



A Break Made In '10 Case Muhammad's Son Arrested Last Week

Connected to Attack On Douglass Principal?

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Elijah S. Muhammad

Police have arrested the son of the Douglass High School assistant principal who was fired in 2010 for insubordination.

Elijah Sa-laam Muhammed, 31, was arrested last week on complaints of assault with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit a felony, according to MSgt. Gary Knight, a spokesman for the Oklahoma City Police Department.

He said the arrest was connected to a March 2, 2010, attack on Dr. Brian Staples, principal of Douglass High.

Mr. Muhammed was jailed, and his bond was set at \$11,000.

He is the son of Marcia Muhammed, who was assistant principal at Douglass High before

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Seeking Jobs

Drawn by hopes for a job, migrants from rural India crowd into Dharavi, a vast slum in Mumbai. (Photo/Adam Ferguson/The New York Times)

A Housing Meeting Is Postponed After Objections Voiced, Developer Pulls Application

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A meeting scheduled to discuss the building of a multi-family apartment complex called "the Oakbrook Crossing" development area has been postponed.

A public meeting was held in October and another was scheduled for December, but it has been postponed, according to City Councilman Ronald "Skip" Kelly (Ward 7).

The housing development was proposed for NE 22nd Street and Grand Boulevard, and was to include 50-70 housing units.

The planned units were to include two-story and three-story garden-style apartments, the councilman said.

The proposed housing community would have 2-bedroom/2-bath units and 3-bedroom/2-bath units.

Those attending the October meeting voiced objections to the proposed housing community's proximity to the Villa Savoy Apartment Complex, another housing community that has a high incidence of crime and with a high percentage of residents using Section 8 housing programs.

Objections were also voiced regarding the proposed housing complex's construction standards, and other objections were voiced.

The developer of the proposed housing units has since re-



City Councilman Ronald "Skip" Kelly

quested that his application for approval be withdrawn, and is expected to submit another proposal that addresses objections voiced in October.

Another community meeting will likely be held in the spring, Councilman Kelly said.

Volunteer Training Offered Applications Being Accepted By Calm Waters

By ROBERT E. BARNES
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Volunteer training is being offered by the Calm Waters Center for Children & Families, 4334 Northwest Expressway.

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Shannon Named To A Board Keating, Watts Served Griup As It's Chairmen

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WASHINGTON—The state's House speaker-designate has been named to a board of GOPAC, a state and local political training organization.

State Rep. T. W. Shannon (Rep., Lawton), 33, was named to the organization's legislative leaders advisory board of directors, *The Black Chronicle* has learned.

State Rep. Shannon was named earlier this year as speaker-designate of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

GOPAC was described by the organization as "the premier training organization for Republican candidates in elected office on the state and local levels."

The organization was founded by Gov. Pierre S. du Pont IV of Delaware in 1978 in "an effort to build a farm team of Republican officeholders who could then run for Congress or higher state offices."

In 2007, former Lieut. Gov. Michael Steele of Maryland became the chairman of GOPAC and served until his election as chairman of the Republican National Committee in 2009.

The current chairman of GOPAC is Frank Donatelli.

Retired LU President Is Dead on Saturday

Longtime Chief Executive Served Longer Than Any Other Langston President; Held Other Posts

By ROBERT E. BARNES
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The school's former chief executive officer who held the office longer than any Langston University president died on Saturday in Sugar Land, Texas, where he had been treated for stomach cancer.

Dr. Ernest L. Holloway Sr., 81, retired as president of Langston in 2005, ending a 25-year tenure.

The last several months, he had been living in Richmond, Texas, with one of his sons.

Dr. Ernest L. Holloway Sr. Is A Cancer Victim

Dr. Holloway was diagnosed with late-stage cancer in October.

A graduate of the university, Dr. Holloway held a variety of other administrative positions at Langston prior to being named president in 1979.

40 Years

During a career at the university that spanned four decades, Dr. Holloway served there as registrar, vice president of administration and dean of student affairs.



Dr. Ernest L. Holloway Sr., then president of the university, stands outside his office and next to a Langston University banner in 2005, the year he retired.

He also was a professor at his alma mater.

Dr. Henry Ponder, interim president of the university, characterized Dr. Holloway in a statement released on Monday as an outstanding educator, who became legendary for his love of the school and for his commitment to accessible education for all.

Dr. Holloway was inducted into the Oklahoma Afro-American Hall of Fame, into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame in 1996

and into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame in 1999.

In 2002, the then-president of Langston was presented the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Education Leadership Award.

Tumultuous

Before Dr. Holloway was named president of Langston, the school had undergone a tumultuous period, and had had five presidents in less than 10 years.

It was because of that tumultuous period that there surfaced serious talk about closing the university, Oklahoma's only predominantly Black school of higher education.

As president, Dr. Holloway brought stability to the school, it was widely agreed.

During his tutelage, Dr. Holloway spearheaded efforts that resulted in improved enrollment, financial stability and added academic programs (including master's degree and doctorate degree programs).

"He was just an extraordinary personality and leader," former Gov. David Walters said on Saturday after learning of Dr. Holloway's death.

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Speaker-Designate T. W. Shannon
Others who have chaired the organization are former Gov.

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Jackson Is Sentenced To 40 Years Guilty of Murder; Victim's Nude Body Is Found

By THOMAS E. SEWARD
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Jackson

TULSA—A felon has been sentenced to 40 years in the murder whose nude body was found in a yard in March.

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Judge Sends Powell To Jail, After All

After He's Acquitted, He's Sentenced for Contempt

By JOHN W. SIMMS
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The man who represented himself as he was acquitted last week on rape and kidnapping charges will be going to jail, after all.

Paris Lapriest Powell, 39, was sentenced Thursday to six months for cursing at the judge during his tumultuous trial, but the judge suspended all but 30 days of the sentence.

Oklahoma County District Judge Jerry L. Bass on Thursday sentenced Mr. Powell as punishment for an expletive-filled tirade he made midway through his trial.

He used the "f-word" three times, used two other expletives and was "less than courteous to the court" on one of two other occasions, according to the judge.

When Judge Bass threatened him with contempt during the trial, Mr. Powell replied, "I don't [expletive] care what you do, homey!"

Judge Bass also ordered Mr. Powell to perform 100 hours of community service for the public defender's office.

"You were being disruptive to the court," the judge said. "I can't allow it."

Mr. Powell was acquitted last week on 11 counts stemming from a home invasion attack, during which two women testified they had been held against their will and sexually assaulted for several hours.

A day after being jailed for contempt, Mr. Powell fired his



Paris L. Powell

public defenders and acted as his own counsel for the rest of the trial.

Mr. Powell apologized to Judge Bass for his "colorful language," telling the judge his outburst was "a cry for help."

"It was not a willful act to disrupt court proceedings, but a desperate attempt to be heard," he said.

