

# The Court Report

2nd Police District

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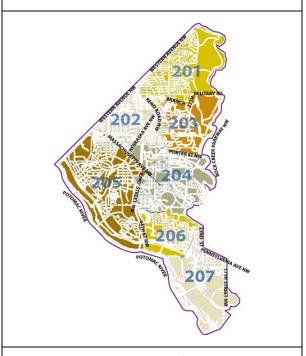
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#### **SUMMARY OF RECENT COURT CASES**

- ➤ Quartus Pratt sentenced to 10 years incarceration for a Carjacking in front of George Washington University Hospital.
- ➤ Ralph J. Franks sentenced to 16 years incarceration for four counts of Second Degree Burglary.
- ➤ Walter Barnes pleads guilty to four counts of Second Degree Burglary, after being caught in the act while burglarizing the Proper Topper hat store in Georgetown.
- ➤ Tyrone McDonald pleads guilty to Armed Robbery with a shotgun, in the 1300 block of 31st Street, NW.
- > Octuan Gant was sentenced to 12 months incarceration by Judge Leibovitz, on July 6, 2004, following his guilty plea to the charge of Carrying a Pistol Without a License (CPWL). Gant was initially arrested on February 13, 2004, in the 100 block of Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W.

A detailed descriptions of these and other cases from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District are provided inside of this report.

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### 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COMMUNITY PROSECUTION UPDATE



**Indecent Exposures** As you may know, area residents have reported incidents in which a male has exposed himself to young females from behind the windows of buildings along the 4100 and 5200 block of Connecticut Avenue, NW. He has been described as a white male, 30-40 years of age with brown or blond hair. Similar reports haven been made of a male exposing himself to both young males and females from the confines of a maroon colored automobile in the Chesapeake and 47<sup>th</sup> Street area of PSA 202. The Metropolitan Police Department continues to investigate these incidents in an effort to identify the man or men responsible. If you are a victim of such a crime, please report it immediately. If possible, note the exact time and location of the event and any descriptive information about the perpetrator and any vehicles involved. It is unlawful for any person to make any obscene or indecent exposure of his or her person. Such acts are punishable by a fine and or imprisonment, and the punishment is enhanced when the indecent exposure is knowingly made to a juvenile.

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### THE COURT REPORT

Quartus Pratt sentenced to 10 years incarceration for a Carjacking in front of George Washington University Hospital. (F-5193-03; PSA 207)

**FACTS:** The Honorable Susan Winfield sentenced Quartus Pratt to 10 years incarceration for an August, 2003, carjacking in front of George Washington University Hospital.

According the government's evidence, on August 26, 2003, at 2:45 p.m., Pratt, dressed in a hospital gown, approached the complaining witness, who was seated in his car, which was parked right in front of George Washington University Hospital. The defendant told the victim to get out of the car and told him he was going to take his car. The complainant refused to get out of his car, at which point the defendant produced a knife and stabbed him several times. The defendant then threw the knife to the curb and began walking back toward the hospital.

Several witnesses and a hospital security officer apprehended the defendant before he was able to leave the immediate area. He was subsequently positively identified by the victim as the assailant and he was identified as Quartus Pratt by a medical wristband he was wearing, showing he had recently been admitted to G.W. hospital.

This case was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael Ambrosino and Brittain McInnis.

### Ralph J. Franks sentenced to 16 years incarceration for four counts of Second Degree Burglary. (F-7067-03; PSA 205)

FACTS: Ralph J. Franks, 44, of the 3800 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., was sentenced by the Honorable Susan Winfield to 16 years incarceration, following his plea of guilty to four counts of second degree burglary.

According to the government's evidence, beginning on September 12, 2003, and continuing through November 11, 2003, Franks burglarized eleven homes and one business in Northwest, Washington, D.C., in each case breaking into the home or business when it was occupied. Franks was apprehended on November 11, 2003, in the 4400 block of Reservoir Road, N.W., as he ran from a crime scene with a stolen purse under one arm. Franks confessed to three burglaries on the night of his arrest, and subsequently identified nine other burglary locations after being driven around affected neighborhoods the day after his arrest. Franks admitted to police that he typically would look into windows of homes in the early evening hours and look for handbags placed near the front door. He would then break into the home, either by opening an unlocked door, kicking down the door or breaking a window, and then run away with the stolen item.

In announcing the guilty plea, United States Attorney Kenneth Wainstein praised the outstanding investigative efforts of Detective Neil Jones of the burglary squad at the Second District of the Metropolitan Police Department. He also commended the efforts of Second District Officers Stephen Davis, Gregory Curry, and Robert Bryant, as well as Second District Detective Joseph Crespo, who assisted in apprehending Franks on November 11, 2003, and Officer Kathy Jackson who assisted in the investigation. Finally, Mr. Wainstein commended the efforts of Legal Assistant Taniqueka Brooks, who assisted in the preparation of the case, and Assistant United States Attorneys David P. Saybolt and Cully Stimson, who prosecuted the case.

# Walter Barnes pleads guilty to four counts of Second Degree Burglary, after being caught in the act while burglarizing the Proper Topper hat store in Georgetown. (F-1642-04; PAS 206)

**FACTS:** Walter Barnes, age 44, of the 7600 blk of New York Avenue, Washington, D.C. pled guilty to four counts of second-degree burglary before the Honorable Wendell P. Gardner. The burglaries occurred primarily in Georgetown. The defendant was arrested at 1:40 a.m., on March 12, 2004, as he broke into the Proper Topper, a hat store located 3213 P St., N.W. As he approached the cash register after breaking into the store, he was caught by 2D Focus Mission Officers Jeffrey Cadle and Yudis Zuniga, who had been posted inside the store in response to recent burglaries.

When questioned following his arrest by 2D Detectives Keith Tabron and Nelson Morais, defendant Barnes admitted to having committed several other burglaries, including in the Proper Topper on a prior occasion.

Sentencing is scheduled for October 28, 2004. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Irving investigated and obtained the guilty plea in this case.

### Tyrone McDonald pleads guilty to Armed Robbery with a shotgun, in the 1300 block of 31st Street, NW. (F-828-04; PSA 206)

**FACTS**: On July 2, 2004, Tyrone McDonald, a.k.a William Hatton, pled guilty to one count of Armed Robbery for his role in the shotgun robbery of a victim in Georgetown in the 1300 block of 31st Street, NW. The victim was walking alone at 12:45 at night on January 24, 2004, when he was accosted by the defendant and one other man. The unidentified man threw the victim against the wall as the defendant pointed a shotgun at him. The victim was not injured in the robbery. Police arrested McDonald after he tried to use the victim's credit card to order NFL merchandise on the Internet.

Sentencing in the case is set for September 17, 2004, before the Honorable Susan Winfield. The successful outcome in this case was the result of the hard work of Second District detectives Michael Ross and Juan Davila, who investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Saybolt, who prosecuted the case and handled the guilty plea.

### DEFENDANTS WHO WERE CONVICTED OR PLED GUILTY AND WERE SENTENCED IN A NUMBER OF DRUG CASES

**Octuan Gant** was sentenced to 12 months incarceration by Judge Leibovitz, on July 6, 2004, following his guilty plea to the charge of Carrying a Pistol Without a License (CPWL). Gant was initially arrested on February 13, 2004, in the 100 block of Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W. (PSA 206)

#### **U.S.** Attorney's Office Web site

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The Following Report, Titled "Papered Arrests" Contains Details on Arrests and Charges Filed Against Defendants in this District.

PSA	ARREST DATE	CCN	PAPERD LEAD CHARGE & AUSA'S NAME	DEFENDANT'S NAME	PAPERED CASES	SECTION ASSIGNMENT & LOCATION OF OFFENSE
	07/02/2004 20:17	04091238	THEFT 1ST DEGREE	WILLIAMS, FREDDIE L	F0424604	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 5300 WISC NW
	07/03/2004 11:15	04091618	CONTEMPT	BALDWIN, TRACEY D	M0698004	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5300 WISC AVE NW
	07/05/2004 17:45	04092649	THEFT 2ND DEGREE DENISE A. SIMMONDS	MOHMED, ELHAM O	M0700704	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 4350 JENIFER ST NW
	07/10/2004 17:30	04095359	SHOPLIFTING	BONILLA, MARTHA L	M0779904	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5300 WISC AVE NW
	07/28/2004 14:23	04102429	THEFT 2ND DEGREE	DICKENS, ANTHONY L	M0787404	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5545 CONN AVE NW
	07/29/2004 17:16	04105070	SIMPLE ASSAULT	BREW, JABBARI A	M0790804	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 4200 CONNECTICUT AVE NW
	07/08/2004 23:50	04094443	THEFT 2ND DEGREE C. BARRINGTON WILKINS	WRIGHT, DONALD D	M0713504	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3509 WOODLEY ROAD NW

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	07/09/2004 17:35	04094769	BURGLARY II TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	WRIGHT, DONALD D	F0439204	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3507 WOODLEY ROAD NW
	07/10/2004 01:10	04095026	SEXUAL SOLICITATION KAREN D. FOSKEY	JUNG, SOOK C	M0718404	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3520 CONN. AVE NW
	07/10/2004 03:20	04095059	SIMPLE ASSAULT MARISA J. DEMEO	CHANDRA, ROHAN G	M0718804	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1209 33RD STREET NW
	07/17/2004 20:20	04099111	THEFT 2ND DEGREE AARON TAX	RAWLS, CLIFTON A	M0747804	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5300 WISC AVE NW
204	07/22/2004 15:05	04101540	SIMPLE ASSAULT AARON TAX	AGUILAR, MARCO A	M0767504	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3618 38TH ST NW
	07/01/2004 01:40	04090298	UUA TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	RANDALL, ANTAWON D	F0419904	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY, COMM. PROS. ASSIGNMENT 4948 LOWELL STREET NW
205	07/14/2004 18:20	04097367	THEFT 2ND DEGREE MARISA J. DEMEO	WOOD, JOHN T	M0739304	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 37TH & O STREET NW

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	07/30/2004 16:30	04140626	THEFT 1ST DEGREE TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	SMITH, DOUGLAS A	F0482804	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 500 INDIANA AVE NW
	07/02/2004 08:30	04090987	SIMPLE ASSAULT VASU B. MUTHYALA	TINKER, MARK E	M0693404	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2840 LANGSTON PLACE SE
	07/03/2004 03:20	04090987	SIMPLE ASSAULT VASU B. MUTHYALA	TINKER, MARK E	M0693404	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2915 M ST NW
	07/04/2004 03:25	04091979	THEFT 2ND DEGREE	LINDSAY, KATHERINE G	M0727304	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 34TH & N ST NW
206	07/13/2004 14:45	04096757	THEFT 2ND DEGREE MARISA J. DEMEO	JONES, BERNARD L	M0729704	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3200 WATER STREET NW
	07/18/2004 02:00	04099252	SIMPLE ASSAULT VASU B. MUTHYALA	SIMMONS, AMY L	M0748004	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1310 WISCONSIN AVE NW
206	07/20/2004 12:15	04027762	ROBBERY TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	SLOZANO, JAVIER	F0462504	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 300 INDIANA AVE NW

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	07/22/2004 22:15	04101747	SIMPLE ASSAULT DARIA J. ZANE	HENRY, ROLAND	M0780404	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1600 WISCONSIN AVE NW
206	07/25/2004 15:50	04103017	SHOPLIFTING	BOULWARE, ANDRE T	M0778204	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3219 M ST NW
206	07/29/2004 13:30	04104945	UUA	BROWN, TONY	F0480904	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 1600 BLK 30TH STREET NW
207	07/04/2004 16:49	04021273	UCSA POSS MARIJUANA	PROPST, LENNIE J	M0752504	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 23RD STREET @ CONSTITUTI
	07/04/2004 17:25	04021287	UCSA POSS MARIJUANA	VONDRASHAK, THOMAS S	M0754304	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 23RD STREET @ CONSTITUTI
	07/04/2004 17:45	04021300	UCSA POSS MARIJUANA	SHIFFLET, CHRISTOPHER S	M0752404	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2300 BLOCK CONSTITUTION
207	07/04/2004 17:50	04092185	UCSA POSS HEROIN GEOFFREY CARTER	BARRETT, WILLIAM J	M0697104	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1900 CONSTITUTION AVE NW

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	07/05/2004 03:34	04021347	CARRY PISTOL W/OUT LICENSE-OUTSIDE HOME/BUSIN TIMOTHY W. LUCAS	WHITLEY, ROBERT	F0430204	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION OHIO DR AT 23RD ST SW
	07/05/2004 11:10	04021374	SIMPLE ASSAULT GEOFFREY CARTER	MCBRIDE, LAWREEN E	M0701404	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 17TH AND CONSTITUTION AV
_	07/07/2004 08:45	04087167	SIMPLE ASSAULT MARISA J. DEMEO	TIRARI, ZOUHAIR	M0706804	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2117 E STREET NW
	07/09/2004 16:34	04094764	UNLAWFUL ENTRY MARISA J. DEMEO	LEE, STEVEN	M0717904	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 817 23RD STREET NW
	07/20/2004 23:20	04100745	SIMPLE ASSAULT	FRANKEN, RYAN T	M0790704	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2401 PENN AVE NW
	07/28/2004 11:30	04090238	THEFT 1ST DEGREE J. JOSEPH COHEN	CLAGETT, ALFRED B	F0479704	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 1920 I ST NW
	07/30/2004 09:32	04031084	THREATS BODILY HARM	JENKINS, TERRI L	M0796204	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 399 PA AVE SE