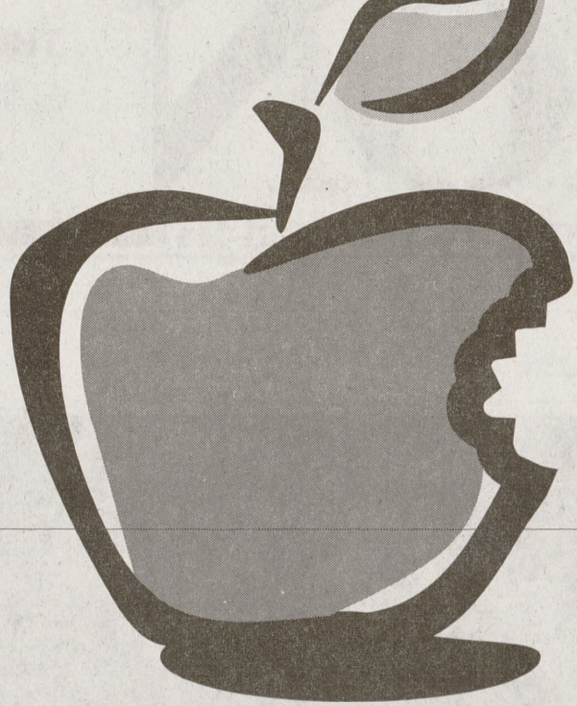


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Teacher faces felony charges believes investigation faulty

SAN ANTONIO (AP)— A San Antonio high school teacher and coach accused of trying to arrange the murder of a state district judge says he is innocent and a victim of deceptive investigative tactics.

"I am shocked at the way the police have handled this," Carroll Graham Parker Jr. told the *San Antonio Express-News* in Wednesday's editions.

Parker, a social studies teacher and soccer coach, was released from the Beeville jail Tuesday after posting a \$40,000 bond.

The 38-year-old father of two, who spent part of Tuesday trying to hire a de-

fense attorney, said he could not elaborate on the specifics of the felony charges against him, but he implied investigators had lured him into a trap.

Bill Lazenby, chief of the internal affairs division for region IV of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, dismissed Parker's statements.

"I think the evidence will speak for itself at trial," he told the *Express-News*.

Parker, who has taught at San Antonio's McCollum High School for nine years, was charged Tuesday with solicitation to commit capital murder in connection with an alleged murder-for-

hire plot against state District Judge Mark Luitjien.

"I think the evidence will speak for itself."

— Bill Lazenby
 Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice

Parker was arrested Monday while having lunch at a San Antonio restaurant.

Investigators say the plot was devised in April inside a state prison in

Beeville by Parker's hood friend, Robert Lee, 37, who is serving a 25-year sentence for conspiracy to murder his estranged wife, Kimberly Lee.

Kimberly Lee was kidnapped and her throat cut, but she survived.

Lazenby said Lee has not been charged in the latest case, became inebriated last summer when Luitjien recommended his appeal be reviewed by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

With another appeal scheduled before Lee, Lee figured he'd have a better chance with the judge out of the picture, investigators said.

CAMERAS

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and recutting the loops, which are buried under the surface at intersections.

Barnes said that, after completing one lane of construction, the loops must be reconnected in the completed lane and the subsequent lane's loops are then cut. If controllers are not able to determine how many vehicles are in the intersection, they will not be able to appropriately regulate light changes and timers must be used.

"There are currently cameras at the bypass [intersection] of Highway 6 and Briarcrest," Barnes said. "We do not have the authority to install cameras at any intersections within the College Station or Bryan city limits; that is the responsibility of the cities.

We plan to add cameras to intersections on University Drive after the expansion is completed."

The cameras notify the controller computer when a vehicle is approaching and needs to be let through. Barnes said the monitor inside the traffic controlling box has a mouse that is hooked up to the brain of the system, allowing controllers the ease of constructing rectangles with the mouse. If movement is detected within the rectangle, the controller knows a car has come to the intersection.

Lee Robinson, traffic systems superintendent for the city of College Station, said the city plans to install cameras at six locations.

Converting the intersections to video detection, Robinson said, will make the roads much more expandable, and maintenance will be easier.

"A couple of the sites where the new

cameras will be installed are the intersections at Longmire Drive and Prairie Road and at Longmire Drive and Deacon drive," Robinson said.

Junior English major Kevin Barnes said the city's plan to replace the current system of magnetic loops with a camera system will be beneficial because the current system does not seem to respond to traffic as effectively as the lights in larger cities, like San Antonio and Houston.

"At night, I've waited at the intersection at George Bush [Drive] and Texas [Avenue] for over ten minutes on several different occasions," Barnes said. "Whatever is currently being used by the city needs to be updated because it's very annoying to wait at the lights for the other directions continue to change from red to green while you are staring at a red light."

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the school's budget. This year the state has paid for 24.8 percent of the school's budget, compared to a high in 1981 of 53 percent.

To compensate for the shortfall, UT and other public universities in Texas have become increasingly dependent on other re-

sources, including gifts, grants and fees. In-state residents currently pay \$587 in mandatory fees — about as much as tuition costs. That increase is a 38-percent jump from \$425 last year.

Still, UT-Austin is a bargain compared to similar institutions in other states, and the university expects to enroll a record 7,500 new students this fall.

Burck said any proposal will contain provisions for increasing scholarships and grants, but a tuition hike still worries some students.

"We don't want to see tuition skyrocket," says Daron Roberts, UT-Austin's student body president. "It's good to have legislators check on that for us."

Four alumni on an informal ad hoc committee have

begun talking to lawmakers and business leaders.

The alumni are George Christian, former press secretary to President Lyndon Johnson; John Fainter, president of the Association of Electric Companies of Texas Inc.; Larry Temple, an Austin attorney; and Kenneth Jastrow II, chairman and of Temple-Inland Inc., a Diboll-based conglomerate.

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