

Man charged with murder in Norton killing

By VERONICA MONIER

A 20-year old Norton man was charged with first-degree murder last Tuesday afternoon for the killing of his step-father.

Jimmy D. Williams was charged with beating Billy Masden to death with a claw hammer and a baseball bat on Saturday or early Sunday morning. Williams was being held on probable cause at the Norton County Jail with a \$500,000 bond until charges were filed.

The county hopes to hold the trial here, instead of requesting a change of venue, said deputy County Attorney Karen Griffiths. She said at Tuesday's first appearance, David Baumgartner, a Phillipsburg lawyer, was assigned to take Williams' case.

Mr. Baumgartner said Tuesday night he had been appointed around 5 p.m. and couldn't make any comments at the time.

Mrs. Griffiths said her office hadn't yet received the autopsy report, and wouldn't comment on whether there were witnesses.

She said the next step is a preliminary hearing, which has been set for 2 p.m. Thursday before Magistrate Judge Deb Anderson. Mrs. Griffiths said at the preliminary hearing, Judge Anderson will hear evidence against Mr. Williams. If she feels there is probable cause to believe that Williams committed the crime, then she will bind him over to the District Court, where Judge Bill Elliott will take over. If there isn't evidence to support probable cause, the charges could be dropped.

Gary Williams, Jimmy's father, said he was shocked when he found out how Mr. Masden was killed.

"We were supposed to go to his first hearing, but didn't find out when it was until too late," he said. "When we found out how Bill was killed, we were stunned."

He said both his son and Mr. Masden had been drinking, and when they were drunk, got into an argument that went too far.

"It's hard to accept," Mr. Williams said. "I think it was more in self defense and I don't think the murder charge will stick."

Mr. Williams said when he talked to his son, Jimmy told him was trying to hang in there, but was pretty scared. He said he asked him what happened that night.

"Jimmy was here until about 10 p.m. before he went home to his girlfriend's apartment," he said. "He said he went over to Bill's to have another drink and then they went to the club, but since Jimmy can't drink there, they went back to Bill's. Then something was said and things got out of hand."

Mr. Williams said his son could go from being the nicest person to mean and violent when drinking, and so could Mr. Masden. He said he saw them both like that on more than one occasion.

Jimmy Williams' neighbor, Dave Ashley, said he had just found out

Last murder was in 1933?

Possibly the last murder case in Norton County was in 1933, when a "crazed man" shot a farmer and his son. There may be other incidents that have been forgotten, but this one was pointed out by long-time residents.

On Aug. 3, 1933, a headline in *The Norcatour Centennial* read "Farmer and son shot by enraged husband — son dead, father fatally wounded, crazed murderer takes own life as armed men cut off escape."

According to *The Centennial*, Robert McCune, 79, and his son, Frank, 56, were at their farm, one mile east of Norcatour, when they were shot by Wilfred Lund. Frank was shot twice in the shoulder. One bullet severed the jugular vein and he died almost instantly. Robert was also shot twice, but remained conscious to tell the story.

Lund, crazed by jealousy because of estrangement from his wife who had served him with divorce papers a few days before the attack, went to the McCune farm because Mrs. Lund, formerly Miss June Paget of Norcatour, was staying there, caring for Miss Ida McCune.

The article said after shooting the McCunes, Lund circled the house several times, but "being unable to shoot his wife (presumably)," he hid in the shed. When neighbors arrived with guns after being phoned by June Lund, he realized he was being hemmed in and tried to escape across a pasture while being shot at.

When he realized he wasn't going to be able to get away, Lund killed himself by placing his 32-caliber gun to his chest and firing. He died almost instantly.

Robert McCune was taken to the Norton hospital for treatment when the sheriff arrived. The end of the article said there was a chance he would recover.

who his neighbor was, but he seemed like a very nice young man.

"We only met a couple of times," said Mr. Ashley. "He was always very pleasant whenever I talked to him, but evidently, he had some problems somewhere."

Gary Williams said it is something he wished had never happened, but it did and now he was praying that Jimmy wouldn't be found guilty of murder.

"We're just taking it one day at a time," he said. "That's all we can do. That and wait and see what happens."



AFTER BREAKFAST Thursday morning, a team of five bike riders from the Netherlands headed west out of Oberlin on their way into Colorado. Oberlin was just one of the towns

the riders have passed through since starting their cross country trip in Washington in May.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Bikers ride to raise money for children

Dressed in yellow shirts and black bike shorts, a team of five cyclists headed west early Thursday morning, aiming to get to California by June.

Team Coast-2-Coast bike team, five riders and two support drivers, are spending a month of their summer traveling across the country.

The team started in Washington on May 24 and plans to be in San Francisco by June 19.

The team from the Netherlands will travel 2,946 miles when everything is said and done, about 125 miles each day. Their route goes through Virginia, West Virginia,

Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California.

Sandor Noordermeer, 32, has lived in the United States for some time. While here, he has traveled cross country by car and plane, but always wanted on a bicycle or motorcycle. He said he finally found others crazy enough to take the trip with him.

The cyclists are traveling to raise money for a children's hospital in the Netherlands and ING Direct kids foundation, which supports underprivileged kids. Mr. Noordermeer said they have a group called the

Club of 50 who are giving a penny for each mile or kilometer they travel. Others have given what they can. The team, he said, has two main sponsors, ING Direct and HLB Accountants.

The group is trying to raise money along the way, he said, and also trying not to spend much. He said that is part of the job of the drivers in the van. They try to find inexpensive hotels for the riders and dicker with hotel owners about the prices.

Mr. Noordermeer said the drivers are also responsible for making dinner and doing the laundry.

Last Wednesday night, the riders

stayed in a room at the Frontier Motel and then ate in the restaurant before taking off. The van carries the sleeping bags, food and water for the cyclists.

The group planned to ride down U.S. 36 to St. Francis and then cut into Nebraska and Colorado. They planned to stay in Eckley, but Mr. Noordermeer said he didn't know if there would be hotels there since it is a small town. If not, the group planned to push on to Yuma.

There is a website in English and Dutch that the team tries to update while on the road. The address is www.demeet.net.

City water project '99 percent finished'

The Oberlin City Council agreed to pay the seventh pay request for J Corp., the company doing the water project for the city.

Thaniel Monaco, with Miller and Associates, the engineer on the project, presented the pay request for \$54,395. He said the company has finished all the underground parts of the projects and the seeding still needs to be done. Mr. Monaco said he thought that J Corp. was 99 percent done.

Besides seeding, he said, there was some final cleanup work left.

Mr. Monaco said he asked J Corp. to check in throughout the summer in case anything comes up that needs to be fixed. So far, he added, everything is in service and there are no problems.

Councilman Stan McEvoy wanted to know how Mr. Monaco

thought the project had gone. Fairly well, said Mr. Monaco. There was a full crew and they did a good job. J Corp. had some experienced people here, he said, and they were good to work with.

The new well on the land the city bought, said Councilman Jay Anderson, was never part of this project. Mr. Monaco said it wasn't in the J Corp. contract.

When will the city be ready to hook the new well up? Dr. Anderson asked.

The state lab has had a water sample from the well for two months, said Mr. Monaco. Some of the tests are done, but others still have to be done. The lab is still testing for gross alpha, uranium and radium.

In two weeks, the city should have all the information, he said.

The transmission main is designed for the well, said Mr. Monaco, and the plan can be sent to the state to be approved. It doesn't cost anything to get the approval, and once it is approved, it is approved.

He said he thought J Corp. is interested in doing that project. If the state isn't confident with blending from that well, he said, then the city would basically be looking at water treatment, which the city is set up

for. That would be for arsenic, said Mr. McEvoy.

The new well is at eight feet for arsenic and the regulation is 10. The best well out of the others in the system is at 12, so it will have to be blended.

The council agreed to pay J Corp. The city is still retaining a percentage of the entire project and that won't be paid until it is 100 percent completed.

COMBINES * COMBINES * COMBINES			
Great Selection at SUPER Prices - Ready to Go!			
Low Rate Financing or Interest Waiver till 1/1/04 (w.a.c.)			
O	OU4014	02 CIH 2388, 30' hdr., 100 E-63 S hrs.	\$145,000
O	OU4012	02 CIH 2388, 30' hdr., 100 E-66 S hrs.	\$145,000
H	U41867	02 CIH 2388, 30' hdr., 134E-101 S hrs.	\$155,000
H	U41889	02 CIH 2388, 30' hdr., 95 E-70 S hrs.	\$145,000
H	U41774	01 CIH 2388, 30' hdr, 1136 E-945 S hrs.	\$125,000
H	U41917	01 CIH 2388, 30' hdr, 588 E-385 S hrs.	\$130,000
C	CU4249	01 CIH 2388, 30' hdr, 258 E-199 S hrs.	\$155,000
H	U41796	00 CIH 2388, 30' hdr., 1138 E-896 S hrs.	\$105,000
C	CU4305	99 J.D. 9610, 25' hdr, 2945 E-1992 S hrs.	\$79,000
C	CU4315	99 CIH 2388, 30' hdr., 2262 E-1696 S hrs.	\$95,000
C	CU4316	99 CIH 2388, 30' hdr., 1656 E-1227 S hrs.	\$100,000
C	CU4287	98 CIH 2388, 30' hdr., 1900 E-1551 S hrs.	\$90,000
C	CU4285	98 CIH 2388, 30' hdr, 1616 E-1229 S hrs.	\$90,000
H	U41894	98 CIH 2388, 30' hdr, 2902 E-2374 S hrs.	\$85,000
H	U41936	97 CIH 2188, 30' hdr, 2840 E-1798 S hrs.	\$80,000
H	U41919	95 CIH 2188, 30' hdr, 2250 E-1800 S hrs.	\$75,000
C	CU4312	93 CIH 1688, 30' hdr., 2834 E hrs.	\$65,500
H	U41920	92 CIH 1680, 30' hdr., 3303 E hrs.	\$47,500
H	U41709	92 CIH 1680, 30' hdr, 3307 E hrs.	\$47,500
C	CU4253	92 CIH 1680, 30' hdr, 3265 E hrs.	\$47,500
H	U41922	92 CIH 1680, 30' hdr, 3205 E hrs.	\$47,500
H	U41701	91 CIH 1680, 30' hdr, 4176 E hrs.	\$39,500
C	CU4230	91 CIH 1660, 25' hdr, 3957 E hrs.	\$39,500
H	U41749	90 CIH 1680, 30' hdr, 3605 E hrs.	\$45,000
H	U41915	86 CIH 1680, 25' hdr, 3507 E hrs.	\$27,500
H	U41878	81 IH 1460, 24' hdr, 4233 E hrs.	\$12,500
H	U41897	80 IH 1460, 24' hdr, 4188 E hrs.	\$12,500
H	U41872	80 IH 1460, 24' hdr, 3774 E hrs.	\$12,500
H	U41759	80 IH 1460, 24' hdr, 4122 E hrs.	\$14,500
H	U41934	79 IH 1460, 20' hdr, 3760 E hrs.	\$14,500
H	U41752	76 Gleaner M, 20' hdr. 3570 E hrs.	\$3,500
Location: H - Hoxie * O - Oakley * C - Colby			

HOXIE IMPLEMENT CO., INC. - HOXIE, KS * 785-675-3201
 www.hoxieimplement.com e-mail: hoxieimp@ruraltel.net
COLBY AG CENTER L.C. - COLBY, KS * 785-462-6132
 www.colbyag.com e-mail: colbyag@colby.ixks.com
OAKLEY AG CENTER, L.C. - OAKLEY, KS. * 785-672-3264
 www.oakleyag.com e-mail: oakleyag@ruraltel.net

1998 Case Corporation Visit Case's Web Site at: http://www.casecorp.com Case IH and Case Credit are registered trademarks of Case Corporation. **CASE IH**

Exclusive Listings!

Picturesque 1942 2-story Tudor duplex showcases timeless design with its newly-finished oak floors, wide woodwork, plastered walls, steam heat and high ceilings. There are 4 charming bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 laundries and 2 updated kitchens w/oak cabinets. The larger unit has 1505 sq.ft. and full basement. The small unit (462 sq.ft.) is ideal for rental space or in-law suite.



This 1981 4-bedroom, 2-bath split level boasts lots of living in 1864 sq. ft. sited on 3 lg. lots. New features include French doors opening onto a spacious deck w/hot tub and gas grill, high-efficiency central heat/air conditioning and 2 yr. old roof. The gourmet kitchen, with eating bar and adjacent dining area, includes Jenn-Aire stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and built-in microwave.

Johnson Realty, Inc.

Roberta Johnson, Broker — Lynn A. Johnson, Associate Broker/Auctioneer
109 N. Wolf, Oberlin, KS 67749
785-475-2785

? ` h ac` gZUZ X
y3VeeVc 4RcVWc eYV8` ` U=ZW%o
` _ R Wj|jeZ VSRdzd+

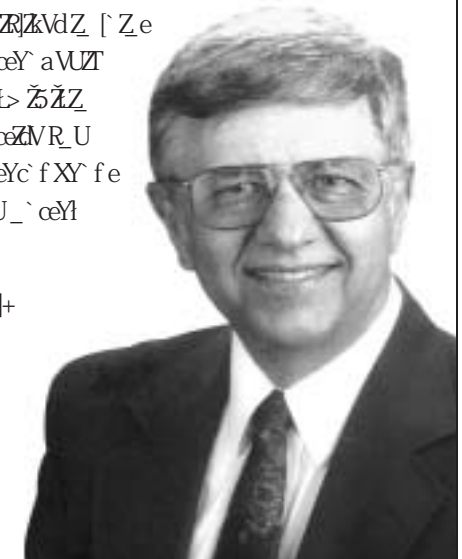
5Z< V_ VeY 6j|ZdL
@ceY` aVUZ Df cXV` _

HVRVa|VRdUe` R_` f_TV5Z<V_ VeY 6j|Zd cVef` c`
e` Wj|jeZ VadrteZVReeV4` ^` f` _Zj 9` daZdRj
@ceY` aVUZ 4jZ` ZjZ`

@_V` VeyVRdVrdaz` WcZ` X` ceY` aVUZ`
aYj dZdZ` dL5ZBj|ZdVIZdZVdZ` |` Ze`
cVa|RVV` V_oz9V|` Z` d` ceY` aVUZ`
df` cXV` _ICZYRUDj` gVt`o` ZjZ`
ac` gZUZ` X` d` cXIRj` V` aVozZVR` U`
bf` RjZj` TRcVe` aRZV` edeYc` f` XY` fe`
d` f` eYh` Veb` VSRdARR` U_` ceY`
h` Vebc` <R` dRZ`

7` c` R_` Raa` Z` e` V_` dIRj|+
4` ^` ^` f` _Zj 9` daZdRj
@ceY` aVUZ 4jZ` Z`
S!`)S%&`)S(`

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
Better Care for the Good Life
hhhZY` TT` `VZ` cX`



Internet tonight!
475-2206