



Marine, Sweat!

As if given a command to sweat (and sweat profusely!), a member of the 24th U.S. Marine Expeditionary Unit bows his head and reflects on Memorial Day in the shadow of the Ground Zero construction site on Memorial Day. Marines with the unit (the majority of whom joined that military branch after the 9/11 attacks) led a run to Ground Zero. (Photo/Lance Cpl. Michael Petersheim/U.S. Marine Corps)

A Medical Examiner Confirms DNA Match

Last Year, Husband Led Police to Where He'd Buried Wife

By JOHN W. SIMMS
Special to the Chronicle

The remains of a woman who had been missing since 2004 have been positively identified using DNA, the state medical examiner's office said Thursday.

Vickie Peters, 46, disappeared in April 2004 shortly after she separated from her husband, Ervin L. McCoy.

Mr. McCoy, 63, told police last year the spot where he buried his wife. Her remains were



Vickie Peters



Ervin L. McCoy

close where he buried Miss Peters and another victim, William Crandell, in 2006.

In exchange, prosecutors agreed he could serve a 30-year sentence in the death of a co-worker, Alex Tom Record, in 2004.

At the time of his trial, prosecutors alleged Mr. McCoy scammed Mr. Record out of thousands of dollars. They allege he killed his co-worker because Mr. Record threatened to go to police.

Mr. McCoy is serving a 15-year sentence at the Lawton Correctional Facility. He began serving that sentence May 11.

A convicted bank robber, Mr. McCoy has served extensive time in federal prison.

He was charged with murder in 2007 after he led police to Mr. Record's buried body.

Mr. McCoy told police in 2004 he last spoke to his wife when she called him to report she was in Texas, in deep trouble and needed \$100,000 "to get her out of this trouble," according to police reports.



Alex T. Record

later dug up near Wilshire Avenue and Anderson Road.

A University of Oklahoma archaeology group assisted in the excavation of the woman's remains.

Investigators used DNA from her daughter, Bridget Hicks, to confirm the match.

The medical examiner sent the sample to the University of North Texas for a comparison.

Mr. McCoy agreed to dis-

Two Men Charged In Cattlemen's Crimes

Baker, Prince Believed Involved in Robbery, Shooting

Security Guard, Off-Duty Deputy, Loses Right Eye

By CHRISTOPHER V. PORTER
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A convicted robber who got out of prison just last year and another man who was briefly a dishwasher at a famed Oklahoma City steakhouse restaurant were charged Tuesday in the shooting and robbery of an off-duty Oklahoma County sheriff's deputy.

Christopher Travis Baker, 28, and Keonta Stephan Terrell Prince, 18, are charged with shooting with intent to kill and robbery with a firearm.

Both were being held Tuesday night in the Oklahoma County Jail.

Maj. John Waldenville, who was shot in the head during the robbery, was serving as an off-duty security guard at Cattlemen's Steakhouse when he was accosted by two men just shy of midnight on May 20.

The off-duty sheriff's deputy was armed and in uniform, and was serving as a security guard for the restaurant.

The sheriff's deputy was robbed of two money bags that contained the restaurant's deposits for the day, police said. Maj. Waldenville was taking the deposits to a nearby bank, it was reported.

Mr. Baker spent almost 10 years in prison after he was convicted in 2001 of robbery and burglary, records show. He was released Feb. 2010.

Two men who had been loitering in the parking lot south of the restaurant ran up the sidewalk toward the sheriff's major, police reported.

One fired a handgun when they reached him, striking the off-duty sheriff's major in the head, police reported.

Maj. Waldenville, 60, lost his right eye and remains hospitalized. The bullet missed his



Cattlemen's Steakhouse, located in Stockyards City, is one of the oldest restaurants in the state.

brain. Police were able to identify Mr. Prince as a suspect, since a witness who saw him in the area

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Suspects Sought In Shooting

A Drive-By Incident Occurs on a Sunday

By THOMAS E. SEWARD
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A drive-by shooting on a south Oklahoma City residential street early May 22 resulted in the death of a man and the wounding of three others, a spokesman for the Oklahoma City Police Department said.

The names of the victims were not released.

The men were standing outside a house on SE 43rd Street west of High Avenue at about 12:50 a.m. when someone drove by and opened fire, Detective Matt McRorie said.

Officers found a man dead at the scene and another with non-life-threatening inju-

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Sunset Parade

Members of the U.S. Marine Forces Reserve Band perform for guests on the USS Iwo Jima while docked in New York on May 30. The marines performed as part of the Sunset Parade, and more than 3,000 marines, sailors and coast guardsmen participated. Fleet Week, New York was being observed. (Photo/Sgt. Jimmy D. Shea/U.S. Marine Corps)

