

# Research group designs program for drug prevention curriculum

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A Texas A&M research group has designed an innovative drug prevention curriculum to help students and teachers become an active part of the solution to the drug problem. The 1,086 page curriculum, to be infused into the current curriculum required by law, has detailed lessons for students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade built around the theme "Education for Self-Responsibility: Prevention of Drug Use." A&M received a \$200,000 contract from the Texas Education Agency for the curriculum project in September 1988. The project is headed by Dr. B.E. "Buzz" Pruitt, an A&M associate professor of health education. "What is unique about this curriculum is it makes drug education a part of every subject at every level," Pruitt said. "This document aims to change the environment of schools to be truly

drug-free, and this means even tobacco free." A consistent "no-use" message is incorporated into the curriculum at all grade levels and in most subjects.

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Pruitt said he went to school districts all over Texas and asked them for their best teachers to be different subjects.

"We're interested in the role-modeling impact of teachers teaching these lessons," Pruitt said. "We want the teachers to become creatively invested in this concept of infusing drug education."

Pruitt's research staff, which included 100 teachers and 60 other professionals, worked every day for seven months to complete the document in time for the 1989-90 school year, rewriting each page 23 times.

Although every school district in Texas received a copy of the document this summer, it is not required that they use it.

He said the curriculum is not the answer to the drug problem, but is a major contribution. "If one lesson somewhere delays one drug addict from using drugs — it is a roaring success," Pruitt said.

Copies of the curriculum also have been requested by eight states and some foreign countries.

## Fort Worth murder suspect accused of two sexual assaults

FORT WORTH (AP) — The suspect in the abduction and sex-slaying of an eighth-grade girl last week also has been accused of other sexual assaults, including the August rape of a 13-year-old girl at his father's church while choir members practiced upstairs, authorities said.

Kenneth Reed Smith, 20, of Fort Worth, was arraigned late Saturday on a charge of capital murder in connection with the death of Amy Lynn Thatcher, 14, of Fort Worth. She was abducted Friday. Judge Thomas L.G. Ross set bail at \$100,000.

At the time of his arrest, Smith was being sought on an aggravated sexual assault warrant in connection with the Aug. 19 attack of a 13-year-old girl at knife point, authorities said.

Smith, a recent parolee, also was arraigned on the unrelated aggravated sexual assault charge stemming from an Aug. 19 attack. Bond

was set at \$30,000.

In that incident, the victim told police she was raped in the basement kitchen of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth while the choir was practicing. Smith's father is a pastor at the church.

Smith also is awaiting trial on an aggravated sexual assault charge in connection with a January attack at knife point of a 37-year-old woman. The woman told police she was dragged to the side of First Pilgrim Valley Baptist Church in Fort Worth and then raped. Smith's wallet was found nearby.

Police planned to question Smith in other similar crimes in the city, said Fort Worth Police Sgt. Paul Kratz of the department's homicide division.

Annie Smith said her son was being wrongly portrayed. "Let me tell you about my Kenneth," Mrs. Smith said. "My Ken-

neth is quiet, gentle and understanding."

Mrs. Smith, a nurse at a Fort Worth hospital, said her son has been seeing a psychiatrist "off and on" for treatment.

"This all seems out of context," she told the *Dallas Morning News*. "It doesn't fit the Kenneth I know. Kenneth is a good boy who has his problems."

But friends and neighbors remember a different individual.

"When he snapped he would be a whole different person," said Daniel Griffin, a neighbor who said he has known Smith for 11 years. "The dude was just bad."

Smith led police to Amy's partially clad body in a heavily wooded area near Lake Arlington in Fort Worth on Saturday, a day after the girl was forced into a car as she walked alone to Hadley Middle School, Kratz said.

Classmates said they had seen the girl struggling with a man in a speeding car about six blocks from the school Friday morning.

Her body was found at a dump site on the western shore of Lake Arlington, surrounded by old mattresses, tires and clothes.

Smith led authorities to the site after he was arrested following an informant's tip to his whereabouts, Kratz said. He was arrested without incident at a relative's home.

He was ordered held at the Tarrant County Jail.

Kratz said police believe Thatcher was sexually assaulted before she was strangled with a cord.

"She was a random victim," Kratz said. "From what we have pieced together, he was out looking for a victim and just spotted her."

Investigators said they believed Amy was attacked in the field where her body was found and that she was likely killed within an hour of her abduction, Kratz said.

Smith entered the Texas Department of Corrections in March 1987 after his conviction of auto theft and escape, Kratz said. He was released, but returned to prison in March 1988 on a parole violation. He was released again last December.

Smith was then arrested in January in connection with the assault of the 37-year-old woman. He remained in the Tarrant County Jail until he was released on bond in June.

Smith told police he has a pregnant girlfriend and has fathered four children.

## Minister survives kidnapping

Agents blame ordeal on leftist guerrillas

EL PASO (AP) — A minister who was reportedly kidnapped by leftist guerrillas weeks ago in El Salvador has been found unharmed after surviving a separate ordeal with smugglers who demanded \$500 to bring him into the United States.

Sidney Guillermo Trigueros-Munoz was found Friday in an El Paso motel, along with four Salvadorans and two Mexican nationals who U.S. immigration agents say are alien smugglers, the *El Paso Times* reported.

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Agents said they were told that another minister, who was kidnapped with Trigueros-Munoz, was killed by the guerrillas. But Trigueros-Munoz escaped into Mexico, where he apparently met smugglers bringing the four Salvadorans to the United States.

Tim Pastor, assistant district director for investigations in the El Paso office of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, said the Salvadorans and two Mexican nationals are being held at the INS detention center, the *El Paso* newspaper reported.

Pastor said no weapons were found in the room.

Ernest McAninch of El Paso, a former missionary to El Salvador, said he received a phone call at 10 a.m. Friday from a missionary in who said Trigueros-Munoz was being held at the motel.

McAninch said he immediately called immigration officials.

"No one actually said they were going to kill him if they didn't get the money, but I don't know what else they would do," McAninch, who spent eight years as a missionary in Central America, said.

"I was told that he and another minister were kidnapped several weeks ago by the Far Left National Liberation Front, or FMLN. The other man was killed, and Sidney managed to get away and into Mexico, where he apparently connected with these coyotes (alien smugglers)."

Attempts to verify the kidnapping and the killing of the other minister through the Associated Press in Mexico City and San Salvador were unsuccessful.

## Minority groups join to alter election methods of district judicial races

MIDLAND (AP) — Blacks and Hispanics have joined to legally challenge the way state district judges are elected in Texas, a system they maintain is discriminatory.

The League of United Latin American Citizens, three black former district judges from Dallas and other groups are suing the state in federal court to force nine populous counties to elect judges from single-member judicial districts. If they win, the current at-large election system could be radically altered.

The non-jury trial was scheduled to begin here Monday before U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton. Testimony is expected to last two weeks.

The counties named in the suit are Bexar, Dallas, Ector, Harris, Jefferson, Lubbock, Midland, Tarrant and Travis. They include five of the state's six most populous counties. The exception is El Paso, which originally was included in the suit but was thrown out because Hispanics recently became the majority of the registered voters.

About 10 percent of state district judges are black or Hispanic, though those groups make up one-third of the state's population.

The plaintiffs contend that minority judicial candidates are less likely to win elections when the entire county votes for the full slate of judges. To correct for what they see as a discriminatory imbalance, they want judges to be elected from single-member districts — smaller geographical districts within counties.

They are suing under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits laws and practices that discriminate against minority voters and allows them to challenge those laws and practices in federal court. Recent decisions by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and a federal judge in Brownsville have opened the door to challenges of judiciary elections under the Voting Rights Act.

The state's argument can be boiled down to the old adage: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." And Renea Hicks, the special assistant attorney general who will defend the state, said the system isn't broken.

But plaintiffs contend the system is in danger — that more and more black and Hispanic citizens will lose respect for the state judiciary if it remains dominated by Anglo men.

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