

# Isaac "Ike" Gaston: 1973-1994

1973

October 3

**Brother ruled no conspirator in forgery case**

A charge of conspiracy to commit forgery against Calvin W. Gaston, 20, of 601 W. Front was dismissed in associate division of circuit court on a motion of the state's attorney.

The state's attorney said there was insufficient evidence of any crime being committed.

Gaston was arrested by county deputies following the arrest of his brother. Isaac Gaston, 18, was charged with forging a check on the State Bank of Saybrook and cashing it July 25 at the National Bank of Bloomington.

Calvin Gaston was charged with conspiring with his brother to forge that check.

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1974

May 28

**Scuffle follows man's sentencing**

Isaac Gaston, 19, Havana, was subdued by a sheriff's deputy, an assistant probation officer and court personnel Tuesday morning after being sentenced to prison on a forgery conviction.

Court officials said Gaston threatened he'd kill himself after Circuit Judge Wayne C. Townley Jr. sentenced him to 1 to 3 years in the state penitentiary.

Gaston attempted to break away from Deputy Sheriff Brett Beyer as he was being led out of the courtroom, officials said.

Beyer forced the prisoner to the floor and handcuffed him in the hallway outside the courtroom with the aid of David Trainor, assistant McLean County adult probation officer, and Clarence Adkins, bailiff in Townley's court.

Gaston had pleaded guilty to two counts of forgery Feb. 13 after reaching a plea-bargaining agreement with the McLean County state's attorney's office.

That agreement called for a 1-to-3-year prison sentence, but afforded Gaston the opportunity to seek probation instead of a prison sentence.

Gaston, who had failed to appear for sentencing April 3 and May 17, had been held by sheriff's police at county jail since being picked up on a bench warrant May 23.

He had pleaded guilty to forgery of two checks, totaling \$45 and \$50, at the National Bank of Bloomington on July 24 and 26.

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**1978**

*July 22*

## **Victoria Taylor to become bride**

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson of 618 S. Indianapolis St. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of Minier announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Taylor, to Isaac Gaston of Plato, Mo. He is a son of Calvin Gaston of Plato, Mo., and Lorena Surratt of 1638 W. Olive St.

A September wedding is planned.

*May 2*

## **Sex charge filed against man, 23**

Isaac J. Gaston, 23, of 1638 W. Olive St. was charged Monday with taking indecent liberties with a child, according to police.

Police said he was arrested at his home in connection with an incident Saturday involving a 13-year-old girl in the 1800 block of West Olive Street.

He was being held in McLean County Jail Monday night for a warrant charging him with parole violation.

May 13

Isaac J. Gaston, 23, of 1638 W. Olive was sentenced to 60 days in McLean County Jail, with credit for time served, for contributing to the sexual delinquency of a child. The sentencing occurred Friday in the associate division of Circuit Court.

An original charge of indecent liberties with a child was dismissed in plea bargaining.

Gaston was arrested in the 1800 block of West Olive Street in connection with an April 29 incident involving a 13-year-old girl.

1979

May 18

## 2 more charged in 7-man robbery

Two more persons were charged Thursday with the Wednesday robbery of \$6 from Stanley Jolley, 19, of 1714 Springfield Road. The robbery was in the 400 block of East Front Street.

Charged is William Winstead, 38, no permanent address. He was in McLean County Jail Friday noon awaiting an afternoon court appearance.

Also charged Thursday was a 16-year-old Bloomington boy. The boy was released to his grandfather.

Jolley told police that he was walking from the Washing Well, 403 E. Front St., when he was accosted by seven men near Front and McLean streets about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Jolley summoned police and, about 30 minutes later, Isaac Gaston, 24, The Hamilton Hotel, was arrested at the hotel. Gaston was sent to McLean County Jail in lieu of \$30,000 bond for a June 1 court appearance.

Further questioning of others involved in the incident led to the arrest of Winstead and the boy, police said.

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—Under provisions of the Illinois juvenile court act, names of persons under 17 years of age are not a matter of public record in connection with certain offenses.

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June 20

—Isaac J. Gaston, 24, of The Hamilton Hotel, who is accused of participating in the May 16 robbery of \$6 from Stanley Jolley, 19, of 1715 Springfield Road. The robbery took place in the 400 block of East Front Street.

October 2

## *Unlawful restraint nets three years*

Isaac Gaston, 24, of the Hamilton Hotel was sentenced to three years in prison Monday for unlawful restraint of a Bloomington man in a May robbery.

Gaston, who is in McLean County Jail pending other charges, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Wayne C. Townley Jr.

Gaston was convicted in a July 18 jury trial of restraining Stan Jolley May 16 in the 200 block of East Front Street. Gaston was acquitted of robbery and battery charges in the May incident.

# Man gets prison for jail incident

Isaac Gaston was sentenced Friday in McLean County Circuit Court to four years in prison for his part in a disturbance at McLean County Jail.

Gaston, 25, McLean County Jail, received four years for aggravated battery and three concurrent 364-day sentences on three battery convictions.

All convictions arose from an Aug. 13 disturbance in which Gaston threw a mixture of shaving cream and urine at four guards. One of the guards, David Curry, was hospitalized afterwards for chemical burns to his eyes.

Police said an attack by Gaston on Curry was unprovoked. Other inmates in the cellblock refused to return to their cells for a lockup until backup forces arrived.

Gaston, who threatened the guards with a homemade bludgeon made of bars of soap twisted in a sock, according to police, had to be physically restrained.

Gaston was awaiting a sentencing on an unlawful restraint conviction at the time.

Circuit Judge Wayne C. Townley Jr. handed down the sentence.

In other action Friday in circuit court, a 33-year-old Lexington woman pleaded guilty to embezzling \$18,500 from MCM Inc., 1107½ Croxton Ave., while she was

employed at the business.

The theft occurred between 1977 and 1979.

Carol Logsdon, who is free on bond, faces up to 30 months of probation under a plea agreement. She also may be ordered to pay back the missing funds.

Circuit Judge Luther H. Dearborn ordered a presentence report.

Ricky Rhule, 19, Louisville, Ky., pleaded guilty before Townley to charges that he burglarized Meadow's Co-op, Meadows, and Hauser's Service Center, Gridley, on June 21.

In return for the plea, charges that he burglarized Mr. Clyde's Tavern and Ringger Farm Center, both in Gridley, were dropped.

Rhule already has been sentenced in Livingston County to three years in prison for two other burglaries the same evening.

Rhule was remanded to jail while a presentence report is being prepared.

The agreement sets a maximum prison sentence of six years.

Also pleading guilty before Townley was Gregory Gene LaFever, 17, of 1800 W. Olive St. He admitted breaking into the home of Geraldine Brown, 1700 W. Olive St., on July 9.

He is free on bond awaiting a sentencing hearing.

**1980**

*December 18*

## Sentence reimposed with 'magic words'

McLean County Circuit Court Judge Wayne C. Townley Jr. Thursday said the "magic words" and imposed the same sentence on a 26-year-old Bloomington man that he imposed Nov. 16.

Isaac Gaston, a resident of Pontiac Correctional Center, formerly of Bloomington, was sent to prison with a four-year sentence for aggravated battery and a 364-day sentence for battery. The sentences are to be served consecutively.

Townley handed down the same sentence in November. Both charges arose out of an Aug. 13, 1979, disturbance in McLean County Jail in which Gaston

threw a mixture of shaving cream and urine at four guards.

Gaston appealed the sentencing and the Fourth District Appellate Court ruled the placing of consecutive sentences was improper because no justification was given.

Thursday Townley gave that justification which, he said, was adding the "magic words" that the consecutive terms are "in the public interest."

He said they are justified because Gaston was awaiting sentencing on another case when the incident in jail occurred.

**1983**

*May 26*

**Conduct** — Isaac Gaston, 28, of 603 W. Mill St., Bloomington, posted \$100 to appear June 16 on charges of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property.

**1984**

*August 29*

## **Fertilizer firm burglary nets 4½-year-term**

A Bloomington man who blamed an April burglary of a Lexington fertilizer business on his co-defendant was sentenced yesterday to 4½ years in prison.

Joseph Alexander, 27, whose address was listed as 207 Mobil-Land Mobile Home Court, admitted being involved in the burglary of Myers Inc., but blamed the actual crime on Isaac Gaston, 29, whose address was listed as 1714 Springfield Road, Bloomington.

Gaston, however, told police a different story, claiming he was involved but that Alexander had committed the burglary.

Gaston has pleaded guilty to burglary and is awaiting sentencing.

Alexander, who had a prior record, was convicted of burglary by a McLean County jury last month.

Police said tools and a television set were taken in the April 10 burglary.

In another burglary case in McLean County Circuit Court yesterday, a Shirley man was sentenced to 3½ years in prison for the April 22 burglary of a storage locker at an apartment building at 233 Robinhood Lane, Bloomington.

Gary Shelton, 19, pleaded guilty last month. Prosecutors will recommend he go to a minimum-security prison.

Police recovered a coffee machine and three bottles of liquor at an apartment at 612 N. McLean St. shared by Shelton and his co-defendant, David Stonestreet.

Stonestreet, who also pleaded guilty, was sentenced to four years' probation and 75 days in jail.

Police said the storage locker was pried open with a knife.



**1987**

*September 21*

**Battery** — Isaac J. Gaston, 32, of 303 E. Jefferson St., Bloomington; posted \$100 to appear Oct. 13 on a charge of battery.

*September 22*

**Television set** — Isaac Gaston, 303 E. Jefferson St., Bloomington; Saturday; clothes, pots and pans, food, watch, cosmetics and a television set stolen; loss, \$375.

**1988**

*March 11*

**Dismissed** — A charge of battery against Isaac J. Gaston, 33, of 906 W. Grove St., Bloomington, dismissed on motion by state's attorney's office because of no complaining witness.



*August 30*

## Bloomington man charged with rape

A 33-year-old Bloomington man was charged yesterday with criminal sexual assault in connection with an incident Thursday in Bloomington, police reports said.

Isaac James Gaston, 606 W. Wash-

ington St., Bloomington, remained in McLean County Jail last night. He is charged with raping a woman he knew after keeping her from leaving a west-side residence Thursday.

**1990**

*February 3*

**Resisting** — Isaac J. Gaston, 35, of 316 E. Locust St., Bloomington, fined \$100 and sentenced to a year's conditional discharge and 120 days in McLean County Jail for resisting a peace officer by running. Also sentenced to a concurrent year's conditional discharge for obstructing a peace officer by leaving the scene of a traffic stop and fleeing or attempting to elude police. Counts of driving while driver's license suspended, failure to notify secretary of state of address change, driver's license not on person and two counts of improper signal dismissed in a plea agreement.

1992

June 16

Burglary and theft charges were lodged yesterday against a Bloomington man suspected of snatching a purse from a car in Bloomington.

Police said Isaac J. Gaston, 37, of 304 W. Market St., is charged with grabbing the purse of Bonnie Alexander of 508 N. Mason St., Bloomington.

The incident occurred Saturday in a parking lot on West Market Street. Police said the purse contained \$40.

After a court appearance yesterday, Gaston posted \$300. A July 10 court date is scheduled.

July 21

# Burglary, theft case dismissed

Counts of burglary and theft against Isaac James Gaston, 37, of 304 W. Market St., Bloomington, have been dismissed.

The counts were dismissed on a motion by the state's attorney's office because a McLean County grand jury did not return an indictment.

Gaston was accused of the June 13 theft of a purse from a motor vehicle parked in a lot on West Market Street.

1994

February 1

**Dismissed** — Counts of aggravated assault and disorderly conduct against Isaac J. Gaston, 39, of 420½ N. Madison St., Bloomington, dismissed on motion by state's attorney's office for insufficient evidence.

April 12

**Obstruction** — Isaac Gaston, 39, of 420½ N. Madison St., Bloomington, sentenced to four months in jail and two years' probation for obstruction of justice by giving a phony name to avoid a charge of driving while license suspended.