

Former parole board chairman pleads guilty to perjury

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WACO — Former state parole board Chairman James Granberry pleaded guilty Thursday to charges he lied during an investigation of parole consultants like the one that helped free five-time killer Kenneth McDuff.

Granberry, 61, admitted lying to a federal magistrate about how many inmates he represented after he resigned from the board of pardons and parole in May 1991.

As part of the plea, Granberry agreed to help state and federal investigators still probing parole consultants.

Last week, former Texas parole board member Frank Eikenburg was arrested on charges he gave out confidential information on inmates. Eikenburg of Plano, is charged with felony misuse of official information.

Granberry's attorney, Randy Gilbert of Tyler, said his client testified before the grand jury that returned the charge against Eikenburg.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston declined to say if other current or former board members were being investigated. But he confirmed that the probe began after McDuff — one of Texas' most notori-

ous killers — abducted an Austin woman and a pregnant Waco convenience store clerk.

"The reason our office became aware of probation consulting questions is that we were looking for McDuff and we began to hear about these people," Johnston said.

When authorities finally arrested McDuff, they found a card for a parole consultant, not Granberry.

In entering the guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Walter Smith, Granberry also admitted that while he was on the board he helped a Dallas car dealer's son win a parole hearing and eventual free-

dom in exchange for a reduced lease payment on two automobiles.

Granberry, a former Lubbock mayor who now lives near Tyler, declined comment on the case. No sentencing date was set. Prosecutors estimated Granberry faces up to six months in prison.

Granberry was charged with perjury for lying to a federal magistrate about the extent of the consulting business he ran after resigning from the board. Federal prosecutors said Granberry served as a consultant for inmates and their families on 22 cases and was still receiving fees when he testified in 1992 that he

handled only six or eight cases and no longer in that business.

The businesses themselves were not legal at the time. And although Granberry voted to release McDuff in 1989, there were no charges or public allegations of wrongdoing by him in that case.

McDuff was sentenced to die in prison for killing a teen-age girl, one of the youths slain together near Fort Worth. Officials say he killed the other two young boys but those cases did not go to trial. McDuff's sentence was commuted to life in prison after the Texas death penalty was declared unconstitutional in 1972.

Health Tips

Chlamydia, genital warts common STDs at A&M

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The Brazos County Health Department reported 386 cases of sexually transmitted diseases in 1993. Chlamydia and genital warts are the most common on the Texas A&M campus.

• Chlamydia

Prevalence — Chlamydia is the most common STD in United States with more than 3 million new cases reported each year.

Transmission — It is passed from person to person through any sexual contact.

It cannot be spread through kissing, toilet seats, doorknobs, swimming pools or eating utensils.

Symptoms — Symptoms include pain during urination and/or a runny, whitish discharge.

Treatment — It can be treated with antibiotics such as tetracycline and doxycycline, and it cannot be killed with penicillin or other home remedies.

• Gonorrhea

Prevalence — There are more than 700,000 cases of gonorrhea each year.

Transmission — It is passed through any form of sexual contact. It does not develop out of another disease.

Symptoms — Symptoms include a burning feeling during urination and a thick, yellowish or greenish discharge. Women often have no symptoms.

Treatment — It can be treated with a shot of ceftriaxone. There are no over-the-counter drugs or home remedies.

• Herpes

Prevalence — There are about 500,000 new cases of herpes each year.

Transmission — Herpes is an infection that stays in one spot in the body and is spread by direct skin-to-skin contact. The virus is usually spread during sex. Cold sores, oral herpes, are most often caused by herpes simplex virus-1. HSV-1 can be passed to the mouth during oral sex. Herpes cannot be spread by a toilet

seat, door knobs, swimming pools, eating utensils or blood transfusions.

Symptoms — Symptoms begin with a tingling or burning feeling, a discharge from the vagina, a feeling of pressure in the abdomen and pain or soreness in the buttocks. Small red bumps appear near where the virus entered the body. These bumps turn into blisters or open sores, scab over and heal without scars.

Treatment — There is no cure for herpes because it is a virus. Acyclovir is a prescription drug used to decrease the pain and length of outbreaks. There are no over-the-counter drugs or home remedies for herpes.

• Syphilis

Prevalence — There are more than 100,000 new cases of syphilis each year.

Transmission — The disease is almost always passed from person-to-person through direct contact with a syphilis sore, lesion or moist rash during sexual contact. Moist kisses can pass the disease if one of the people has a lesion on the lips or in the mouth. Syphilis cannot be spread by toilet seats, door knobs, swimming pools or eating utensils.

Symptoms — The first stage of syphilis is the outbreak of a single chancre or sore. The chancre is firm, round, small and painless. It shows up where the bacteria entered the body. The chancre lasts for one to five weeks and heals on its own. The second stage starts when a rash breaks out. The rashes look like spots on the palms of the hands and bottom of the feet. Rashes can also resemble small blotches or scales or a bad case of acne. The rash lasts two to six weeks and clears up on its own. There are no symptoms in the last stage, but the disease is attacking the nervous system and internal organs.

Treatment — A shot of benzathine penicillin will cure a person who has the disease for less than a year. Shots are needed for someone who has had the disease for more than a year. There are no over-the-counter drugs or home remedies for syphilis.

Take our Daughters to Work Day

Successful women offer job guidance

By Eloise Flint
The Battalion

Thousands of girls ages nine to 15 visited the offices of influential women Thursday to celebrate the value they add to society during the second annual "Take our Daughters to Work Day."

The event was aimed at encouraging young girls across the country to accompany parents, family friends, relatives and teachers to work, to gain first hand exposure to the workforce.

Pamela Reese, adviser to student activities, said the program is a self-esteem builder.

"Results of studies have shown that girls have lower job expectations than boys," Reese said.

She brought members of Girl Scout troop No. 1966 to the A&M campus so they could have the chance to see what opportunities are available for them in the future.

Reese said being on the Texas A&M campus also provides them with encouragement to further their education.

"Having lunch with girls in the Corps and talking with Brooke Leslie (student body president) gives them the opportunity to see females in leadership positions, which is encouraging for them," she said.

Carrin Bilhile, a 10-year-old from Lexington Elementary, said she has learned responsibility from her day at work.

She completed tasks such as making copies, delivering payroll reports and filing.

Bilhile said she wants to be a lawyer when she grows up, but first she plans to attend college.

"I want to go to A&M because I am an Aggie fan," Bilhile said. "I want to go on a volleyball scholarship."

Bilhile's mother, Candy, an accounting as-

sistant in student services, said she hopes her daughter understands what the working world is really about.

"When she comes home from school and is so tired, she doesn't always understand why mom is so tired," Ms. Bilhile said.

"She needs to understand that this is an eight-to-five job, and that mom has a lot of responsibilities that don't allow her to stay home all day."

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— Candy Bilhile, accounting assistant in student services

Patricia Khrona, a 9-year-old from Anason Jones Elementary, learned how office life works by meeting with Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities.

Reese said meeting with influential women builds the girls' self esteem and encourages them to set goals for their future.

According to the Bluebonnet Girl Scout Council, girls set their sights on low-paying jobs and often have views of being supported by their husbands.

The council guidelines say young girls need to see that women have a range of life options so that they can shape more realistic futures.

The council reports that approximately 30 percent more girls than boys suffer a decline in basic feelings about themselves at the beginning of adolescence.

First man to head Houston's NOW resigns

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The local NOW chapter's first male president has quit because state organization officials criticized the way he handled a response to a planned men-only appearance by Louis Farrakhan.

Wesley Fryar, 27, said he resigned earlier this month, and three of NOW's five-member local board also have stepped down. All remain members of the National Organization for Women.

Fryar and others had criticized Farrakhan's plan to hold a men-only speech earlier this month at Texas Southern University to address problems facing black men. But there also were those who

supported the speech, including a group of local black female activists.

The site of the April 11 speech was moved to a local church when the school said the Nation of Islam leader could not prohibit women from attending an event at a public facility.

Fryar had issued a press release saying the speech at Texas Southern would violate federal law because women would be excluded at a public facility.

But at NOW's Texas State Council meeting on April 9 in Houston, several state leaders criticized him for not consulting them first.

"I felt that they (state NOW leaders) did not support me on something they should have, and

to me that was a vote of no confidence," Fryar told The Houston Post in Thursday's editions. "That came as a big blow."

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Tish Parker, a vice president of NOW's racial diversity committee, said Fryar should have contacted her group first.

NOW National President Patricia Ireland said she understands the need to have "gender specif-

ic" functions, but supports Fryar's decision to speak out against the men-only speech at a public facility.


"From a national perspective we don't think you solve issues of race by discrimination based on gender," she said.

"At a public facility, that shouldn't be an exclusion of women."

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