

## THE INVERTED PYRAMID – Exercise 02

Make an inverted pyramid story, with a news summary lede, from these facts and quotes:

**Who:** Roger Ed Cremeen, a 30-year-old mechanic from Houston. He works at the Bob Pagan Ford dealership on Broadway in Galveston

**When:** Tuesday    **Where:** Galveston County (use GALVESTON dateline)

**What:** Cremeen has been arrested and charged with attempted capital murder. He is accused of burglarizing the Ford dealership. Police say Cremeen took a facsimile machine and other office equipment and used a car that was in the shop for repairs to get away. Police say Cremeen used the car to ram his way out of the dealership and began heading north on I-45, apparently to Houston where he lived.

Cremeen crossed the Galveston Causeway and came upon sheriff's department vehicles, not realizing that the officers were tending to an accident. Cremeen said later that he thought the officers had set up a roadblock to stop him.. The suspect panicked and made a U-turn; for a short time, he was headed south in the northbound lanes of the interstate. It was during this attempt to flee that Cremeen's vehicle nearly struck sheriff's Deputy Hal Barrow, who was able to avoid serious injury.

Galveston County Sheriff Joe Max Taylor said that deputies at the scene were able to stop Cremeen by shooting out the tires on the car, a BMW, that he was driving.

The charge of attempted capital murder was made because any action that endangers the life of a public servant, such as a law enforcement officer, is automatically considered to be a capital crime. It is *attempted* capital murder because no one was killed.

Cremeen is also charged with burglary and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He is being held in the Galveston County Jail with bail set at \$220,000, a jail spokesman said. Barrow was treated for minor injuries by paramedics who were already at the scene.

**Side note:** The BMW belongs to W.L. Moody IV, a member of the prominent Moody family of Galveston. The car was extensively damaged from being driven through a garage door at the dealership.

### **Quotes:**

Barrow: "One minute I was measuring skid marks, and the next you know I'm hearing tires squeal and I'm dodging a car. He still managed to clip my hip."

Sheriff Tyler regarding appearance of the BMW: "It looked like it had been through a destruction derby."