to his job at E-Systems Inc., an engineering firm in Greenville said he expects the furor over his imprisonment to die down eventually.



Moo-ving along *Photo by JIMMY CARTER*

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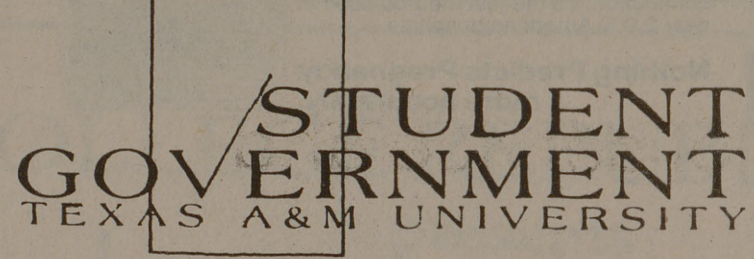
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Houston police get first break in 1980 shooting

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 HOUSTON — Police say there may be more arrests in the 1980 attempted murder of the estranged mistress of disappeared health spa tycoon Richard Minns.
 Investigators made their first break in the case in three years Thursday with the arrest of Houston private detective Dudley Bell, 47, a former Minns associate who is charged with solicitation of capital murder in the shooting of former model Barbra Piotrowski.
 "There could be more arrests," Homicide Detective Kenny Williamson said. "This arrest took four years to happen. We're going to keep the file open on this one for the next four years if we have to."
 Bell is being held on \$500,000 bond. When arrested he was on probation for a perjury conviction arising from his

acquittal on 1978 charges of conspiring to import Mexican illegal alien women to work as maids.
 Piotrowski, 30, was shot four times in the back as she exited a doughnut shop in October 1980. Two Riverside, Calif., men pleaded guilty in 1981 to the shooting and they each were sentenced to 35 years in jail and a \$5,000 fine.
 Her lawyer said Piotrowski is living in another state under an assumed name and undergoing therapy for paralysis from the waist down. Attorney Dick DeGuerin helped the Houston Chronicle reach her by phone.
 "I feel very good and very relieved" about Bell's arrest, she said.
 In 1982, she filed a \$220 million damage lawsuit against Bell and Minns in which she accused Minns of hiring Bell to find a hitman. She also accused Rob-

ert Jess Anderson, 46, ranging to have Patrick Bell and Nathaniel Ivery shoot her. A grand jury investigated the shooting interviewed Anderson and Bell. Anderson not indicted.
 Minns, who owned the Pentecent and First Lady Spas until 1975, has denied connection to the shooting.
 His whereabouts are known, and an affidavit in lawsuit case file dated July says he is not a Texas resident. The document has a Utah state seal.
 Piotrowski said she was Minns in 1976 in Aspen, Colo. and was living with him when he allegedly assaulted her at a Mexican resort. She said they had been married in a private ceremony and she share his wealth.



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