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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Index- Journal: Tornado drill planned as part of safety week

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/Tornado-drill-planned-as-part-of-safety-week-15615177>

Mary Kate McGowan

A National Weather Service tornado drill will be issued on weather warning radios Wednesday as part of South Carolina's Severe Weather and Flood Safety Week. Gov. Nikki Haley proclaimed the week, March 6-12, and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and the NWS jointly sponsor the week. According to a news release, the annual drill will be conducted at 9 a.m. Wednesday to test communication systems, safety procedures and mitigation processes.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Republicans reject Democratic amendments on SC roads bill

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FrcraxisR

SC State Wire

Democrats are offering amendments as state senators again debate a bill to get more money to South Carolina highways and bridges. The first amendments were offered Tuesday by Sen. Vincent Sheheen, who said the current proposal doesn't give enough money to roads and only guarantees extra funding for one year. Republicans banded together to vote to kill the amendments. Republicans offered a proposal last week to raise \$400 million for roads through the general budget instead of raising the state's gas tax. But not all the GOP was on board. Both Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman and House Speaker Jay Lucas said last week the state needs a more stable method of paying for roads than budget funds that are allocated each year.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Angry Democrats to argue on roads debate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC1603/160309461>

Cynthia Roldan

Angry Senate Democrats are expected to take to the floor today, as the Senate continues debating the roads bill. In an unusual harmonious manner, the chamber's Republicans came together on Wednesday and passed an amendment that allocates \$400 million of the state's budget to roads without raising the gas tax. The move angered Democrats, because it does not provide the Department of Transportation with a steady revenue stream on a long-term basis, among other reasons. A final vote on the bill is expected to take place this week, sending the bill back to the House, where it'll be met with crossed arms.

The State: Bill aims to bring back stiffer penalties for arson

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article64752687.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Don't play with fire – that's the message a bill before the S.C. Legislature aims to send to would-be arsonists. House Bill 3545 will restructure degrees of arson if the bill becomes law. Right now, state law doesn't differentiate between type of buildings burned, and only levels a 1st degree arson charge – the most serious kind – when there is a death, according to Jason Pope, deputy director of the South Carolina Firefighters' Association. The goal of the legislation is to show the value of a building

burned, such as the difference between a church and a small shed, and to allow a more serious charge for serious injuries.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: GOP House leader Bingham retiring after 8 terms in office
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=o9Xd5dLb
SC State Wire

A Republican leader in the South Carolina House says he's decided not to seek a ninth term. House Ethics Chairman Kenny Bingham of Cayce told The Associated Press on Tuesday he's ready for a new challenge. During his two terms as majority leader, the chamber's Republican majority increased from 72 in 2008 to an all-time high of 79 in 2012. Bingham says his House job is all-consuming, and he's ready to take a break. He says he has no plans.

Florence Morning News: Florence GOP chairman announces bid against Leatherman
http://www.scnow.com/news/article_6f0c42e0-e571-11e5-8036-7ba0afb4b6e3.html
Joshua Lloyd

Richard Skipper, chairman of the Florence County Republican Party, officially announced on Tuesday his intent to file as a candidate for state Senate District 31 – a seat held for more than 36-years by Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr.

Skipper will give up his spot as GOP chair to seek the Senate seat. He said during his announcement that it's time for a much needed change in Columbia. Leatherman, who is often considered the most powerful person in the Palmetto State, currently serves as the Senate president pro-tempore and chairman of the Senate finance committee. Skipper said public enthusiasm for change can trump Leatherman's long-standing, establishment support during this campaign.

Sun News: Hembree seeking another term in S.C. senate

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article64765622.html>

S.C. Sen. Greg Hembree, R-Little River, announcing his candidacy for re-election, gave supporters a pep talk on his optimism about South Carolina election campaigns. Hembree is in his first term as the senator for District 28 (Horry and Dillion counties), an office long held by the late Dick Elliott, D-North Myrtle Beach. Elliott did not seek another term in 2012 and Hembree was elected with 67 percent of the vote.

The Item: Alston will seek District 50 seat 2nd time in primary

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/alston-will-seek-district-50-seat-2nd-time-in-primary,264428>

Rembert resident Brian L. Alston has announced his candidacy in the June 14 Democratic Primary for South Carolina House of Representatives, District 50. Alston previously ran for the nomination in 2014 and said he was overwhelmed by the support ...

Aiken Standard: Tonya Marchant announces run for Aiken County probate judge

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160308/AIK0101/160309476/tonya-marchant-announces-run-for-aiken-county-probate-judge>

Christina Cleveland

Aiken County Associate Probate Judge Tonya Marchant has announced she will run for Aiken County probate judge in November. Marchant is seeking the seat held by Judge Sue Roe, who announced in a letter dated March 3 that she will not seek re-election. Roe has been in the role for 32 years. Marchant, 48, is a native of Aiken with 29 years in the probate court system and said she has enjoyed working with and helping families "through the most difficult times of their lives."

Florence Morning News: Sheriff Byrd to run for re-election

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_9377eb72-e542-11e5-97c5-fbc33069a4eb.html

Darlington County Sheriff J. Wayne Byrd announced his plan to run for re-election during a Society

Hill town council meeting on Tuesday, March 8. Byrd said it is a tradition to start his campaign in his home town of Society Hill among his friends and family. Byrd also began his law enforcement career there in 1987. "Having been born and raised in Darlington County, I have spent my entire career serving the Citizens of Darlington County," Byrd said in a release. "I look forward to the opportunity to continue that service." Byrd will be running against Tony Chavis, a 28-year law enforcement veteran who announced his plans to run on Feb. 10.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News: State should consider tobacco tax hike

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/03/08/state-should-consider-tobacco-tax-hike/81453292/>

Editorial

A recent survey by the South Carolina Tobacco-Free Collaborative shows broad support for another increase in the state's cigarette tax, with 73 percent of those surveyed favoring an increase. Generally it would be considered onerous to enact a significant tax increase on a product so close on the heels of a previous one (the state raised its cigarette tax by 50 cents in 2010). However, tobacco is a special case. South Carolina's current cigarette tax is 57 cents. It ranks 44th in the nation. By contrast, 32 states have a tax of at least \$1 a pack, 15 states have a tax of at least \$2 a pack, and another nine states tax cigarettes at least \$3 a pack, according to a recent report by Greenville News health writer Liv Osby.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Nearly 1,200 attend funeral Mass for author Pat Conroy

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bHnls89M

Bruce Smith

More than 1,000 people gathered to honor Southern writer Pat Conroy, author of "The Prince of Tides" and other works set on the South Carolina coast. Alex Sanders was a friend of Conroy and is former president of the College of Charleston and former chief judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals. He told the nearly 1,200 people gathered at a funeral Mass in Beaufort, South Carolina, on Tuesday that Conroy enriched the lives of people worldwide for almost a half century through his writings. He called Conroy "our very own prince of tides" and said his stories helped people see themselves as others see them. Conroy sold 20 million books worldwide. He died a week ago Friday after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 70.

WSPA: Food stamp requirements change in SC

<http://wspa.com/2016/03/08/food-stamp-requirements-change-in-sc/>

Starting April 1, any food stamp (SNAP) recipient who qualifies as an "able-body adult" will have to meet a work requirement to continue receiving those benefits. An Able-Body Adult without Dependents, ABAWD, is anyone between the ages of 18 and 50 who has no dependents and is considered to be able-bodied, according to a statement from the Department of Social Services. The change affects 60,000 people in the state. After the April 1 deadline, all individuals included in a SNAP budget who are identified as an ABAWD, will be limited to three (3) months of SNAP benefits in a 36-month period unless he/she meets an ABAWD work requirement or an exemption.

Independent Mail: Quarter of S.C. law enforcement agencies miss body camera deadline

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/quarter-of-sc-law-enforcement-agencies-miss-body-camera-deadline-2d8c16c2-ee83-57c4-e053-010007fec9-371404241.html>

Mike Ellis

A quarter of South Carolina's law enforcement agencies failed to turn in their body camera policy homework to a state regulating organization by a Monday deadline. The agencies were required to give detailed plans, including how officers will activate the cameras, who wears the cameras and how

the footage gets stored. About 240 of the state's 320 law enforcement agencies met the deadline while others turned in the work on Tuesday, said Maj. Florance McCants of the state Law Enforcement Training Council. There is no specific penalty for the agencies that missed Monday's deadline, but they lose out on a chance for a quicker reimbursement from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety to cover the cost of the cameras.

Associated Press: Superintendent: Officers should not handle minor discipline
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=t2TA7NIh

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina's education superintendent says educators should ask officers to intervene only when students are being violent, not for minor classroom misconduct. Superintendent Molly Spearman said Tuesday her task force tried to take a commonsense approach to student discipline. She created the task force after a Richland County deputy yanked an 18-year-old student from her desk and threw her to the floor. Video of last fall's incident spread quickly nationwide, prompting questions about officers' roles in schools. Spearman says educators need training on how to de-escalate situations.

Associated Press: South Carolina man acquitted in Massachusetts double slaying
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gyUHDTsj

SC State Wire

A South Carolina man who's been jailed for three years in connection with a double fatal shooting in Massachusetts has been acquitted. The Enterprise reports (<http://bit.ly/1UaQYwt>) a jury on Monday acquitted 28-year-old Guerry Hickman in the shooting deaths of Tashawn Leslie and Tyrelle Baker. The Summerville, South Carolina, man was accused of shooting the 23-year-old men in December 2012 as they sat in a car in Brockton. The defense has said that another man was responsible for the slayings.

The State: One S.C. county ranks among top burglary capitals in the nation
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article64701792.html#storylin>

Christina Lavingia

Nearly 1.73 million burglaries occurred in the U.S. in 2014, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. To help people know which places are most affected, the team at FindTheHome wanted to know where burglaries occur most frequently. To do this, we consulted the most recent estimates from the American Community Survey (2014) and determined the U.S. county in every state with the highest burglary rate per 100,000 people. We've sorted this list from lowest to highest burglary rate and include total burglaries and violent crime statistics for each county. #13 South Carolina: Anderson County.

Post and Courier: MUSC one step closer to new children's hospital
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC16/160309454>

Gavin Jackson and Lauren Sausser

On Tuesday, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority board unanimously approved the Medical University Hospital Authority's request to borrow up to \$325 million from the federal government to build a new children's hospital. The new MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital is expected to cost \$385 million. The balance of the project will be paid for with private donations, including a \$25 million gift from Shawn Jenkins, a local businessman. The new hospital will be located on the corner of Courtenay Drive and Calhoun Street and will open for patients in 2019.

Post and Courier: Researchers identify inaccuracies in South Carolina abortion document
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC1211/160309511>

Lauren Sausser

Rutgers University researchers found that 25 statements in South Carolina's "informed consent" abortion brochure are medically inaccurate or misleading. "What our study shows is that none of the (states) ... live up to that constitutional standard," said Cynthia Daniels, who teaches reproductive

politics and law at Rutgers University. Daniels led the “Informed Consent Project.” Her team studied informed consent documents from 23 states and found that, to varying degrees, some statements made in all the brochures are wrong and that many of them tend to exaggerate how quickly a fetus develops in the womb. For example, in the South Carolina document, the state health department explains that a fetus produces urine by the 11th or 12th week of pregnancy. But according to the Mayo Clinic, a fetus won’t produce urine until the 13th week of pregnancy.

Post and Courier: Residents not fazed by Zika scare as officials spread awareness

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC1211/160309510>

Derrek Asberry

Residents are heeding the call from mosquito authorities who say U.S. citizens are more likely to contract malaria than the Zika virus, despite the rampant spread of Zika in South America and the fact that the Lowcountry is home to the mosquito that carries the virus. There are still no reported cases of the Zika virus in South Carolina, according to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. There are still no reported cases of the Zika virus in South Carolina, according to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The lack of cases in the Palmetto State is one of many reasons Jim Tuxworth, a Mount Pleasant resident in the Snee Farm neighborhood, isn’t too concerned.

WSPA: Statewide tornado drill to take place Wednesday morning

<http://wspa.com/2016/03/08/statewide-tornado-drill-to-take-place-wednesday-morning/>

Scottie Kay Auton

There will be a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 9th. The drill will take place at 9:00 a.m. and everyone is encouraged to participate and practice tornado safety. All businesses in Spartanburg Co. will be called at 2:00 p.m. today to remind them of the drill. All residences and registered cell phones will be called at 6:00 p.m.

Local News:

Associated Press: Deputies: Man who threatened DSS workers had gun at office

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=N3SEmJSe

SC State Wire

Authorities say a man who has been threatening social workers who took his son from his custody has been arrested at their office with a gun in his car. Greenville County deputies said in a news release that 37-year-old Thomas Franklin has been threatening the workers at the county Department of Social Services for two months since they took away his son. Investigators said Franklin made a specific threat to hurt DSS workers and get his son back Monday afternoon, and deputies were waiting in the parking lot. Authorities say they found a gun, ammunition, a machete and a knife in Franklin's car. No one was hurt. Franklin is charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. He remains in jail and it wasn't known if he had a lawyer.

Post and Courier: Citadel graduate demanding removal of Confederate flag arrested after chase on campus

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC16/160309443>

Dave Munday

A Citadel graduate who said he showed up outside Summerall Chapel early Friday to demand that the Confederate battle flag be removed was arrested after leading police on a chase through campus. Torrence Dwyle Forney, 44, of Hashem Drive in Charlotte was charged with failure to stop for a blue light, reckless driving and disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Charleston County jail and released on \$1,774 bail. When asked why he was on campus, Forney, who is black, said he was part of the “take it down movement” and was there for “the right thing.” He also demanded that somebody “tell General (John) Rosa to come see me and take it down now,” according to the report.

Associated Press: Horry County officer cleared in shooting of suspect

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1L9YX1sv

SC State Wire

An Horry County police officer has been cleared in shooting and wounding a shoplifting suspect last year who was trying to drive away while dragging another officer. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reported (<http://bit.ly/24NWpq7>) that a State Law Enforcement Division investigation concluded that Lance Cpl. Crystal Buckingham acted properly when she shot 26-year-old Laquandra Borden of Sumter last November. Investigators determined that Buckingham fired when Borden tried to drive away with Horry County officer Floyd Truss stuck between the woman's vehicle and its open door. The incident was recorded on a police dash camera.

Herald Journal: Student arrested in bomb threat at D.R. Hill Middle School

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160308/articles/160309766>

An eighth grade student was arrested Tuesday in connection to the bomb threat made at D.R. Hill Middle School Monday. The juvenile, whose name has not been released, was arrested by Spartanburg County Sheriff's deputies and charged with making a bomb threat and malicious damage to property, said Spartanburg District 5 spokesperson Melissa Robinette in an email. The student will be recommended for expulsion, she said. Law enforcement is still investigating the threat made at Byrnes High School.

The Herald: Campus safety petition emerges after Winthrop University armed robbery

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article64660122.html>

Hannah Strong

The armed robbery of a Winthrop University student on campus last week has prompted student leaders to launch a petition drive for increased safety measures. The robbery incident behind Margaret Nance residence hall is in the same area as a sexual assault that happened last year. Students have started an online petition asking campus police to install an emergency phone box in the vicinity of the two incidents. "As concerned students," the petition states, "we feel that there should be an emergency phone behind or in front of Margaret Nance to ensure the safety of Winthrop's student body." The petition had 850 signatures as of Monday evening.

Herald-Journal: Civil suit claims Union sheriff sent sexually explicit texts

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160308/articles/160309767>

Union County Sheriff David Taylor is facing a civil lawsuit claiming he sent sexually explicit messages to someone after being asked to investigate illegal drug activity. In the suit, which Taylor received Friday, the unnamed plaintiff alleges that between June 2015 and September 2015, she sent a text message to Taylor regarding drug activity near her home. In response, the suit claims that Taylor sent sexually explicit messages including a pornographic picture and insinuated that she should "expose herself." Taylor is up for re-election this year. He said he believes there may be a Republican challenger to oppose him in the upcoming election. "Given the timing of all of this, I can't help believe there's some underlying political motivation behind this," he said.

Post and Courier: Charleston County picks new EMS director

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC16/160309445>

Prentiss Findlay

David Abrams is the new director of Charleston County EMS. He comes to the county from his position as manager of the Meducare flight service at the Medical University. Abrams started his EMT career with the county in 1995. He has more than 20 years of experience in paramedic and health care fields. The county conducted a national search for a new EMS director.

WCNC: Chickenpox hit 2 Union County schools

<http://www.wcnc.com/news/local/chickenpox-hit-2-union-county-schools/73892779>

Officials are monitoring several cases of chickenpox at two Union County schools. A total of five

cases of chickenpox were reported between Poplin Elementary and Hemby Bridge Elementary, according to school officials. The Union County Health Department determined 12 students from both schools who were not vaccinated for the illness be sent home for quarantine. The quarantine started on February 25 for those students. They are allowed to return to school next week, officials said. The health department had the final ruling that the students could not be in school.

WSPA: Horry Co. Schools pay nearly \$10k ransom to hackers

<http://wspa.com/2016/03/08/horry-co-schools-pay-nearly-10k-ransom-to-hackers/>

Horry County Schools paid nearly \$10,000 to hackers who attacked the district's network, district spokesperson Teal Harding confirmed on Monday. The hackers locked files across the district's network in February and required a ransom to unlock them. Similar attacks, with a virus known as ransomware, have hit networks across the country. Executive Director of Technology Charles Hucks, speaking Monday at a district technology committee meeting, said no data was stolen. He said previously the virus likely entered the district's system through an outdated server. The attack affected systems across the district, including payments for school lunches. Hucks said most systems are back to normal, but some servers in the technology department still need to be fixed.

Sun News: Horry County discusses iPad rollout to third and fourth grades

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/education/article64627887.html>

Claire Byun

The Horry County Board of Education is still pondering the pros and cons of providing elementary-aged students with iPads. The board voted to expand the Personalized Digital Learning, or PDL, initiative – which gives each student a digital device – to fifth grade only in February 2015. The final deployment phase would give each third- and fourth-grader an iPad that cannot be left at home. About a dozen elementary school teachers and administrators joined the district's technology committee Monday to help the board understand the impact of technology on young students. No motions were made, but the board is expected to vote on final deployment in the coming months. The rollout is expected to begin in October.

Sun News: Horry teacher Joey Trail named as finalist for S.C. Teacher of the Year

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/education/article64580052.html>

Claire Byun

Joey Trail won the hearts of Forestbrook Middle School administration in 2012. Then the hearts of Horry County Schools officials in 2015. Now, educators at the state level have recognized Trail's love of students and passion for education. He was surprised Monday when hundreds of students lined the hallways to congratulate him on being named one of five finalists for S.C. Teacher of the Year. Trail, an English language arts teacher at Forestbrook Middle School, has been a teacher for four years.

WCSC: Palmetto Railways to give update on North Charleston rail transfer facility

<http://www.live5news.com/story/31414901/palmetto-railways-to-give-update-on-north-charleston-rail-transfer-facility>

Kyle Jordan

Palmetto Railways will give an update on construction of the new container transfer facility at the former Charleston Naval Complex. Construction is already underway on the land parallel to Spruill Avenue, between McMillan and Viaduct Road. New rail lines in this area will eventually connect to existing railroads in North Charleston. Palmetto Railways will give a 20-minute presentation at the Olde North Charleston neighborhood meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be at Felix C. Davis Community Center, located at 4800 Park Circle in North Charleston.

Independent Mail: Oconee County Planning Commission: Explore less expensive recycling

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/oconee-county-planning-commission-explore-less-expensive-recycling-2d7cd466-4044-5ebb-e053-0100007f3-371394921.html>

Ray Chandler

Oconee County should look hard at a few cost-free ways to boost recycling while mulling expensive long-term plans, county planners agreed Monday. The Oconee County Planning Commission on Monday suggested that a few simple administrative changes and education programs in schools could reduce the county's flow of waste, which one County Council member told them could become a major problem. McCall has long advocated efforts to boost county recycling to 85 percent. Presently the county recycles about 40 percent of its waste.

Greenville News: Greenville wins No. 3 best downtown by Livability.com

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/03/07/greenville-wins-no-3-best-downtown-livability/81429518/>

Eric Connor

The No. 3 best downtown in America belongs to Greenville in this year's Livability.com rankings, marking the second year in a row in the Top 5 on the national website's list and moving up one spot from last year. The list was culled from more than 2,000 small and mid-sized cities and takes into account the elements of a downtown that provide a well-rounded blend of entertainment, culture, housing, walkability, diversity, affordability and rising population. The finalists were selected from a group of 200 based on data, experiences and a desire to include a diversity of geography and size.

National News:

Associated Press: CAN THEY DO THAT? Great wall of Trump faces great hurdles

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:824a5634efd344349b9828cbae8b8b58>

Matthew Lee and Alicia A. Caldwell

Donald Trump promises to build a great wall along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexican border and make Mexico pay for it, but it will be a difficult pledge to fulfill. Constructing the wall, now a signature applause line at Trump campaign rallies, is a complicated endeavor, fraught with difficulties. Numerous bureaucratic, diplomatic, environmental, monetary and logistical hurdles must be overcome. And forcing the Mexican government to foot the bill won't be easy, especially since its president has flat-out refused.

Politico: Biden: Reagan couldn't win in 2016

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/2016-gop-primary-live-updates-and-results/2016/03/joe-biden-ronald-reagan-2016-election-220422>

Eliza Collins

Republican candidates may seek to wrap themselves in the mantle of Ronald Reagan, but Vice President Joe Biden thinks the Gipper would be laughed out of the GOP's presidential field today. "If Ronald Reagan were alive today seeking nomination, he could no more get the nomination of the Republican Party than I could get the nomination," Biden said during a question and answer session in Dubai following a meeting with the prime minister of the United Arab Emirates, according to a pool report. "We are reaping the downside of what has become a nasty political environment," Biden said, adding that American politics had become "petty and venal."

Associated Press: Officer must testify against colleagues in Freddie Gray case

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:ebd5019fd7544e9e9089ee94d7f6f05f>

Juliet Linderman

A Baltimore police officer charged in the death of Freddie Gray must testify against his colleagues while he awaits a retrial, Maryland's highest court ruled Tuesday. Tuesday's rulings mean the cases will be sent back to a lower court and the trials can move forward. The appeals court issued two rulings. The first ruling agreed with Baltimore Circuit Judge Barry Williams' decision to force Porter to testify against Sgt. Alicia White and Officer Caesar Goodson, all of whom face manslaughter, assault, reckless endangerment and misconduct in office charges. Goodson, the van driver, faces the most serious charge, second-degree murder. A second order reversed Williams' decision that Porter did

not have to testify against officers Garrett Miller, Edward Nero and Lt. Brian Rice. They face misconduct in office, reckless endangerment and assault charges. Rice also faces a manslaughter charge.

Associated Press: Oldest Guantanamo detainee gets first parole hearing

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:aaf1aa66816442868d959f9ceea7e8b5>

Ben Fox

The oldest inmate at the prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, made his case Tuesday for freedom after more than a dozen years in custody. Saifullah Paracha, a 68-year-old former businessman from Pakistan who also lived in the United States for more than a decade, appeared by video-teleconference link from the base before the Periodic Review Board, a panel of government officials in Washington that conducts parole-like hearings to determine if Guantanamo prisoners should be eligible for release. The board was not expected to make an immediate decision. So far, it has approved the release of 19 prisoners. The U.S. holds 91 men at the base in Cuba, including 36 cleared for release.

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