

POLICE MURDER SUSPECT

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Reports of a shooting involving a black man and a law enforcement officer have reached our ears. A call to Metro revealed some facts on this tragic incident. Alfred Douglas Washington, 3535 Cambridge was fatally wounded April 28, 1977 at 12:50 am during an attempt to arrest him for sale of narcotics - heroin. The reporting officer stated that the suspect was pulled over near Dumont and Cambridge, was instructed that he was under arrest for sale of a narcotic. The two arresting officers stated that they thought Washington was reaching for a leather holster. The officer on the driver side of Washington's vehicle fired one bullet, hitting Washington in the head. Life savings techniques were applied at Sunrise Hospital, but failed.

Washington had a prior conviction and was awaiting sentencing on another drug related charge. He is one of many black men that have been shot during an arrest attempt by the local police departments. It is sad that such a tragic event happens only to blacks. Washington was unarmed at the time of his death. No weapon was found, only the money that he reportedly received for the drug sale.

We hear of drug sales and arrests occurring in other segments of the area without such fatalities. The law enforcement officers are well trained in the use of firearms, but much too often the use of judgement is lacking, especially when a black is involved. Alfred Douglas Washington was 30 years old. He will become another statistic for suspects killed during an arrest attempts.

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HARLAND C. HUBBARD CANDIDATE FOR CITY ATTORNEY

Prominent local attorney Harland C. Hubbard Thursday announced his candidacy for the Office of City Attorney of Las Vegas, pledging to serve as an advocate for the people in streamlining the Municipal Court system and making the City Attorney's office more responsive to the people. "There is no office on the local governmental level that has a greater impact on the everyday lives of its residents, than the City Attorney's office," Hubbard said.

"This office represents the people on all legal matters, advises the City Commission, and oversees the Municipal Court system. It literally touches the lives of all of us every day, in one fashion or another."

Hubbard says he has seen people return to Municipal Court as many as 15 times before a simple traffic ticket is resolved. "A guy ends up paying a \$10 fine, but has to take off from work 15 times to get it done. I think we can be more responsive to the needs of the people than that."

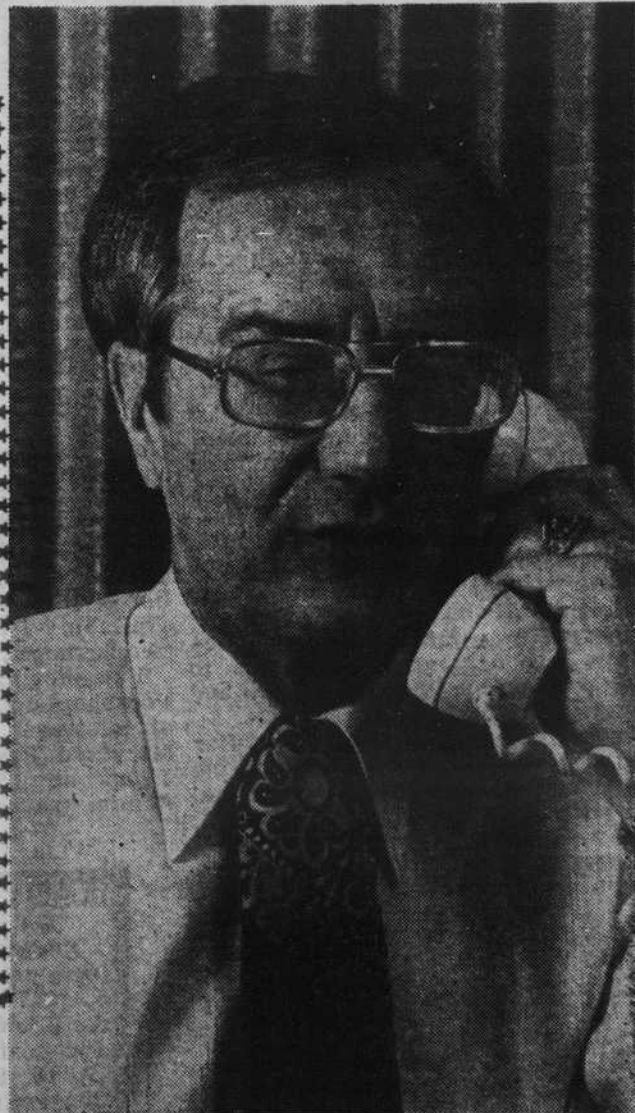
Hubbard also stressed the need to rotate deputy city attorneys in all four courts, to allow maximum experience and efficiency for each, and get the most for the taxpayer's money. "I personally plan to represent the City of Las Vegas in Municipal Court myself," he said, "sharing the prosecution load with the deputies. I intend to be a working City Attorney in all aspects."

Hubbard, who was a two-term city councilman in his native State of Michigan, says he would also like to see the City Attorney assume a more aggressive role in defending the legal rights of residents, such as insuring that jam auctions are operated with honesty and integrity.

"Unscrupulous business operations of any kind are grossly unfair to residents, and tourists alike, and do nothing to enhance the image of our city."

He said the City Attorney's office should, if necessary, be prepared to sue the federal government for additional water from the Colorado River

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Harland Hubbard - City Attorney

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