OBITUARIES

Henry Broderick Pack III

Henry Broderick Pack, III, 80, of Appomattox, died Sunday, February 5, 2023. He was the husband of the late Sylvia Ranson Pack.

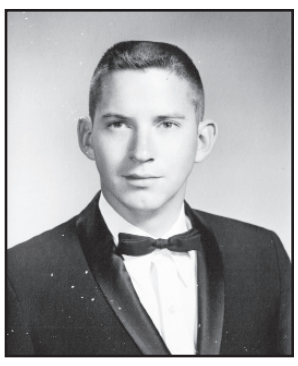
Born in Lynchburg, Va., on February 17, 1942, he was the son of the late Lucy Caldwell Pack and Henry Broderick Pack, Jr. He was a lifelong member of Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church, Spout Spring Ruritan Club, and a devoted Virginia Tech Hokie fan. Brod was the owner and operator of Appomattox Drug Store and Pack's Dairy Farm.

He is survived by two sons, Henry Broderick "Rick" Pack, IV, and wife, Jessica and William Andrew Pack all of Appomattox; three step-daughters, Terri Hamlett Harris and husband, Michael of Williamsburg, Kelly Lynn Hamlett of Forest, and Gina Hamlett Waddell and husband, Jeremy of Williamsburg; 12 grandchildren, Alex Pack, Henry Broderick "Brock" Pack,V, Rachel Pack, Jackson Cates, Kayleigh Harris, Sydney Harris, Jake Harris, Baileigh Clements, Barrett Clements, Layne Clements, Grey Waddell and Nash Waddell.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. today, February 8, 2023, at Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church with Pastor Gene Beverly officiating. Burial will follow in Liberty Cemetery.

The family received friends from 7 until 9 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at Robinson Funeral Home and other times at his residence.

In lieu of flowers please consider making memorial donations to Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church, PO Box 85, Appomattox, VA 24522.



Henry B. Pack, III

The family would like to express a special thank you to his caregivers, Catherine Pankey, Rosa Goode, Libby Robertson, Stacey Graves, and Donna Nash.

Robinson Funeral Home and Cremation Service is serving the family. An online condolence may be sent by visiting www.robinsonfuneral.com.

Pastor Kathy Gunter Seay

Pastor Kathy Gunter Seay, age 63, resident of Mockingbird Lane in Bent Creek, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 5th, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Thomas William and Mamie Burks Gunter; and her nephew, Steve Branch.

She is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Charles Seay and his two daughters; Karen Moore and husband, Joey Moore, and Allison Seay; her sister, Aline Branch; her brother, Richard Gunter; and her niece, Robin Branch and her husband, Jeff Elder; as well as numerous other loved ones.

Huge thank you to Kathy's cousin, Lisa Gunter, who cared for and stayed with her every day. We'd also like to thank the amazing team from Hospice of Virginia.

Kathy pastored the House of Prayer and Revival Center in Gladstone, Va. She taught on the love of God and the importance of living by the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). She was not just a hearer of the Word, but she was a doer. Kathy walked out the Word of God in everything she did, even on her sick bed. You could reach out to encourage her and walk away being encouraged. She truly was the salt of the earth - light in the darkness, just as we're called to be. Kathy would often say her future's so bright, she's gotta wear shades. The love of God poured out of her in a supernatural way- brightening up and shifting every room she walked in.

Kathy's ministry centered around the love of God and the importance of dying to self. She had a powerful testimony that spoke of His grace, mercy, love, and power. Kathy's motto, that stemmed from her testimony, was "partial surrender, partial victory; total surrender, total victory." Kathy has devoted over two decades of her life serving the Lord and has walked in total surrender during that time. Now she is walking in total victory with the King of Glory.

Kathy Gunter Seay

She was a beautiful example of living Christ-like and she's touched so many people's lives. Kathy will be greatly missed, but the difference she's made during her time here will live on.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today, February 8, 2023, at Robinson Funeral Home officiated by Pastor Bill Terry. Burial will follow in the Branch Family Cemetery.

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Hurt

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The case was set for a jury trial Friday morning, but Hurt instead chose to plead guilty and forego the trial.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 25 following the completion of a pre-sentence report. The commonwealth's attorney in this case, Appomattox County Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Kia Scott, and Hurt's defense attorney Jordan Davies agreed to an active sentence cap of eight years. However, the exact amount of time to serve will be decided in court May 25.

Co-defendant Mitariq E. Green, 21, of Meherrin, pleaded guilty to his charges Jan. 26 and will be sentenced March 28.

According to evidence provided by the commonwealth, Hurt had made threats of death and violence toward the two ACHS female juveniles, ages 14 and 15, in a group chat on Instagram during the weekend of March 26-27, 2022.

Several of the many threats Hurt made on Instagram read:

- "both yu gon die tomorrow"
- "see you when yo (expletive) gets put 6 feet in da ground"
- "ya'll think it's fun and games till y'all have bullet in yo body"

Hurt drove to ACHS on March 28 to confront the students with a Taurus 9mm firearm in the vehicle. That day, a student reported the continuing death threats to ACHS Guidance Counselor Dena Olsen, and the situation was reported to ACHS School Resource Officer Daniel Gunter, who is a deputy with the Appomattox County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). Additional law enforcement support was requested by Gunter.

Hurt and Green arrived at ACHS in a silver SUV and parked near the school sign in the lower level of the parking lot facing Red House Road. Hurt sent an Instagram message stating, "I'm here." Olsen came up with a plan to initiate a video chat between Hurt and the students, wherein they acted as if they were going outside to meet her but stayed inside the school building. From Hurt's side of the video, the location of her vehicle was shown.

Hurt and Green were then approached by Gunter and another ACSO deputy. The suspects were asked to roll down the car windows, which were tinted. They refused to roll down the windows, but Green eventually raised his hands in the air.

Hurt fled the scene and led police on a high-speed chase through Appomattox and onto U.S. Route 460 West, reaching speeds up to 115 miles per hour. Virginia State Police got involved in the chase. Hurt turned onto Five Forks Road in Prince Edward County and was driving up to 85 miles per hour on curvy roads before crashing into a fence. There, the two suspects were apprehended at gunpoint.

Hurt fled the scene because she was worried about the firearm and marijuana being discovered in the vehicle on school property.

The apparent motive for the threats, according to Instagram messages, was Hurt's anger toward the girls that stemmed from her jealousy over Green, with whom she had at one time been involved in a relationship.

According to the prosecution's evidence, Green went along for the ride for the purpose of selling marijuana afterward. He had claimed to not know Hurt planned to shoot the two juveniles but only expected to see a fight or argument. The prosecution, however, refutes that claim because he had participated in the weekend chat where death threats were made. Green himself did not make death threats toward the juveniles during the chat.

Hurt claimed to only think about shooting the juveniles after seeing the green and black firearm in Green's hoodie pocket. The firearm was loaded when discovered by police and had been stolen out of Amelia County. Scott said there is not enough evidence to determine how Green and Hurt came into possession of the firearm.

Attorney Jordan Davies, representing Hurt, acknowledged that Hurt's actions were "incredibly stupid" but didn't completely understand the gravity of her words at the time and appears to be remorseful.

In May 2022, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors publicly honored Gunter, Major Robby Richardson, Investigator Chip Woody, and Deputy Rodney Brisentine for their response to the crisis.

Town

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Simpson said the value of the land would probably never exceed what it would take to tear the building down.

"The only hope we have for ridding ourselves of it is with public sector involvement," he said. "It's the role of us as a government entity to keep a safe and healthy community, and that building is impacting that."

The building council members spoke about was once a garment factory. When there is a "wind event," as Boyce called it, siding rips off the building and blows into the street and into yards and onto other businesses.

Simpson said there are grant programs from the Department of Housing, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency and others that the town could be eligible for, but so far, discussions with the owner and town officials and the government grant agencies have not been fruitful. The cost to remove the building and mitigate whatever environmental issues there might be at the site have been too high.

The council members and McGhee agreed to research and investigate how to best solve the problem of the old garment factory.

Standing committee report: Councilwoman Claudia G. Puckette thanked treasurer Kim W. Ray for researching and discovering funds that it was thought should come out of general funds — money that goes to the filming and reproducing of council meetings for public consumption — could come out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies instead.

Green

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According to evidence summarized in court Jan. 26 by Appomattox County Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Kia Scott, death threats and threats of violence were made toward the female ACHS students, with Hurt allegedly acting as the primary aggressor.

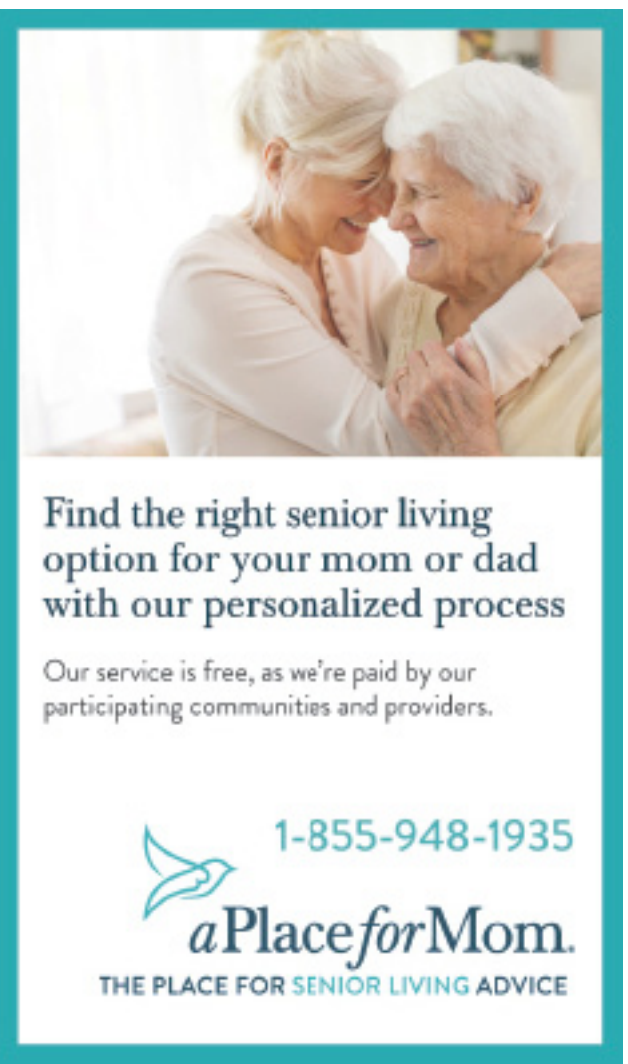
The threats were made on an Instagram group chat during the weekend of March 26-27, 2022.

During the weekend chat session, Green posted the comment, "I'm ready to pop my (expletive) now." Green's attorney Kevin Bailey explained to the court that the term "pop" was not meant as a threat to shoot anyone.

On March 28, further threats of violence were made on Instagram. Hurt drove from Farmville that day to ACHS with Green as a passenger, and authorities at the school were informed of the impending situation.

After being approached by law enforcement while seated in the vehicle in the school's parking lot, Hurt fled the scene and led police on a high-speed chase that reached speeds of 115 miles per hour and ended in a crash in Prince Edward County, where the suspects were apprehended.

A firearm (Taurus 9mm) was found in the vehicle. As a previously convicted felon, Green was not permitted to be in possession of or handle any firearms. Online court records show Green was convicted of felony malicious assault in Prince Edward County Circuit Court in 2019.

Scott stated that Green had previously claimed he wasn't aware of a plan to shoot the students. However, Scott refuted that claim based on the available evidence.

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