

drug possession and other charges after he was tackled by officers in the main lobby.

At 2:00 p.m., 21 minutes after the first call, the man called again. He urgently repeated the same message, police said. Davis, who was ushered out of



Elnardo Webster Was Peacock star

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Former Hudson County Freeholder and St. Peter's College Athletic Hall of Famer Elnardo Webster was arrested last night in Liberty State Park after a ranger spotted him "snorting" cocaine in his Mercedes-Benz, police reported.

Ranger William Laing was on patrol at 6:40 p.m. when he saw two men snorting cocaine in a car in a parking lot on Wolf Drive in Liberty State Park, police said.

Laing, after calling for backup assistance, approached the vehicle and asked the driver, identified as Webster, 41, to get out of the car, police said. The former basketball star took a \$1 bill from his pocket and dumped the contents — cocaine — on the ground, police said.

The rangers found two small foil packets of cocaine in the suit jacket pocket of a passenger in the car, identified as Donald R. Brown, 41, of Jersey City, personnel officer for the Essex County Corrections unit at the Essex County Court house, police said.

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During the early and mid 1980s, Webster was active in the Jersey City chapter of People United to Serve Humanity. From the PUSH office on Martin Luther King Drive, he organized programs to keep youngsters in school and away from drugs and crime.

He was a frequent and popular speaker before groups of young people.

Webster served as freeholder for the Third District from 1985 to 1988 but was defeated in a bid for re-election. Last year, he unsuccessfully challenged incumbent Frank Lautenberg for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator.

Webster, who played professionally with the Memphis Tams and New Jersey Nets of the old American Basketball Association after a brilliant career at St. Peter's College, is currently working for the state Department of Corrections.

He still holds several Peacock basketball records, including most points in a season (700) and most field goals in a game (24). Webster scored a record 51 points against Marshall University in a double overtime win in the opening round of the 1967-68 National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden. He then helped the Peacocks crush Duke, 100-71, in the quarterfinals before losing to Kansas in the semis.

During his two years at St. Peter's, the former junior college player scored 1,374 points and helped the Peacocks to a 16-11 record and two appearances in the NIT.

Both Webster and Brown were remanded to the Hudson County Jail and face arraignment today in Central Judicial Processing Court in Jersey City.

Webster's Mercedes was impounded, police said.

County absolves HCUA \$14M debt

By Earlene C. McMichael

The Hudson County Utilities Authority was released yesterday from a county loan of more than \$14.1 million.

The county freeholders yesterday unanimously voted to cancel HCUA's \$14.1 million debt to the county.

Interest on the loan has brought the principal of \$7.4 million, which was to have been repaid in March 1983, to \$14,136,101.

Seven years ago, the county lent the HCUA \$7.4 million at 9.95 percent annual interest when that agency could not meet the last payment of a \$13 million loan from Fidelity Union Bank in Newark.

That payment had been due in December 1981.

The HCUA had argued that it could not pay the \$14.1 million, and if forced to do so, would have had to bill municipalities in order to raise it.

And, in turn, HCUA officials said, municipalities would likely have to increase their sewerage rates to raise the money.

HCUA Executive Director George W. Crimmins Jr. said Tuesday that the HCUA and the county have been aware of the nagging debt for years, but the matter was not addressed because the county kept hoping somehow the HCUA would be

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