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Peel Defense Claims Witnesses Pushed

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) — A defense lawyer said Friday he would show that state prosecutors intimidated witnesses appearing before the grand jury that indicted John Henry Weidner and arson charges.

Peel, charged with the 1982 murder of eight people aboard a fishing vessel in southeast Alaska, appeared at his arraignment in Ketchikan Superior Court wearing a false mustache and beard, a woman's wig and mirrored sunglasses.

He did not enter pleas in what turned out to be a limited arraignment. Much of the two-hour court proceeding was taken up by arguments between defense lawyer Phillip Weidner and Ketchikan District Attorney Mary Ann Henry. Weidner accused state prosecutors of intimidating grand jury witnesses who said they saw Peel around Craig soon after the killing.

Ma Henry denied the charges of intimidation, saying Weidner had done some intimidating of his own. Superior Court Judge Thomas Schuch then angrily rebuffed the warning all threats. "I warn you both that if this is the manner in which this is going to be conducted, there's going to be serious trouble," he said.

Peel's next court appearance will be Nov. 21, when Weidner said he plans to begin his attack against the indictment of his client. Peel will stay in the state's Ketchikan Correctional Center until then.

Weidner said he intended to file a motion to dismiss the state's indictment against Peel and a motion to suppress

the testimony of certain witnesses who testified before the grand jury. Weidner also asked that the review hearing on Peel's \$1 million bail be postponed until he can argue his case against the indictment.

"I think you should see the extent of the abuse that has occurred to get Mr. Peel to this stage before you set bail," Weidner told the judge. Weidner also promised to deliver petitions signed by 1,000 Ketchikan residents, asking for Peel's release on personal recognizance or reduced bail.

Peel was secretly brought from Washington to Alaska by Alaska State Troopers, after Whistown County Superior Judge Pro Tem Dave Nichols signed papers approving the extradition.

Defense lawyers asked the judge to order precautions that would prevent photographers during transport from being photographed by news photographers during transport to Alaska. They also asked that officers accompanying Peel not be allowed to talk to him.

Ma Henry agreed to the restrictions, saying arrangements would be made to avoid reporters and photographers as much as possible. Peel is accused of killing Alaskan residents Mark Coulburn and his wife, Irene, both 20; their daughter, Kimberly Lynn, 5; their son, John Jr., 4; crewmen Dean Moss and Jerome Rowen, both 19; of Illiana Coulburn's cousin, crewman Michael Stewart, 19, of Billingsham; and the skipper of the Invester, a fishing boat that burned in the water near Craig, Alaska, in 1982.

The victims' charred remains were found aboard, and investigators determined that at least two had been shot in the head.

Peel had served as a crew member for Coulburn, and was a crew member on another boat in Craig at the time of the homicide, according to State Trooper spokesman Paul Edmore.

Edmore said the victims were slain the night of Sept. 5, 1982, while the Invester lay at anchor in Craig, a tiny fishing community of 900 some miles northwest of Ketchikan.

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FASHION FANTASY — All eyes were on stage Saturday evening during the Miss Sitka Scholarship Pageant Association's semi-annual fashion show, held at the Sitka Senior Center. Models wore a variety of styles ranging from formal to casual and

older wear for winter (in background). Kinross, in the background, wears Bill Turner and Chely Riebel. The show was choreographed by Ernestine Griffin. (Sentinel photo by Allen Hayes)

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Iraq-U.S. Ties To Be Renewed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq's deputy prime minister is expected to resume formal diplomatic relations with the United States when he visits Washington next week, says an administration official.

The precise timing of the move by Iraq is to be announced by the White House, the official said late Monday, speaking on condition he not be identified. Such action would end a 17-year hiatus in formal relations.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, who also is Iraq's foreign minister, arrives in Washington over the weekend and is scheduled to hold several days of talks with U.S. officials starting Monday.

Resumption of ties with Baghdad, which had been expected for some time, could increase U.S. influence in the Arab world as President Reagan shapes the Middle East policy he will pursue in his second term.

Bazaar Listed

Table space is still available for the Sitka Teen Club's Seventh Annual Christmas Bazaar to be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Centennial Building. Individuals or groups may register for a table at the Sitka Teen Resource Center, 301 Lincoln St., above Old Harbor Books.

Group Offers Grants

Women interested in applying for a Soroptist Training Awards Program grant may pick up an application form from Debbie Lowe at Tolson Avenue from Nov. 20 to Nov. 27. A \$500 grant will be awarded locally and two \$1,200 awards will be given at the regional and area levels. The awards, funded by the Soroptist International of Soroptist International for the Americas, are to help women toward training and entry, or re-entry, into the labor market. Candidates are preferably heads of household completing undergraduate programs or entering vocational or technical training. Deadlines for applications is Dec. 31. Soroptist International is the world's largest classified service organization for executive and professional women.

Film to Be Shown

Sitka Film Society will present "Mata Hari" 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Centennial Building. The film was originally scheduled for Nov. 17. Director of the 1931, black and white film was George Fitzmaurice. Greta Garbo, Lionel Barrymore and Hanson Hotel star in the film about the famous World War II spy. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$2 for society members and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Aerobics Listed

Vacancies still exist in Community School's aerobics classes which run through Dec. 31. Registration for any of the classes is at Community Schools, Room 114, Blakely Junior High.

IN KETCHIKAN: Camera Confiscated

By HAL SPENCER Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE (AP) — Alaska State Troopers briefly confiscated a news photographer's camera Friday after he stood on a Ketchikan sidewalk to photograph a car transporting a mass murderer suspect to jail.

The camera, with the film intact, was returned after it was determined a Ketchikan Daily News photographer had not updated a Superior Court judge's order banning cameras in certain areas in and around courthouses, officials said.

John Ekstrand, Daily News managing editor, said staff photographer Bill Anderson's camera was confiscated when an unidentified Alaska State Trooper spotted him taking a picture of a car carrying suspect John Peel, 24. Peel was being returned to jail after his Superior Court arraignment on first-degree murder and arson charges.

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Contractors Group Meets

Sitka Contractors Assoc. Board of Directors will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Centennial Building.

A general membership meeting will follow at 8 p.m. Reports will be given on membership, the city and borough and the Legislative and Building PAC. Speakers will be C.J. Hector of the Department of Commerce, Jim O'Connor of the Department of Labor and Keith Rodenage of the Sitka Community Assoc.

Double-Transplant Patient, 2, Dies

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A 2-year-old boy who became the second person to receive a transplanted heart and liver in one operation died when his new liver failed, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Kellie Cochran of Birmingham, Ala., died at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Monday after having received two hours and a liver to transplant operation Friday and Sunday.

Stornes Jones, 7, of Camby, Texas, who underwent the world's first simultaneous heart-liver transplant here on Feb. 14, is still alive.

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