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ACROSS THE STATE

Jury indicts four on hate crime church attacks

DECATUR — Two Hartsville couples who disrupted a Catholic Mass, wrecking a century-old altar, have been indicted on criminal mischief charges by a Morgan County grand jury that included language characterizing the attack as a hate crime.

Val Eugene Laughman, 26, and his wife Emily Beth, 21, were arrested Thursday on first-degree criminal mischief and third-degree burglary charges along with their roommates, Adam Joseph Turpin, 27, and his companion, Lisa Marie Wagner, 26.

The Loudmans were released on \$100 bonds while Turpin and Wagner had bond set at \$10,000 each. They have remained in jail since their arrests shortly after the Oct. 21st event.

The grand jury report used language from the state's hate crime law, saying the criminal mischief was "motivated by the victim's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity or physical or mental disability."

The four were accused of going into the Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Church on Oct. 21 and disrupting the service with Turpin impaling a 50-pound altar. Turpin has told newspaper reporters that God spoke to him and he was destroying an "idol," the Catholics were worshippers.

Federal authorities are investigating the case as a possible hate crime.

Court overturns judgment against Freightliner
MONTGOMERY — The Alabama Supreme Court overturned a \$1.2 million jury verdict against Freightliner, ruling Friday that the trucking company had no obligation to give an Alabama customer information about the quality of its manufacturing plant in Birmingham.

Whitley Contract Carriers, which is now out of business, sued Freightliner over the purchase of 40 trucks that came from the company's plant in Mexico. A Montgomery Circuit Court jury decided Freightliner had suppressed information about problems with the Mexico plant and awarded the trucking company \$1.2 million in compensatory damages and \$200,000 in punitive damages.

Freightliner based in Portland, Ore., and a division of DaimlerChrysler, appealed to the Alabama Supreme Court. In a 5-0 decision, the Supreme Court reversed the jury's verdict. "Freightliner did not assume a duty in the case all the facts it had regarding the Mexico plant," the court said.

Had Whitley considered that information necessary to WCC's decision-making process, he could have inquired about the data, he did not," Justice Lay Starn wrote.

Homeless man slain as prison escapee sought
HUNTSVILLE — A man hunt for an escaped Madison County inmate led to a fatal shooting of a homeless man by Huntsville police.

Sheriff Blake Diering said Bobby Ray Vickers escaped from the Madison County Detention Facility around 4 p.m. Thursday. Police spokesman Wendell Johnson said officers were searching for Vickers under the North Memorial Parkway exit of Interstate 365 around 4:30 p.m. when they encountered a homeless man who reportedly threatened them with a knife.

The officers requested he drop the knife but he didn't comply and was shot and killed, Johnson said. Sheriff's Sgt. Paul Vix said deputies found Vickers, 36, hiding out in the train depot near Washington and Franklin streets about 7:30 p.m.

News partner WRBL to report from Iraq

Chris Swagart, military affairs reporter for WRBL-TV News 3 in Columbus, has joined up with the Army Brigade in Iraq and will be reporting next week on the daily life of Fort Benning soldiers.

Here is Swagart's first report: Friday, Oct. 21 — Here at News 3 we've been bringing you weekly updates on Fort Benning's 3rd Brigade. Since the unit deployed 10 months ago, we've brought you stories about



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soldiers and their mission in Iraq. There were shivering knees and mud-soaked boots as soldiers from the 3rd Brigade set off for a morning deployment in Iraq. Olds are one of the soldiers from the 3rd Brigade. He is a member of a branch or a platoon.

In The Valley, the Army teaches us all in some way as civilians. While the 3rd Brigade is just one unit serving in Iraq today, their story is not unlike the thousands of other soldiers deployed overseas. Much of the 3rd Brigade's mission is dangerous.

We've experienced the inevitable costs of war along with the soldiers as they secure the cities, towns and villages of Iraq's Diyala Province. Part of the mission is challenging: training Iraq soldiers to one day secure their own nation.

And still part of the mission is rewarding, seeing children go to school that have been cleaned and rebuilt for the first time and watching Iraqis vote on their new constitution.

With only a few months left on their deployment, we want to see and experience what our local soldiers experience every day. So we're going to Iraq to talk with soldiers, see their work close-up and bring their stories back home to you.

Escapee back in jail after leaping from building

(The man) ... suddenly reached into a biohazard container and grabbed a handful of dirty needles and threatened our officer with them.

An inmate fled from the care of doctors at the hospital, scaled a scaffold outside a nearby pharmacy, resisted arrest, jumped, and landed back in jail.

Opelika jailers became suspicious of the whereabouts of the 40-year-old Auburn man around 4 p.m. Thursday, when he was supposed to return from work to the Justice Center.

The man's wife reportedly called police at 7:15 p.m. to say he was missing. After inquiries, police were told he left work at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Manhalla police received a call Friday at 2 a.m. from Ernest Green, president at East Alabama Medical Center, who said he had been brought to the ER after allegedly being hit by a vehicle on Popper Parkway in front of Duram Mexican Restaurant where he had been polling his bike back to jail. A motorist, who did not witness the accident, transported him to EAMC.

The man had been hitting our officer and medical staff after supposedly happened to him when he suddenly reached into a biohazard container and grabbed a handful of dirty needles and threatened our officer with them.



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visits with children at her school, Brumby, C. Hill Elementary in Birmingham, on Friday. Rice and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw opened a three-day visit to her native Alabama on Friday to highlight their shared effort to promote democracy worldwide.

Rice visits her native state in three-day visit

The institute is named after retired administrator John Blackburn, a friend of Rice's father.

In a speech to hundreds of students and faculty, Rice drew the loudest applause when she observed, "The Tide is going to roll." The Alabama Crimson Tide plays Tennessee on Saturdays and Rice is to take part in the pregame coin toss at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Straw also will attend the game. During the flight here, Straw noted that rugby is the closest British equivalent to American football. He said the UK version was "rugby with commercials."

Friday's itinerary also included a visit to the school Brumby C. Hill Elementary in Birmingham's Southfield community, a discussion of minority health issues and tour of a new UAB Hospital building.

The Friday evening schedule included a reception with National Guard troops and local volunteers who took part in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Rice has described the trip as the first of several she hopes to make, bringing foreign dignitaries and diplomats to parts of America away from Washington, D.C.

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Opelika police report

had "abused that right," and was sentenced to work release status which is one to longer an option for him. An escape report and attempted suicide report were filed on the man by Opelika police.

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