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EARLY MORNING SHOOTING IN CAROLINA BEACH RESULTS IN DEATH OF KURE BEACH MAN

CAROLINA BEACH, NC---Charles Alexander Gokee, 39, of Kure Beach, was shot and killed early this morning after entering into the Charlotte Avenue home of 53-year-old Dana Davis, according to an investigation and reports from the Carolina Beach Police Department (CBPD).

Major William M. Still, interim chief for CBPD, issued the following report of the incident:

At 2:08 a.m., 20 May 2004, Carolina Beach Police were dispatched to 304 Charlotte Avenue regarding a home invasion and assault where the homeowner reported firing a weapon at an intruder. Upon officers arrival at the scene, they found Mr. Dana Davis, 53, of the home with open lacerations and wounds on his head. Mr. Davis reported he was alone and asleep in a lounge chair in the living room of his home at 304 Charlotte Avenue when he was awakened by an unidentified male repeatedly striking him in the head and face.

Mr. Davis said he attempted to fight off his attacker (later identified as Mr. Charles Alexander Gokee, 39, formerly of 311 3rd Avenue Kure Beach and 321 Hooker Road Lot 57 Wilmington NC), and the two men moved from the living room to the kitchen area. At the time of the assault, Mr. Davis had his storm door closed and his main entrance door opened and unsecured. He also had a 357-magnum revolver at his side while he had been sleeping in the chair. The men fought over the weapon and Mr. Davis fired two shots from the weapon into the ceiling of the kitchen as they fought.

At one point, Mr. Gokee fled the residence through the living room door. Upon collecting himself Mr. Davis walked to the door to try and determine which direction his attacker had fled and also to see if he could see a vehicle for later identification of the suspect. When he opened the storm door he discovered Mr. Gokee had not left the property but was standing at the rear of his (Mr. Davis's) truck in the drive of the home. According to Mr. Davis, Mr. Gokee turned and started towards him again stating he was going to kill Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis then raised his
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weapon and fired a single round towards Mr. Gokee. Mr. Gokee fled the property and was discovered in a vacant lot approximately 200 feet from Mr. Davis' home.

An autopsy is scheduled for Mr. Gokee on the afternoon of 20 May 2004. Additional investigation is continuing by the CBPD. No charges have been filed in the matter. Mr. Davis was treated for his injuries at New Hanover Regional Medical Center and released.

As additional information is developed, CBPD will release information through our Public Information Officer, Mrs. Valita Quattlebaum @ 458-5663. No further information is available at this time.

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