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Attorneys say Brandley's race biased decision

CONROE (AP) — The prosecution of Clarence Lee Brandley was racially prejudiced in his trial for the 1980 rape-strangulation of a Belleville teen-ager, his attorneys said in an appeal to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

"Regardless of the state's repeated proclamations that the prosecution of Clarence Lee Brandley was color-blind, the facts prove the state's assertions hollow," wrote defense attorneys Mike DeGeurin, Don Brown and Paul Nugent of Houston in a 78-page brief filed with the court Monday.

"At each stage, from the investigation and pretrial proceedings through jury selection and the trial itself, racial considerations infected the fairness of the proceedings against Clarence Brandley."

The Austin-based appellate court will consider written arguments from both sides before deciding if the 36-year-old black man, a former Conroe High School janitor, will receive a third capital murder trial in the Aug. 23, 1980 murder of Cheryl Dee Ferguson, 16.

The white teen-ager was killed at the school where she had gone for a volleyball tournament.

The defense's written arguments outline findings of fact and conclusions of law by retired Midland State District Judge Perry Pickett along with testimony from the October evidentiary hearings over which he presided.

Pickett found Brandley to be innocent of the crime.

Pickett wrote the appeals court, saying he found many of the state witnesses, including former Montgomery County District Attorney James Keeshan, who prosecuted the case, and State District Judge John Martin, who presided during the trial, to be less than credible.

The defense cites extensive testimony from the evidentiary hearing related to claims for relief for Brandley, and said it showed.

University Police buy new blue patrol cars

By Shannon O'Neal
Staff Writer

Students and faculty will be seeing blue instead of red from now on when the University Police pull them over.

The department recently purchased new blue patrol cars to present a more professional image on campus, Bob Wiatt, director of University Police, said.

"For a long time we've been wanting to give the impression to the people on this campus that we are a real, viable police agency," Wiatt said. "People associate blue police cars with municipal police agencies and law enforcement."

He said the cars' blue paint was chosen to reflect that association, since the University Police, College Station Police Department and Bryan Police Department have blue patrol cars.

He said the three police agencies had discussed getting similar cars to reduce visual distinctions among them.

"Anytime that you see a blue car with a light bar and a cage in it, you might presume it is a police car," Wiatt said.

Frank Velleca, assistant transpor-

tation services manager for A&M, said the new cars are part of the normal replacement system for University police vehicles, which are replaced on a regular cycle.

Wiatt said the department waited until it could replace all of its cars at once so it could order the blue cars.

He said the seven new Chevrolet Caprices cost about \$18,000 each. They are more expensive than standard models because of special features including partitions that separate the front seat from the back, light bars, sirens, radios and what Velleca calls a "police package."

The "police package" the department installed into the new vehicles includes special shocks absorbers, tires and suspension, a larger engine and auxiliary engine cooling equipment.

A&M Transportation Services took separate bids for the basic automobile package and the additional equipment, Velleca said. The transportation services shop mounted all of the equipment and took the cars to Texas Communications in Bryan for the electronics connections, he said.

Patrol cars last four years to five years or about 90,000 miles, Velleca said.



Photo by Kathy Haveman

Vici Jarrott, a University Police officer, gets into one of the newly painted squad cars.

Perot says Jackson helped in secret mission

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas billionaire Ross Perot said Tuesday that he turned to presidential candidate Jesse Jackson for a 1985 secret mission to Beirut because of his track record of successfully negotiating a hostage's release from Middle East captors.

Perot said he was contacted by agents in the National Security Council. The council asked Perot to organize and finance a rescue attempt with Jackson for CIA agent William Buckley.

"I've seen guys in our government who have all the responsibility for getting hostages back turn to jelly," Perot told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* in an exclusive interview. "Jesse Jackson just went over there and did his thing, and it worked."

He told the *Dallas Morning News* that "the guy did what he was asked to do by our gov-

ernment and he never grand-standed. His record is two-for-two."

Perot said he considered the mission a successful one — even though Buckley eventually was killed — because another American hostage escaped.

"When you are headed into a mess like Beirut, where there is more than one hostage, and you've got language barriers and you've got cultural barriers, if you get the wrong guy, don't be too surprised," Perot said. "I was pleased he got one American out."

Revelations of the Jackson mission emerged this week with the publication of a new book, "Guts and Glory: The Rise and Fall of Oliver North."

The biography by *Boston Globe* reporter Ben Bradlee Jr. says the government sought Jackson's help after his success a year earlier

securing the 1983 release of Navy pilot Robert Goodman held in Syria.

Perot said he met privately with Jackson in Atlanta before the Chicago civil rights leader left on his hostage mission to London and Rome. Perot paid Jackson's expenses — roughly \$30,000 — and sent an associate with him to "make sure he had everything he needed."

"I was called and asked to help on a problem," Perot said. "We had one hostage, Buckley, who knew too much and it was very important to get him back. Somebody asked who had a track record on getting somebody out of Beirut, and Jackson was the only one who had."

Jackson told Perot shortly after his return that one of the American hostages would be freed soon, Perot said. A few days later, Je-

remy Leving, the Beirut bureau chief of Cable News Network, escaped from his captors.

Perot said NSC officials did not want to approach Jackson for help, perhaps for political reasons.

On several other occasions, North enlisted Perot to help ransom American hostages in Iran, Perot said.

"The list of people who take a chance like this is very short," Perot said of Jackson. "The list of people who have news conferences and shed tears is very long. He never blinked, he went."

The Chicago minister neither accepted payment for the mission nor sought publicity after it, Perot said, who also financed a well-publicized rescue mission of employees of his EDS Corp. from Iran in the 1970s.

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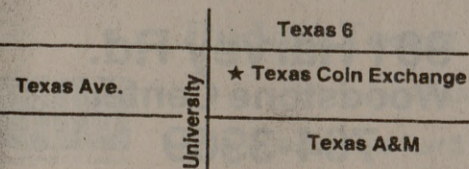
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