

study in education at Bridgewater

being science curriculum for grades 5-12 in public schools, he wrote software, was a coach in Science and Softball League.

His wife, Valerie, is a teacher, Holly of Somerville, and Emily of Andover. George of Andover is a sister, Judy.

He will be said at 10 a.m. John of God. Burial will be in the church in Somerset.

was manager of product service for the medium steam turbine engine department in Lynn when he retired.

He enjoyed rowing, fishing, and gardening and was a member of the Cambridge Boat Club and a former member of the board of trustees of the Wentworth Alumni Association Funds.

He leaves his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Fennell); four daughters, U. Kathleen of Tucson, Jane A. Austin of Barrington, R.I., Mary J. Bower of Andover, and Patricia A. Belknap of Ashland, Wis.; a son, J. Dermot of Acton; a sister, Ida C. Whittaker of Mattapan; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Augustine Church in Andover. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery.

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town at a motel in a seedy part of town. Police arrested two transients who were apparently staying at the same motel and charged them yesterday with first-degree murder and auto theft.

The Edisonian Court motel where he was staying was in a neighborhood where drug dealing, prostitution, and theft are common, police said.

"He probably would have attracted attention in that complex," said Fort Myers Police Lieutenant Mark Zellman.

Neighbors said Richardson, a divorced father of four and grandfather who lived in the two-story house

in which he was born, was a great neighbor and friendly to everyone.

"He was from one of those old New England families," said Larry Lynch, a neighbor of Richardson's. "He was a very, very fine citizen."

The Lynch and Richardson children grew up together and the younger generation formed much of the two men's bond. "We'd talk about the kids and the neighborhood," Lynch said.

A man who answered the door at Richardson's home yesterday declined comment about Richardson. But others in the neighborhood ex-

perience from Richardson's high school days, recalled their days playing ice hockey together in a youth league team in the 1930s. Richardson played goalie, "because he could afford the goalie pads," Driscoll said with a smile. "The rest of us just had our skates."

Driscoll said Richardson was a fan of the Red Sox. His children had paid for his trip as a deferred Christmas gift, police said.

"When I'd meet him on the street, I'd say, 'How're the boys doing?'" Then the two would shake their heads over their perpetually floundering team.

were no apparent mother arrived children to the. The mother told children to chase snowballs at her workers were in the children shot returned to the

Police seek E. Boston

An East Boston prescription presser has been March 26. Boston Giannasca, 51, withdrawing \$200 from Savings Bank. He ing his medication quents Maverick Boston and the Center. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall, 180 pounds, are asking anyone on Giannasca's wife 343-4234.

Third defendant admits

A third defendant conspiring to mented immigrant from China has p Attorney Dona nounced yesterday. York pleaded guilty of conspiring and knowingly bring ed States for com and financial gain than a designated Stern said. Yiu M Fok Li have already to the charges. (A

Roxbury awaits

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Boston GLOBE 4/5/97 PAGE B-5 Award reduced in videotaping suit

By Patricia Nealon
GLOBE STAFF

A federal judge has slashed \$135,000 from a jury award given to a Pembroke cable television volunteer who was falsely arrested for videotaping a public meeting.

In a decision filed in US District Court in Boston, Judge Patti B. Saris said the arrest of Richard Iacobucci was a "mistake" but did not warrant such a large amount in punitive damages.

The \$135,000 was part of a \$210,000 judgment against Pembroke Police Sergeant Willard Boulter. A \$75,000 award for compensatory damages remains.

The case was believed to be the

first time damages were awarded in a case involving the right to videotape a public meeting under the state's open meeting law.

Iacobucci sued Boulter after Boulter arrested him for videotaping a meeting of Pembroke's historic district commission in March 1991.

Police were called to the meeting after commission members complained that Iacobucci's taping was disruptive. The chairman had asked Iacobucci to reposition his camera, but Iacobucci refused to move it out of range of participants.

When he refused to stop taping, Boulter charged Iacobucci with being disorderly and disrupting a public meeting. A state court judge later ordered a not-guilty finding on the

charges.

Iacobucci then sued Boulter in federal court, claiming the arrest violated his constitutional rights. A jury agreed he was falsely arrested and awarded him \$210,000 last September, including \$135,000 in punitive damages.

But Saris found there was no evidence Boulter acted recklessly or with malice in arresting Iacobucci - legal standards for a substantial punitive damages award.

Still, the judge said, it was "extremely troubling" that police officers had erased Iacobucci's tape to thwart a possible lawsuit. She ordered the court clerk to send a copy of her decision to the Pembroke police chief.

Five are indicted for insurance fraud

Three doctors, a lawyer, and the owner of a driving school were indicted yesterday in connection with a string of fraudulent motor vehicle injury claims, Attorney General Scott

and William Jerome, 61, of Saugus, a Somerville attorney

The 33 indictments allege Dessin submitted injury and disability claims after seven separate "fender

involved in each successive accident that he was treated for the same injuries each time, prosecutors said.

The lawyer who represented

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Counselor at Law

Robert W. Healy
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Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

I received a response from the City Solicitor's office concerning Deputy City Manager Rossi's actions at the 18 March Truck Committee letter. I do not consider it an adequate or accurate discussion of events and plan to pursue this matter until the City management takes proper responsibility for what happened that day.

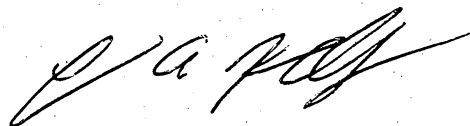
I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Thomas Bracken, Esq. in which he disputes Mr. Drisdell's response to me. In particular, Mr. Bracken states that Mr. Drisdell's "concluding statement regarding 'two lawyers on the Committee who expressed concern to the Chair that allowing such a recording over the objection of a member could be illegal' is blatantly false." Mr. Bracken states that he made no such comments. Clearly there is still considerable confusion about what happened that day and the matter deserves more investigation and discussion in whatever format is necessary.

Additionally, I should remind you that Mr. Rossi and Ms. Epstein both have City jobs that require considerable public meeting involvement. Mr. Rossi is the Chair of at least one other Committee and I believe Ms. Epstein has either Chaired or Co-Chaired public Committees in the past. Of all people, these two should know better and the fact that they either are ignorant of their public responsibilities or choose to ignore them cannot be blithely swept under the rug based on statements falsely attributed to other Committee members.

I am also enclosing an article from the 5 April, 1997 Boston Globe (page B-5) discussing a \$75,000 dollar award granted a citizen challenging Pembroke officials' attempts to keep him from video-taping a meeting. I hate to think that ignorant or willfully unlawful actions by my own City officials in similar circumstances could lead to similarly costly awards.

I expect a letter from your office correcting Mr. Drisdell's mistakes and explaining how you plan to keep City officials from carrying out such unlawful and risky behavior in the future.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



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Communication was received from Craig Kelley, concerning the March 18, 1997 Truck Committee letter.

In City Council April 28, 1997

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