

Prosecutors: Black youths fired on police officer

YORK, Pa. (AP) - A group of young black men stood in the street and opened fire on a white police officer during the city's tumultuous 1969 race riots, prosecutors said as the trial began for two men accused in the killing.

Twenty-two-year-old rookie Officer Henry Schaad died two weeks after the shooting.

Stephen Freeland, 51, and

Leon Wright, 54, are charged with first- and second-degree murder in Schaad's death. Their trial opened Wednesday.

In his opening statement, prosecutor William Graff said young black men took aim at Schaad as he rode in the back of an armored truck July 18, 1969.

"They opened fire and shot him in the back," he said.

In subsequent testimony, a white motorist recalled it was "raining bricks" on her car as she drove through a black neighborhood at the height of the melee, while another white officer testified his cruiser was hit five or six times by gunfire.

"I thought we might get rocks thrown at us, but I never expected what happened," Police officer James Brown

said.

But defense attorneys said the witnesses had failing memories or were career criminals who might fabricate testimony in exchange for lighter sentences. They also pointed out there is almost no physical evidence or weapon.

"Some of these people don't know what they saw, some of these people don't

know who they saw," said Wright's lawyer, William Fulton.

Freeland's lawyer, Terry McGowan, said rampant racism in the police department had left blacks feeling oppressed and angry. Brown acknowledged under cross-examination that officers occasionally used racial epithets.

McGowan also said police officers randomly shot at blacks from two armored vehicles during the rioting.

The 10 days of riots left two people dead, dozens injured and entire blocks burned before 400 state police and National Guardsmen armed with rifles and tanks arrived to quell the violence.

Three days after Schaad was shot, Lillie Belle Allen, a 27-year-old black woman and mother of two from Aiken, S.C., died in a hail of bullets as she and four family members sought to drive through a predominantly white neighborhood.

The two slaying investigations remained cold for years until prosecutors re-

opened both cases in 1999.

In October, an all-white jury hearing evidence in Allen's murder convicted two former white gang members and acquitted the city's former mayor, Charlie Robertson, who was accused of inciting whites to violence against blacks.

Six other white men pleaded guilty to lesser charges in Allen's death, and the case of another man is pending.

Mississippi House passes voter ID bill

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - Voters would be required to show identification every time they go to the polls under a bill passed by the Mississippi House, legislation some say could rekindle old wounds from the civil rights era.

Voters would have 19 options for identification, including a passport, driver's license or food stamp card. A

voter without the necessary identification would still be able to cast a ballot after signing a sworn statement affirming their identity.

The House approved the bill Thursday on a vote of 85-33 after Senate passage last month. The measure will likely go to a joint conference committee for negotiations to resolve differences between the two versions over

establishing penalties for voter intimidation.

Some black lawmakers said the identification rule aims to discourage minority voter turnout in a state that once required poll taxes and literacy tests.

Rep. Chuck Espy, a Democrat, said some older voters would leave the polls rather than vote if they're asked to show identification.

"Perception is sometimes reality," Espy said. "The perception of this in the African-American community is that this is a slap in African-American faces."

The bill was crafted to put Mississippi in compliance with a federal election law. It originally was written to mirror federal law, which only requires voters who register by mail to show identification the first time they cast ballots.

The state Senate broadened the bill, requiring all Mississippi voters to show identification every time they vote.

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among blacks. Pew's polls show 48 percent of black Americans oppose military action, while 41 percent are in favor, said Scott Keeter, the center's associate director.

There's been some criticism leveled at television, particularly the cable news channels, for coverage that emphasizes military preparations and the conflict with Iraq while poorly reflecting anti-war views.

Some of the coverage borders on "warnography," a preoccupation with weaponry and what a military attack would be like, said Jeff Cohen, a media critic and senior producer at MSNBC.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, there has been a reluctance to press leaders, he said.

"They've been so busy waving the flag, that they haven't been raising the questions,"

Cohen said. "It's more boosterism than journalism."

In part, that's a reflection on the popularity of top-rated Fox News Channel, which frequently keeps an American flag graphic on its screen, said Cohen, who used to be a regular panelist on a Fox weekend show about the media. BET's goal is to "incorporate the necessary black perspective and interpretation of the facts for our community to better understand how it affects them directly," said Will Wright, executive producer of "BET Nightly News."

BET plans to use customized reports from the field by CBS News correspondents, including Byron Pitts and Randall Pinkston, who are black. BET and CBS are both owned by Viacom and have shared resources in the past.

Television

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or showed their wives during an argument in the year preceding the interview. Women in the top 20 percent were about twice as likely as other women to have thrown something at their husbands.

For one or both sexes, these "high TV-violence viewers" were also more likely than other study participants in the previous 12 months to have shoved somebody in anger; punched, beaten or choked an adult, or committed a crime or a moving traffic violation.

Besides childhood exposure to violent TV, the participants had been asked as children about two other traits: how much they identified with violent TV characters and how realistic they judged various violent TV shows to be.

Researchers found that high ratings on any of the

three childhood measures predicted higher ratings on a measure of overall aggression in adulthood.

Dennis Wharton, spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters, said not all studies find a relationship between TV viewing and violent behavior, and "I think the jury is still out about whether there is a link."

The American Psychological Association, however, has concluded that viewing violence on TV or other mass media does promote aggressive behavior, particularly in children. Other mental-health and medical groups have taken similar stands.

Joanne Cantor, professor emerita of communications at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, called the new study "a very strong addition to what I consider a large amount of data that points in the same direction."

Craig A. Anderson, a violence researcher at Iowa State University, called the work "elegant in its design and execution."



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Uniform Standard Drawings and Specifications for Public Works' Construction Offsite Improvements, Clark County Area, Nevada

Section 408, "Pavement Surface Treatments," of the Uniform Standard Specifications and Drawing No. 235, "Sidewalk Ramp" of Volume I of the Uniform Standard Drawings for Public Works' Construction Offsite Improvements, Clark County Area, Nevada has been revised by the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada. The revisions to the section and drawing listed above were approved by RTC on February 13, 2003 and will become effective on **March 1, 2003**. Please refer to the RTC website at www.rtcsonthernnevada.com for the specific changes made to the specification and drawing. If you desire a printed copy of these revisions, you may pick them up at no cost, from our offices at 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the RTC at (702) 676-1500.

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Sealed bids marked "RFQ #B3065 - Articulating/Telescoping Aerial Devise 54 Ft. Working Height with Line Body Mounted on a Maximum 25,999 lb. GVWR Chassis" will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Housing Authority Clark County, Administration Building, 5390 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89122, until 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 3, 2003, in accordance with the bids General and Technical Specifications, at which time all bids properly received will be opened, read aloud and made a matter of public record. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the above address or by visiting our website at www.haccnv.org.

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/s/ Betty J. Turner,
Executive Director

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