

■ FEDERAL CASE

Selinsgrove man charged in slaying

FBI says murder-for-hire case was related to drugs

WILLIAMSPORT — A Selinsgrove area man will be returned to North Carolina to face charges he hired two men to kill another at Fort Bragg in a drug-related murder in 2000.

The man, Jamie Paul Tabit, 24, who is known as Gonzo, appeared Thursday before U.S. Magistrate Judge William H. Askey in Williamsport who ordered him detained without bail on charges of murder and conspiracy.

Tabit told Askey he would not fight a transfer to North Carolina.

Tabit was arrested Wednesday by the FBI on a warrant issued after his indictment in North Carolina. He

reportedly was living with a woman in the Selinsgrove area.

The arrest documents allege he agreed to pay Arthur Cunningham Hermes and Dean Arthur Kershaw Jr. \$15,000 to kill Eric Carnes. This came after Hermes allegedly told Tabit that Carnes wanted him killed for nonpayment of drug debts.

Hermes and Kershaw have pleaded guilty to murder, are serving terms of life in prison and have cooperated with authorities.

Kershaw, listed in documents as a deserter from the 82nd Airborne based at Fort Bragg, has admitted shooting Carnes

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