

# Husband charged with murder after shooting at day care center

McKINNEY (AP) — The estranged husband of a woman fatally shot at a day care center where she had driven to pick up her children was arraigned today on a charge of murder.

Ricky Lynn Newman, 30, appeared before Collin County Judge Glen Swanner who left bond at \$100,000. Newman remains in Collin County Jail.

Newman, accompanied by his attorney, gave himself up to Collin County sheriff's officers Tuesday without incident.

Laurie Lee Newman, 25, died Monday from a single gunshot wound to her right side.

Newman was booked into Collin

County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond on a murder warrant issued by Plano Municipal Court Judge Toni Baggett for his arrest, sheriff's Lt. John Holton said.

"There was no problem," Holton said of Newman's surrender. "He walked in and said, 'I'm Richard Newman. I understand you are looking for me.' We heard he would be here at 4 p.m. and he showed up at 4:15 p.m."

Newman, pursued by the gunman, had driven about five blocks from the shooting scene at La Petite Academy to a bowling alley. She was then taken to a hospital where she died of her wound.

Before she died, Ms. Newman

provided information about her assailant, said Plano police.

Newman "was very subdued. He has been very calm," sheriff's Lt. Bobby Clark said. "He has not been saying very much. He has just kept his head down" since his surrender.

Newman, of Richardson, was wounded Monday afternoon as she tried to pick up her two children. The gunman drove up in front of her, left his vehicle and fired a large-caliber handgun five times, Jon Giddings, a police investigator and public information officer in the North Dallas suburb, said.

The shooting was six weeks after a similar attack at a day-care center in Dallas resulted in the deaths of a

Dallas woman and a Dallas County deputy sheriff who had driven her to the Day Place Development Child Center to drop off two of her children.

Police said Christen Corliss Sims, 30, and Deputy Jim Hughes, 41, died in the attack Dec. 1.

The woman's ex-husband, Billy Ross Sims, was arrested 10 days later after an intensive manhunt. Sims is awaiting trial on charges of capital murder.

In both shootings, witnesses told officers the assailant had waited near the day-care centers for some time before the victims arrived.

McKinney is about 12 miles north of Plano.

# Navy officer agrees to hearing regarding dereliction of duties

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The commanding officer of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi has agreed to accept a non-judicial disciplinary hearing on his role in the treatment of a Navy "whistleblower," an official said.

Capt. Craig L. Reynolds is one of 10 people for whom disciplinary hearings were ordered after an October court-martial verdict against Bryan Sims was thrown out Jan. 6.

The 10 are suspected of dereliction of duty in connection with improper parts procurement and maintenance practices.

Sims, a rescue swimmer and helicopter mechanic was exonerated on Jan. 6 of military rules infractions. The charges were filed after Sims refused a 1986 order to take untested parts from a wrecked helicopter and install them on two working helicopters.

Sims maintained that the charges, unrelated to helicopter maintenance, were brought because of his refusal to install the untested parts.

Vice Adm. John S. Disher, chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Fla., on Jan. 6 threw out the October court-martial verdict and ordered disciplinary action for 10 supervisors in Corpus Christi. Reynolds was one of those charged with dereliction of duty, the Navy has said.

Nine of the individuals were given the option of non-judicial hearings, in which they report to

a superior for discipline, but Lt. Dennis Hessler, a spokesman for Disher in Pensacola, said only Reynolds had accepted the non-judicial hearing by Tuesday's deadline.

Hessler said the advantage of accepting a non-judicial hearing over a court-martial is the milder punishment.

"The penalties (of the non-judicial hearing) are a lot less severe," Hessler said. "A conviction with a court-martial could carry a stigma that would stay with them."

Hessler said the non-judicial hearings probably would be held within a month and that court-martial might be scheduled within three or four months.

In the event of a court-martial, he said the maximum penalties for officers would be 60 days' base restriction, forfeiture of two-thirds of base pay for six months and loss of promotional opportunities. Officers at the non-judicial hearings could lose half of base pay for two months and face restriction to the base or their quarters for 30 or 60 days.

Sims, 27, who has served 10 years in the Navy, has said he was harassed and received death threats after refusing an Oct. 1986 order to install onto two helicopters some crucial, untested parts from a search-and-rescue helicopter that crashed in 1985, killing three crew members.

He was transferred from the Corpus Christi base to Houston this month, at his request.

# INS postpones decisions on asylum

HARLINGEN (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service has postponed issuing decisions for those who sought asylum here under a travel-restricting procedure that a federal judge blocked last week, an INS official said Wednesday.

The delay affects 2,064 asylum applicants filing claims between Dec. 16 and Jan. 9 under an INS procedure designed to keep applicants, primarily Central Americans, from working or leaving southern Texas for the 30 days it would take to decide their cases.

The procedure apparently caused a marked increase in the number of homeless, jobless Central Americans camping out in the Lower Rio Grande Valley to await their adjudication by the INS.

Immigration attorneys filed a class-action suit against the procedure on Jan. 6. U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela on Jan. 9 granted a temporary restraining order until a full hearing could be held in the case.

The judge's order freed hundreds and maybe thousands of Central Americans to leave the Lower Rio Grande Valley and pursue their claims for refugee status elsewhere in the United States. Bus companies last week brought in extra vehicles and drivers to accommodate the extra northbound passengers, including some who went directly to Miami.

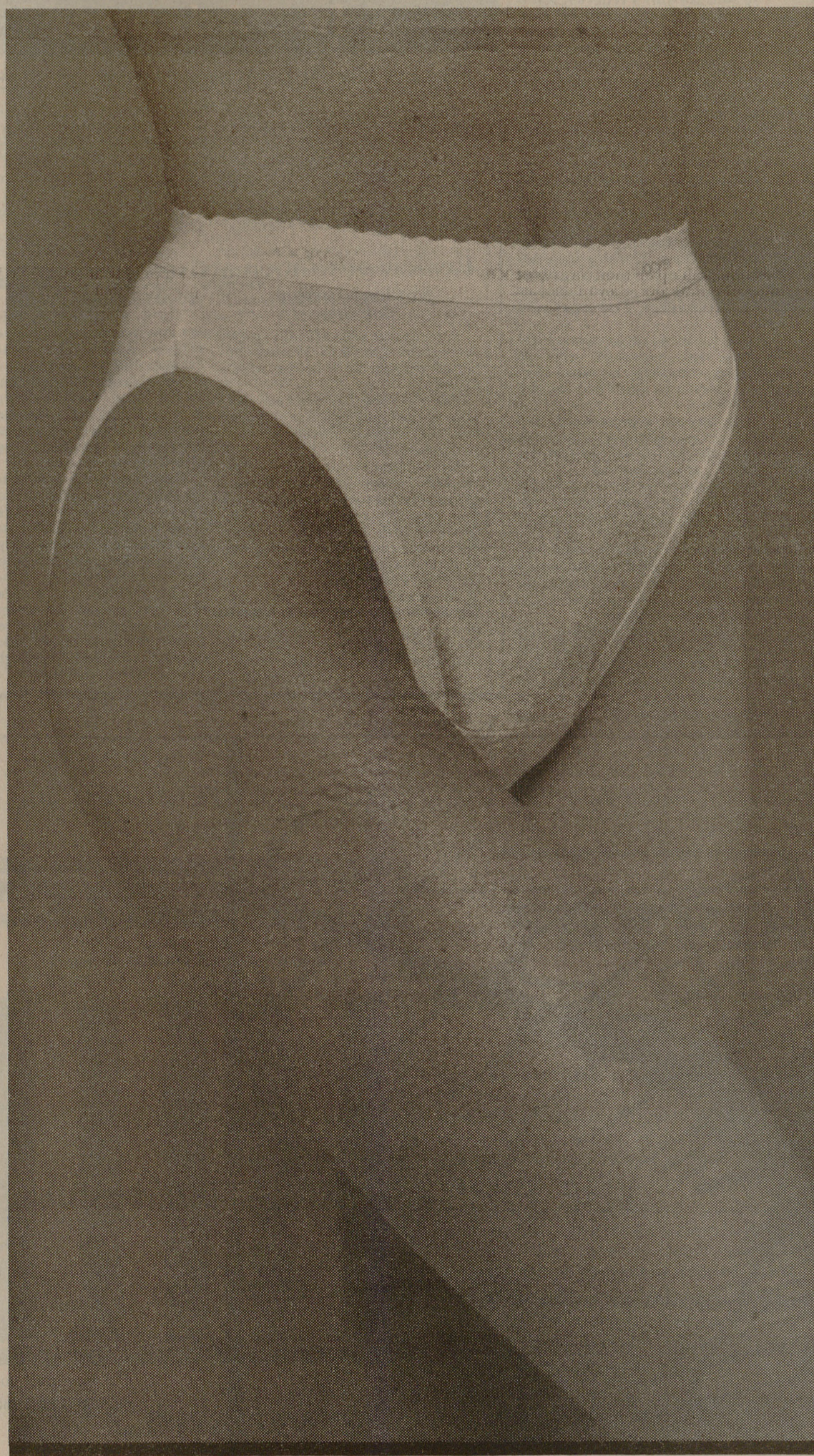
A hearing has been set for Jan. 31, at which lawyers for the INS are expected to defend the

travel-restricting procedure.

But the first decisions under the now-blocked procedure were due Monday.

Virginia Kice, INS spokesman for the Harlingen District covering the southernmost part of Texas, said those applicants showing up for word on approval or denial of their claims will be asked to return again in two weeks or report to the immigration office nearest their intended U.S. residence.

"We wanted to make sure that we obey the temporary restraining order both in spirit and in fact, and our attorneys are still analyzing the thrust of the order," Kice said. "We want to make sure that we follow it to the letter."



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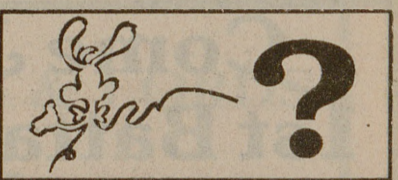
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