

WRPD makes arrest in aggravated assault case

Staff Reports

Warner Robins Police detectives secured arrest warrants for 24-year-old Akeel Garbens Zamor for aggravated assault, aggravated battery and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime for being involved in the Dec. 12 shooting of Christian Searcy. The Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force and the Houston County Sheriff's Office Warrant Division arrested Zamor without incident on Carter Circle in Warner Robins earlier this week.

Dec. 12 at about 6:50 p.m., officers met with a male at the Houston



Akeel Garbens Zamor

Medical Center suffering from a gunshot wound to the facial area. The victim was later identified as 26-year-old Christian Jamal Searcy. He advised officers

the incident occurred in the 1500 block of Watson Blvd.

Officers found a BMW vehicle at the Watson Boulevard scene that had its windows shot out, belonging to the gunshot victim, Searcy. Searcy was transported to Navicent in Macon. There was evidence on scene that the event was drug related.

Detectives are still actively investigating this case and conducting interviews. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Karmen Thompson at (478) 302-5380 or Macon Regional Crimestoppers at 1-877-68CRIME.

MODIFIES

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Hartwig's alleges Lee violated the no contact order by discussing "non-essential matters" with Black. Lee is Black's supervisor. In the motion, Hartwig requested Lee be held in custody until his trial to prevent him from committing further crime and tampering with witnesses. Lee's attorneys filed a motion for a modification that would reduce contact between Lee and Black, as some contact is unavoidable.

Black, Warner Robins Police Sgt. Julius Wilcox and Warner Robins Council members Keith Lauritsen and Tim Thomas were called to testify.

Hartwig played two audio recordings of a conversation between Lee and Black that Black recorded on her phone in October. Black testified that one of the recordings was Lee inviting her to see the new Economic Development office. The second was in regards to a potential business trip to Alabama.

"It's the retail academy," Lee said on the recording. "We're going to fly to it."

Asked how those conversations made her feel, Black testified that she was "intimidated by him" and "scared."

"I did not want to get on a plane by myself with him," Black testified. "The stipulation (that we have no contact) is the only thing that protects me at work or makes me feel safe or protected at work. I felt/feel very intimidated by Mr. Lee."

While on the stand, Lauritsen and Thomas were asked if they felt Lee was a threat to anyone. Both agreed he was not. Wilcox is the security officer for Warner Robins City Hall. He was also asked if Lee was a threat.

"No," Wilcox said. "I was not aware until recently about the no contact order. On several occasions I saw Mr. Lee and Mrs. Black attend meetings together at City Hall."

Lee's attorneys then brought forth evidence of emails Black sent to Lee, Warner Robins Mayor Randy Toms and his execu-

tive assistant Mandy Stella as well as human resources director Toni Graham. One of the emails sent was requesting approval for the conference trip that Lee was referring to on one of the audio recordings.

"Your honor this is a violation by Mrs. Black for sending these emails to Mr. Lee," said Charles Cox, defense attorney.

Judge Bo Adams agreed that the audio recordings and series of emails were a clear violation of the terms of Lee's bond and no contact order however, Adams did not revoke the bond.

"I'm not going to revoke his bond and take away his freedom based on those contacts," Adams said. "But I will modify the terms to explicitly state that the only contact that can occur is by email and it is to be done how it was shown in the evidence, with other city officials included as well."

Adams said the officials were to be Toms and Graham. There is no date set for Lee's trial, but it is expected to take place some time next year.

Two arrested for mail theft

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Warner Robins Police were dispatched Thursday around 4:15 p.m. to Tallulah Trail in reference to suspicious subjects looking into resident's mail boxes.

The officers made contact with two subjects, identified as Kiddrick Clover and Kid Clover. Through investigation, the officers located mail stolen from an address on Southland Station Drive.

Kiddrick and Kid were arrested and charged with theft by taking. The Warner Robins Police Department would like to remind all citizens to be vigilant during this holiday season and



Kiddrick Clover



Kid Clover

report any suspicious activity.

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the end of his term in 2020. "At the end of this term, I will have served on the Houston County Board of Commissioners for 28 years. I thank former Commission Chairman Sherill Stafford for that. A lot of great things have taken place in the county. I've been through three chairmans, all who have brought a lot to the table. But I will not be seeking re-election for 2020. I pledge my support to the

person who will be succeeding me, as well as the other commissioners. This was a very hard decision."

Chairman Tommy Stalnaker expressed his appreciation for McMichael. "I know this decision has weighed on your (McMichael) mind for a long time," Stalnaker said. "I thank you for your service to this county and what you have done for this county. I also thank you for your friendship and for always supporting me. There is a lot to be done in 2020 and you will be a vital part of it."

I will save more remarks for a later time, but I do thank you for your service."

The commissioners expressed appreciation for McMichael. Commissioner Larry Thomson also announced earlier this month that he would not seek re-election either.

"I know who ever is elected to Tom's seat will have a big pair of shoes to fill," Thomson said. "He is the hardest working guy I have ever known. But we have had a good ride and I wish him all the best."

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honoring him for his years of service and dedication. It read, "William Jackson, in appreciation of outstanding service to the city of Perry, Georgia. Jan. 1, 2010-Dec. 31 2019."

In August, Jackson announced he would not seek re-election for his Post 2 District 2 seat. In January, Councilwoman elect Joy Peterson will continue in his place.

"We cannot thank him enough for his service that he has given," said Walker. "He has worked very, very hard. In addition to being a great member, you're a great friend."

Jackson thanked the council for his gift and expressed pride in the accomplishments he took part in and witnessed over the years. He noted the growth in the city and downtown as something he would always cherish. "There's been challenges, there will be in anything you endeavor to do, but by and large, it's been great."

Council approved a special exception allowing the H.A.L.O. Group to provide 11 multi-family apartment units within the New Perry Hotel.

Earlier this year, the H.A.L.O. Group facilitated multiple fundraisers to pay for the renovations.

The group's intention is to create a living facility that doubles as housing for autistic adults.

Council at first had reservations about the special exception application because in it, applicant William A. Stanford, II, wrote that residents would not be allowed to cook full meals within their apartments. This worried council members, as the consensus was that each apartment should be adequately equipped with a full kitchen area that allowed for cooking.

H.A.L.O. Board Chairman Gary Martin appeared before council Tuesday and added context to the proposed apartment plan. He also gave clarity to the aforementioned concerns. "We want to take what is now a building that is not in use and is basically just deteriorating and turn it into apartments, which will help revitalize the area and also provide people that can live close to downtown."

Martin says residents will have facilities to cook but, will not have full kitchens in their apartments. "You'll have a full kitchenette that allows you to cook, it just won't be a full four burner stove." Martin says the group is providing efficiency rooms due to the structure previously functioning as a hotel.

According to commu-

nity development director Bryan Wood, six of the units will be 1-bedroom apartments and five will be studio apartments. Martin says this is phase I of the group's plan to renovate the hotel. He says the apartments would bring people to the downtown area, support downtown businesses and generate revenue for H.A.L.O.

He says phase 2 would include a full renovation of the property and bringing back the New Perry hotel restaurant. There will be a gift shop and donut shop as well. There will also be onsite job training for those with disabilities.

Following the consensus from Monday's work session, the council voted in favor of placing a moratorium on conservation subdivisions in the city. The vote did not pass unanimously however, as Councilman Riley Hunt voted in opposition of the project and shared choice words at the end of the meeting. "I am in disappointment in us not taking more time on this moratorium, we don't know very much. We just passed it and we don't even know when it's gonna stop, we don't know what it contains, and I'm just disappointed that we voted approval. Hunt had concerns that local builders may not have had a fair say in the decision."

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said Councilman Keith Lauritsen. "You have more passion and determination than I have ever seen in anyone else. You've always been kind and I appreciate that. I applaud you and your efforts, and thank you for the lead you have taken."

"I too say thank you Tim," said Councilman Clifford Holmes. "You've been my right hand man. We've battled each other, but always came together in the end. You are an example of servitude and you have always put forth what's best for the city. Thank you."

"Tim, you and I came together six years ago," Toms said. "We didn't

always agree, but would get back together and have good discussions. I thank you for serving this community and I know you'll continue to do so because that's who you are. I agree with Mr. Lauritsen in that you rarely see anybody with as much passion as you have. God Bless you."

Several citizens and former elected officials such as Chuck Shaheen thanked Thomas for his service Monday and wished him well.

"Thank you all very much," Thomas said. "I am proud of what has been accomplished in the last six years and also proud to have not raised taxes in these last six years. I want to thank my mom who has been through so many campaigns with my

dad and myself. I want to thank my brother and sister for their support and my wife, who has been my biggest supporter. Many didn't know, but when I was first elected my diabetes was real bad to where I couldn't see. Carol, my wife, would help me memorize the agenda. It was tough, but we got through it."

"Thank you mayor and council," he continued. "I love this group, I enjoyed working with them very much. I learned a lot. To the new councilmen coming on, I wish you all the luck in the future. Their success will be our success. Thank you to Tommy Stalnaker. And lastly I want to thank all the employees and department heads. I wish everyone all the best."

CHEER

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I wanted to do and we were able to provide gifts to 100 students last year. This year, my church and our amazing community donated over 300 gifts. So each child, Pre-K through 5th grade will have a gift."

Dr. Anisa Baker-Busby, principal of Lindsey

Elementary, said they are grateful to Wilson and First Baptist Church.

"We have a wonderful partnership with First Baptist Church," Baker-Busby said. "They not only give in this capacity, but they also visit our schools to read to the children and help mentor. This is amazing that each student will receive a gift today. And this is another way to support our parents

because it's one less gift they have to purchase."

Baker-Busby said they have about 280 students total.

"I am just so mind blown and grateful to my church and community," Wilson said. "It moves me deeply to tears. I just truly want to show these students that they are loved and cared for."

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