



Addressing the Nation

President Barack Obama addressed the nation on Monday to defending his actions regarding Libya, saying that there was a need to avert "looming genocide." The president rejected the notion that American forces are moving to oust Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi as the ruler of the African nation.

Officer Is Said To Falsify Time Cards

He's Arrested, Charged and Jailed on Thursday

By THOMAS E. SEWARD
Special to the Chronicle

Prosecutors have accused an Oklahoma City police officer of filing time cards for three pay periods while he performed little or no police work.

Sgt. Willie L. Williams, 43, was charged Thursday with two felony counts and one misdemeanor count of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Sgt. Williams was booked into Oklahoma County Jail and released on \$6,000 bail.

Police opened an investigation Aug. 2 into Sgt. Williams' time cards for pay periods between May 28 and June 29, and officers found the officer filed false time cards through July 8, according to an affidavit filed with the



Sgt. Willie L. Williams charges. A global positioning system (continued on page A4)

Say What?!

Man Driving a New School Bus Pursued By Cops in a Chase

Domestic Dispute Suspected; Woman Escapes by Jumping Off Vehicle, It's Said

By W. ORLANDO PIERCE
Special to the Chronicle

TULSA—A man led police on an unusual chase as he drove a new school bus a few weeks ago, apparently, while having a domestic dispute with a woman.

The woman, police believe, jumped off the bus as it traveled erratically and speedily along.

Benjamin Hill, 34, was arrested on complaints of kidnapping, domestic assault and battery, and interfering with a 911 call, Cpl. Dave Crow said.

Mr. Hill was hired to transport a new school bus from a Tulsa manufacturing plant near 3600 N. Mingo Rd. to a school

district in Georgia.

He picked up the vehicle the morning of March 7 and was then planning to take his wife on one stop before driving the bus out of state, Officer Jason Willingham told reporters.

About 11 a.m., police started getting several calls about a bus being driven recklessly.

One witness reported seeing a woman jump off a bus at 56th

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Benjamin Hill

Prosecutor Wants Teen In Prison

Juvenile Authorities Disagree About Girl Who Killed Another

By CHRISTOPHER V. PORTER
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TULSA — Even though a progress report recommends that the teenage girl who, three years ago, stabbed a classmate to death stay in the custody of juvenile authorities, a prosecutor has requested she be sent to adult prison.

Montoya Harris is now in the custody of the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs.

She was convicted in the multi-stabbing death of Sydney Dailey, 13, who was a fellow student of Montoya Harris at Madison Middle School.

Tulsa County Assistant District Attorney Julie Doss filed a request last week asking a judge to "bridge" Montoya Harris into an adult prison.

A youthful offender can be bridged into the state Department of Corrections if "clear and convincing evidence" shows that a defendant "failed to substantially comply with a previously adopted rehabilitation plan," a court filing by Assistant District Attorney Julie Doss states.

Montoya Harris turns 18 next month.

She has been housed as a youthful offender at the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center, a facility in Tecumseh, since March 2009.

A report filed this week by the state Office of Juvenile Affairs recommends that the girl remain in juvenile custody, with another court review of her sta-

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Harris

'No Body Case' Trial Ends With Conviction

Witness Testifies Defendant Shot Husband, Hid Body In Foot Locker Before Burning It in a Barbecue Grill

Internet Research Done on Cutting Up Bodies, It's Claimed

By BARRY S. CRAIG
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The so-called "no body case" ended Tuesday after jurors quickly returned a guilty verdict against a woman accused of killing her husband, hiding his body in a footlocker and then burning it on a barbecue grill.

Testimony was heard during the trial that the wife had done Internet research on how to cut up a body and how to build a barbecue pit.

No body has ever been found.

The trial got underway on March 22, and jurors took only 2½ hours to find Exondia Jaye Salado, 39, guilty of first-degree murder.

Jurors chose a sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole.

Mrs. Salado showed no emotion as Oklahoma County District Judge Don Deason read the verdict.

Prosecutors said that in the late evening of Oct. 8, 2007, Manny Salado, 33, showed up at a friend's house looking for a place to spend the night.

"He said that he thinks his wife is trying to kill him," Ricardo Del Rosario, the friend of the missing man, recalled on March 22 at



Exondia Salado with her attorney, Jacob Benedict, listen to testimony last week in her jury trial. (Photo/Jim Beckel/The Oklahoman)

the trial.

"He was shaking," Mr. Del Rosario testified, referring to Mr. Salado. "He had tears in his eyes. He was thinking about leaving her, and he thought she found out."

Instead of spending the night at Mr. Del Rosario's house, though, Mr. Salado went back to his Oklahoma City apartment after talking with his wife on his cellphone.

Later that night, prosecutors alleged, the wife, Exondia Salado, shot him twice while he slept in their daughter's bedroom.

He had planned to divorce her, prosecutors said.

After his disappearance, police found his cellphone, passport, credit cards, checkbook, driver's license and military

records.

Police pointed to that evidence as proof he was killed and did not leave the country as defense attorneys had claimed.

Defense attorneys claimed that Mr. Salado is not dead at all.

They claimed Mr. Salado left his wife for another woman in his native country, the Dominican Republic, when he went there in March 2007 for a wedding.

Prosecutors further alleged Mrs. Salado kept her husband's body in a footlocker in a closet for a week, using air freshener, incense and candles to try to mask the smell.

She then took the body to the country and burned it, pros-

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Murphy Named Director Of OCU Innocence Clinic

To Work for Identify and Remedy Wrongful Convictions

By JOHN W. SIMMS
Special to the Chronicle

Tiffany Murphy has been named director of the Oklahoma Innocence Clinic at the law school of Oklahoma City University.

"A Night for the Innocent," an already sold-out fundraiser for the clinic, will be held on Saturday, April 9, at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel.

(The fundraiser will have as its special guest Betty Anne Waters, a high school dropout who put herself through college and law school as part of an 18-year effort that finally proved her brother innocent of a murder, for which he had been convicted and sentenced to life in prison.)

(Her story was the subject of a movie, "Conviction," that starred Hilary Swank.)

Prof. Murphy has been legal director and interim executive director of the Midwestern Innocence Project in Kansas City, Mo.

In those positions, she managed clinical programs at the law schools of the University of Missouri at Kansas City, as well as the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Innocence clinics work to identify and remedy cases of wrongful criminal convictions.

The Oklahoma Innocence



Prof. Tiffany Murphy has been named as director of the Oklahoma Innocence Clinic at the School of Law at Oklahoma City University.

Clinic will begin operating in the fall, and a statement said it will pursue only cases "in which there is credible evidence of actual innocence."

"Not only has she successfully launched and managed two innocence clinics at other schools," Dean Lawrence K. Hellman of the OCU law school, said of Prof. Murphy, "but she also

has more than a decade of experience pursuing post-conviction remedies in state and federal courts across the nation."

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