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'Crusader' dies in fight over drugs

FORT WORTH (AP) — Relatives of a martial arts expert who was shot to death as he challenged three drug dealers say they had warned him against carrying his anti-drug crusade to an apartment complex.

Relatives said Ruben Washington Jr., 38, armed himself with a martial arts club called a nunchaku before going to the Fort Worth apartment complex Saturday.

Police said Washington, a machinist until he was laid off three days before his death, was fatally shot in a parking lot Saturday after he fought one man and refused to run when others threatened him.

One of the relatives who urged Washington not to do battle with the drug dealers was his father, Ruben Washington Sr., a Texas Department of Corrections officer.

"I told him you're only one person and there's nothing you can do about it," the father told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Sunday. "But he wasn't afraid of anything. When he set his heart to do something, he did it."

Longtime friend Rufus Milton said he tried to talk Washington out of going to the apartment complex about three hours before he was killed.

"He told me he just had to do it," Milton said.

"He was just a person who was tired of drug dealing and tried to run some of them off," detective Roger SoRelle said. "He was totally against drugs."

Police issued an arrest warrant for one man Sunday and SoRelle said others have been implicated.

Fort Worth Police Sgt. Dennis Timmons said the complex Washington chose for his crusade has been the site of numerous complaints about drug sales.

SoRelle said one of the dealers Washington fought with fled from the complex after being beaten. When other men armed with a shotgun and pistol came at Washington he still refused to back off, SoRelle said.

Three shots were fired at him, striking him in the chest, head, leg and forearm, the officer said.

The officer said witnesses told police that once Washington was on the ground, his assailants forcefully beat him. Several of the witnesses cried out, urging the assailants to stop attacking Washington, the officer said.

What's Up

Tuesday

THE PLACEMENT CENTER: will have a workshop about resume writing at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

TAMU COLLEGIATE FFA: Texas State Congressman Robert Early will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 208 Scoates.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: COMPAQ will offer information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. in the University Inn per house suite.

TRI BETA: will have a general meeting at 6 p.m. in 109 Heldenfels.

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will have a 5K run for the Pleasant Hills Children's Home at 6:30 p.m. at the parking lot by Olsen Field.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: call the center at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS: call the center at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.

STUDY ABROAD: will have Overseas Day; study abroad opportunities from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the MSC hallway.

AGGIE ALLIANCE: Dr. Brian Cole will speak about Senate Bill 994 at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder. Aggieland photos will be taken at 6 p.m. at Zachry.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION: will tour the exotic animal center at 7 p.m. at the Wildlife and Exotic Animal Center.

TAMU COMPUTER USERS GROUP: Mr. Joe Jaros, head of instructional services at Sterling C. Evans Library will speak at 3 p.m. in 204C Sterling C. Evans Library.

AGGIES ABROAD CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 Rudder.

FORT WORTH HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

AGGIE G.O.P.: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

UNDERGRADUATE BIOCHEMISTRY SOCIETY: Dr. Caray will speak about "The Handedness of Life and Matter" at 7 p.m. in 113 Herman Heep.

ACM/IEEE-CS: will have a "Welcome to the Jungle" meeting at 8 p.m. in 102 Zachry.

TAMU SAILING TEAM: will meet at 8 p.m. in the Military Sciences Building.

AGGIE TOASTERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.

SPANISH CLUB: will have a bowling fiesta and meeting at 8 p.m. at the Doney Hill Bowling Center.

TAMU SURF CLUB: Dr. Martha Scott will discuss the formation of waves and then members will discuss intramurals and club trips at 8:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION/ON CAMPUS CATHOLICS: will discuss "Mass: a message in the motions?" at 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

AGGIELAND: Juniors and seniors may get yearbook photos taken from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Yearbook Associates Studio. Don't wait until the last minute.

Wednesday

PHI BETA LAMBDA: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 153 Blocker.

HUMAN FACTORS SOCIETY: Dr. Jerry Congleton will speak and the "Tool and Beyond" video will be shown at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.

RASC 602: Peggy Venable will speak about "Fire Policy and Federal Land Use" at noon in the Learning Resources Center in the Sterling C. Evans Library.

PI SIGMA EPSILON: will have a pledge meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 114 Blocker.

STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will show an apartheid film at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD: will discuss long distance relationships at 9 p.m. in Lounge B on the quad.

NEWMAN: will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS: will meet to discuss the speaker panel and the national convention at 6 p.m. in 014 Reed McDonald.

WOMEN'S BONFIRE COMMITTEE: will meet with bonfire chairmen at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

TAMU BACCHUS CHAPTER: will meet at 6 p.m. at the All Faiths Chapel Meeting Room.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: contact the center at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.

MSC HOSPITALITY: Service Awareness Day will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the MSC.

SOUTH LOUISIANA HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder.

TAMU BICYCLING CLUB: will elect officers at 8:30 p.m. in 704 Rudder. For more information call Gordon Powell at 696-6599.

STUDENT "Y" ASSOCIATION: will have a bonfire reload crew training session at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

AUSTIN HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 8 p.m. in 231 MSC.

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

GRAPEVINE-COLLEVILLE HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

TAU BETA PI: will have a membership meeting for candidates at 7:05 p.m. in 102 Zachry.

TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in Rudder. Check the screen for the room number.

INTRAMURALS: Corps volleyball team captains will meet at 7 p.m. in 157 Blocker.

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION: will have registration for the Southern Regional Conference through Friday in the Blocker lobby.

Diner 'hero' goes back for seconds

ANNISTON, Ala. (AP) — A soldier who disarmed a gunman in a restaurant, saving about 50 diners from possible violence, returned for another meal, downplaying his role as hero.

"I was just there to react in case he did something stupid," said Army Staff Sgt. Wendell Williams, 29, the son of a Dallas policeman. "It's not my nature to stand there and be quiet."

Williams grabbed the gun away from Darren Smith, 20, of Anniston, in a Shoney's restaurant Friday night. Police said Smith had been holding a busboy at gunpoint in an attempt to see his estranged wife, a Shoney's employee who had signed a warrant against Smith for harassment.

Smith was jailed on charges including kidnapping and reckless endangerment, and later he was charged with first-degree arson in connection with a fire set at the city jail. No bond had been set Monday.

Williams returned to the Shoney's for another meal Sunday night, and in an interview with the Anniston Star, he said his action was not dramatic.

Still, he said, "I thought it was kind of neat. You go to a slow town like this, and you don't expect something like this to happen, especially at Shoney's."

Williams, a Dallas native, is stationed in Germany but is taking advanced non-commissioned officer training at Fort McClellan, near Anniston. When the gunman entered the restaurant, Williams had finished eating and was in the bathroom.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

In Advance

MSC Hospitality plans awareness day

MSC Hospitality is sponsoring its second Service Awareness Day Wednesday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on the first floor of the MSC.

The event is designed to increase student awareness of public services available on campus and in Bryan-College Station and to give students ideas of how they can volunteer to help the community.

Representatives of 12 service organizations will be available to answer questions. Organizations to be represented include the Brazos Area Shelter, the Rape Crisis Center, the Scouts, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and local hospitals.

Resume seminar to be held in Rudder

"Resume Writing," a seminar presented as part of a series of Career Development Workshops, will be held today from 5-6:45 p.m. in 404 Rudder Tower.

A repeat of the workshop is scheduled for Thursday from 5-6:45 p.m. in 402 Rudder Tower.

The workshops, presented by the College of Liberal Arts and the Career Planning and Placement Center will focus on getting an employer's attention with an effective resume. Participants will learn hints on purpose, format, content and type of resumes.

Students of all majors and classes are welcome to attend.

Group lobbies for gun law

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas State Rifle Association, which has campaigned twice to win law enforcement support for state legislation allowing residents to pack concealed handguns, believes the third time is a charm.

The association again is seeking passage of a state law allowing any Texas resident with a clean criminal and psychiatric record to carry a concealed handgun.

The association plans to introduce to the Texas Legislature in January a plan to establish for the first time in the state a way for law-abiding citizens to carry a handgun for their own protection, Dave Edmondson, executive director of the National Rifle Association's Texas affiliate, said.

He said he discussed the proposal with the Sheriffs Association of Texas and the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, or CLEAT, which opposed the measure in the 1987 session.

Other meetings were scheduled with Texas Department of Public Safety officers and with chiefs of police, Edmondson said.

Gordon Johnson, rifle association president, said reaction to the measure has ranged from "cautious wariness" at the sheriffs association to outright hostility at CLEAT.

"They see guns as a religious phallic symbol," Ron DeLord, CLEAT president, said.

DeLord threatened to call members of the Dade County, Fla., police association, unhappy with a similar law enacted last year in Florida, to testify against the bill.

"Our current laws allow you to have a handgun in your home, in your business, when you travel — I don't believe you need one at the shopping mall," DeLord said. "More guns being carried tends to place more people in jeopardy."

Edmondson said he hopes the proposal, still in draft form, will resolve disputes and, if not win a battle, least escape opposition from the full law enforcement lobby.

Currently, it is illegal in Texas to carry a handgun "on or about the person" when engaged in a sporting activity when traveling long distances. Edmondson said Texas is one of only two states with a near-total ban.

He said the rifle association would allow Texans to receive a permit to carry a standard revolver or automatic pistol in most locations. The application would be processed by the Texas Department of Public Safety, which would coordinate background checks of applicants, he said.

Edmondson said a permit would be issued if an applicant had been convicted of a felony or was wanted on a standing warrant, had been convicted in court to receive psychiatric treatment, or was a "known" alcohol or drug abuser.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY

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