

# Shootout occurs in courthouse

## Police kill woman as she slips handgun to capital murder suspect

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who slipped a handgun to a capital murder suspect was killed Tuesday during a shootout with a sheriff's deputy in the underground parking garage of a courthouse building.

The shooting happened at about 8 a.m. as the prisoners were being escorted into a van for transfer from a county holding area in the George Allen Sr. Courts Building.

"It appears she just ran up from nowhere and gave (a weapon) to him. She could have been hiding behind a car, something like that," said sheriff's Capt. Larry Williams. "... A gunfight ensued between the inmate and the deputy, at which time the accomplice was mortally wounded in the gunfight."

The female accomplice was not immediately identified. The inmate she tried to aid, Michael James Jackson, was listed in fair condition at Parkland Memorial

Hospital with a gunshot wound to the right hand, hospital spokeswoman Yvonne Wilson said.

Deputy Bradley Maddox, 32, was listed in good condition with a gunshot wound to the right hip. Another inmate, Clarence Davis Jr., 38, suffered a gunshot wound to the back and was listed in fair condition, officials said.

Jackson, 20, was among a group of inmates being taken to the Frank Crowley Courts Building. He was en route for jury selection in his trial, Assistant Deputy Chief C.W. McKinney said.

Jackson managed to escape briefly, but was caught just a block away. McKinney said Jackson had been handcuffed, but freed his hands by the time he was recaptured.

Maddox was the only deputy assigned to the transfer operation, McKinney said. "We should have two but if we don't have the manpower we do what

we can do," he said. Assistant Deputy Chief Bob Knowles said the incident illustrates a lack of security.

"The security down here is terrible," he said. "We should have some security that would prevent members of the public from having direct contact with the prisoners."

Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price said a security company was hired at a cost of \$400,000 annually to patrol the Crowley and Allen court buildings after a January 1993 shooting.

In that incident, Hai Van Huynh fatally shot his spouse, wounded a bystander and then killed himself. His wife, Ly Thi Dang, was seeking a protective order and had threatened to divorce her husband.

Price said the security company was charged only with handling the building's interior and not the garage. However, the Sheriff's Department may have to reconsider the way inmates are transferred or increase the number of deputies assigned to the duty, he said.



## Art appreciation

Bret Ramsey, a senior economics major from Angleton, looks at "Old Warrior," part of Gerald Roulette's oil canvas collection in the Visual Art Gallery on the second floor of the MSC.

# Texas continues to take tremendous pounding from torrential rains

HOUSTON (AP) — Torrential rains pounded southeast Texas a third straight day Tuesday, sending already swollen rivers and bayous even higher over their banks and driving thousands more people from their flood-stricken homes.

At least eight deaths were confirmed and two other people were missing and presumed drowned. Late Tuesday, President Clinton granted federal disaster relief for 26 Texas counties, opening the door for federal assistance.

Flash flood warnings and watches were in effect for much of Texas. Little relief was expected with forecasters saying rains, as much as 20 to 30 inches in

some places over the past two days, would continue.

Three fatalities were confirmed in Grimes County, two in Montgomery County, and one each in Harris, Polk and Chambers. The missing victims were in Montgomery and Polk counties.

An estimated 10,000 people were out of their homes and 30 counties were threatened by floods. The Red Cross had opened at least 42 shelters for the homeless.

"Pray for these people," Gov. Ann Richards said after touring the Lake Livingston area about 65 miles northeast of Houston. "There's an awful lot of

water out here and a lot of people out of their homes."

"Cars were covered and in some places we couldn't see anything but roofs. And the hard part is that the water continues to come."

The White House also responded to Richards' plea for assistance by dispatching Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and other officials to Texas to survey the damage.

"My thoughts are with the people of Texas during this crisis," President Clinton said Tuesday in a statement released by the White House press office. "With the help of our team down in

Texas, I will continue to monitor the situation closely."

Richards authorized use of Texas National Guard helicopters to help with rescues and Coast Guard helicopters from as far away as New Orleans, 300 miles to the east, were summoned to the Oklahoma subdivision northwest of Houston near Tomball.

In Houston, all entrances to downtown from Interstate 10, the main east-west freeway, were under water at midday Tuesday. Other freeways leading into the nation's fourth-largest city also had scattered blockages.

The disaster likely would reach

record proportions if the rainfall continued into Wednesday, said Art Stroy, executive director of the Harris County Flood Control District.

Harris County officials said up to 10 inches of rain were recorded in some areas over the past three days.

In southeast Houston, nine fire department airboats dodged snakes and floating colonies of fire ants to reach people from homes inundated by rainwaters west of Hobby Airport. A Houston fire truck was stranded, thirds covered with water.

Rains are expected to continue to plague Texas for the next few days.

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