

Garland Edward Pierce

Background Report

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Summary of Findings

Garland Edward Pierce is a 69-year-old former UPS driver, a pastor, a landlord, and a state legislator representing Scotland and Cumberland Counties since 2005. Married since 1978 to Barbara, the two raised a son together, but he is not an only child.

Prior to their marriage, Pierce fathered a child, Nicole, with a local woman in 1975. It wasn't until 1985 that he was sued for support, initially by local, county officials because his daughter's mother was receiving government support for Nicole. A paternity test verified her father, and Pierce was ordered to pay support. A few years later, he fell behind by a couple months and faced court action and contempt charges before he was brought current. Additionally, he and Barbara raised a niece because Pierce's sister, Casino Jane, could not care for her. Pierce also later helped secure a home for Casino Jane.

Records in Cumberland, Scotland, and Robeson Counties show numerous parcels owned by Pierce dating back to the early 1980s. As Pierce purchased properties, he often relied on private financing by William and Grace Ellis. It wasn't until more recently that he obtained financing through banks.

Pierce also served as landlord for many of these parcels, including two on Horseshoe in Fayetteville that were the subject of a December 2020 police raid where children were found unattended with weapons and in the midst of an active drug-selling operation. Despite the lengthy criminal records by the renters, it wasn't until after this raid that Pierce took action to evict the two tenants. Records also show the criminal renters were paying significantly lower than market value for their homes. Pierce can therefore be accused of placing frequent felons into neighborhoods with families, schools, and day care centers – all while earning money from the criminals (by rent or perhaps other means). He later sold at least one of these parcels, utilizing the services of an attorney to conduct the transaction.

Pierce's other legal history includes a few various traffic cases over the years. Of note, however, in 2021, Pierce paid property taxes on all parcels, except those in Scotland County late, resulting in several small-dollar fines and penalties.

As a candidate, Pierce raised just more than \$465,000 over 18 years, including significant money from the medical and insurance industries. His lackluster campaign finance reflects a district where he has not ever faced significant opposition since the 2004 primary election, when he won a three-way race by a few hundred votes. He only faced three general election opponents in 18 years, which show increasingly close races – from a 50-point difference in 2006 to an 11-point difference just a couple years ago.

As a contributor to others, Pierce made a single federal contribution and less than \$10,000 in contributions to state candidates – including many to his own committee. State campaign finance records show that he also made several loans to his own committee that were repaid. The North Carolina State Board of Elections also found several minor violations tied to his reports, including incomplete addresses and missing employers and occupations. Pierce's treasurer, however, was quick to correct any errors and worked well with the state.

Background and Biography

Identifying Information

Name: Garland Edward Pierce

DOB: July 9, 1953

Address: 21981 Buie Street
Wagram, NC 28396

Family: Wife: Barbara
Two adult sons: James and Nicole; Two grandchildren: Danny and Ari

Biography

In lieu of a formal, extensive biography, we obtained the following information from Project Vote Smart.

PERSONAL

Full Name:
Garland Edward Pierce

Gender:
Male

Family:
Wife: Barbara; 2 Children: James, Nicole

Birth Date:
07/09/1953

Birth Place:
Fayetteville, NC

Home City:
Laurinburg, NC

Religion:
Baptist

EDUCATION

BS, Fayetteville State University
 Graduated, Shaw University

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Representative, North Carolina State House, District 48, 2004-present
 Minority Whip, North Carolina State House of Representatives, 2017-2021
 Candidate, North Carolina State House of Representatives, District 48, 2020

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Member, Appropriations Committee
 Vice Chair, Commerce Committee
 Member, Energy and Public Utilities Committee
 Member, Health Committee
 Member, Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
 Member, Insurance Committee
 Member, Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee
 Member, Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee
 Member, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Transportation
 Member, Legislative Ethics Committee
 Member, Subcommittee on Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety

CAUCUSES/FORMER COMMITTEES

Former Member, Banking Committee, North Carolina State House of Representatives
 Former Member, Children, Youth, and Families Committee, North Carolina State House of Representatives
 Former Vice Chair, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans' Affairs Committee, North Carolina State House of Representatives
 Former Member, Homelessness, Foster Care, and Dependency Committee, North Carolina State House of Representatives
 Former Member, Redistricting Committee, North Carolina State House of Representatives
 Former Member, Select Committee on Disaster Relief, North Carolina State House of Representatives
 Former Member, Select Committee on School Safety, North Carolina State House of Representatives
 Former Member, Select Committee on Storm-Related River Debris/Damage in North Carolina, North Carolina State House of Representatives
 Former Vice Chair, Subcommittee on Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, North Carolina State House of Representatives
 Former Member, Subcommittee on Appropriations, General Government, North Carolina State House of Representatives

Former Member, Subcommittee on Business and Labor, North Carolina State House of Representatives

Former Member, Subcommittee on Mental Health

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pastor, Bright Hopewell Baptist Church, present

Employee, United Parcel Service (UPS), retired

Former Employee, Veterans Administration Hospital

Served, United States Army, 1971-1974

RELIGIOUS, CIVIC, AND OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, present

Member, Fayetteville State University Alumni Association, present

Volunteer, Hospice of Scotland County, present

Committee Member, No Child Left Behind-Closing the Achievement Gap, present

Member, Scotland County HIV/AIDS Coalition, present

Member, Scotland County Ministerial Alliance, present

Member, Scotland County NAACP, present

Member, Shaw University Alumni Association, present

Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #181 of Scotland County, present

Former Vice President, NAACP

Member, Savannah Lodge #407

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – AWARDS

North Carolina Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service

Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community Service

North Carolina State National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Minister of the Year, 2000

Scotland County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Humanitarian Award

United Parcel Service Award for Outstanding Community Service

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Minister of the Year Award

Eagle Award, 2005, Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center

Martin Luther King, Jr. Presidential Award, 2005, GBSC of North Carolina,

Incorporated

Fayetteville State University Chancellor's Medallion Award, 2007

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People North Carolina Branch

President of the Year, 2009

NAMES OF GRANDCHILDREN – Danny

SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION – Administrative Services Employee, Scotland Correctional Institution

Voter Registration

Garland registered to vote in Scotland County on December 8, 2003 as a member of the Democratic Party (ID: 0000000300304).

Election	Method	Party Affiliation (If applicable)
7/20/2004 Primary	Absentee	Democratic
8/17/2004 Second Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/2/2004 General	In-Person	
11/8/2005 Municipal	Absentee	
5/2/2006 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/7/2006 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/6/2007 Municipal	In-Person	
5/6/2008 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/4/2008 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/3/2009 Municipal	In-Person	
5/4/2010 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
6/22/2010 Second Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/2/2010 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/8/2011 Municipal	One-Stop Early Voting	
5/8/2012 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
7/17/2012 Second Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/6/2012 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/5/2013 Municipal	One-Stop Early Voting	
5/6/2014 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/4/2014 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/3/2015 Municipal	One-Stop Early Voting	
3/15/2016 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
6/7/2016 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/8/2016 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/7/2017 Municipal	One-Stop Early Voting	
5/8/2018 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/6/2018 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
9/10/2019 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/5/2019 Municipal	In-Person	
3/3/2020 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/3/2020 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/2/2021 Municipal	In-Person	
5/17/2022 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic

Marriage License

According to a marriage license obtained by Pierce on September 1, 1978, he is the son of Essie Jane Pierce, completed four years of college, and was living at 921 Louise Circle. Barbara Anne McRae is the daughter of James Proctor McRae and Genevieve McPhail. At the time of their marriage, she had two years of college completed.

Legal and Financial Records

Statements of Economic Interest

The North Carolina Ethics Commission showed financial disclosures for Pierce covering 2015 to present. All filings from 2015 to 2020 reflect no change, and because of changes in the system, older filings with more information were not available. In 2021, however, Pierce completed a thorough filing providing us with a complete view of his financial records.

Family Members

Only Pierce's wife, Barbara McRae Pierce, resides in their home. She is retired.

Property Records

In 2021, Pierce and his wife disclosed ownership in ten parcels, including one in Robeson County for which they only own 33% interest. In addition, Pierce solely owns a parcel in Robeson County.

- Pierce and Spouse
 - 100% interest in five parcels in Fayetteville, NC
 - 100% interest in two parcels in Wagram, NC
 - 100% interest in two parcels in Laurinburg, NC
 - 33% interest in one parcel in Fairmont
- Pierce
 - 100% interest in one parcel in Lumberton, NC

Liabilities Exceeding \$10,000

None.

Income Sources

In 2021, the Pierces listed five sources of income exceeding \$5,000.

- Pierce and Spouse
 - Rental Property/Income
- Pierce
 - Bright Hopewell Baptist Church – Salary
 - NC House of Representatives – Salary
 - United Parcel Services – Other Income
- Barbara Pierce
 - State Treasury – Retirement

Professional and Civic Relationships

Pierce is a board member for the Scotland County Literacy Council, and it is slated to receive a state grant in 2022.

Recorded Documents – Cumberland County

The following documents were recorded in Cumberland County and list Pierce as an party:

- The Pierces purchased a parcel described as Lots 16 and 27 in the Riverview Estates Subdivision from Arthur Mitchell Jr. on September 19, 1983.
- The Pierces borrowed \$7,000 from William and Grace Ellis on April 20, 1984 and secured on Lot. 4 of Janie McKay land.
- The Pierces borrowed \$9,700 from William and Grace Ellis on July 17, 1985
- The Pierces borrowed \$7,701 from William and Grace Ellis on July 17, 1985
- Pierce and Maggie Pierce signed a deed relating to a parcel in the 71st Township on September 16, 1985
- Our searches yielded an additional deed between Pierce and Maggie Pierce on January 22, 1986.
- On January 27, 1987, William and Grace Ellis released the \$9,700 loan signed by the Pierces on July 17, 1985
- The Pierces purchased a parcel at 5525 Deep Hollow Court in Fayetteville from Thomas and Colleen Moore on October 27, 1987.
- On March 14, 1988, William and Grace Ellis released the \$7,000 loan signed by the Pierces on April 20, 1984.
- On September 27, 1988, William and Grace Ellis released the \$4,000 lean signed by the Pierces on March 7, 1988.
- On September 1, 1988, William and Grace Ellis released the \$4,000 loan signed by the Pierces on September 27, 1986.
- The Pierces purchased a parcel from Maggie Pierce on January 31, 1989.
- The Pierces borrowed \$10,000 from William and Grace Ellis on February 14, 1989, secured on Lot 4 of the Janie McKay land.

- On August 11, 1989, William and Grace Ellis released the \$10,000 loan signed by the Pierces on February 14, 1989.
- The Pierces co-signed a \$20,000 loan with Pierce's sister, Casino Jane Oates, through First Union Bank on October 10, 1989, and secured on property at 921 Louise Circle, Fayetteville.
- On July 30, 1990, First Union Bank released the \$20,000 loan signed by the Pierces and Casino Jane Oates on October 10, 1989.
- The Pierces purchased a parcel at 300 Westwater Way, Fayetteville from Broadwell Construction Company on April 10, 1990.
- The Pierces secured an \$89,000 loan through Carolina Mortgage Company on April 12, 1990, and secured on Lot 67, Summer Lake, Section 1, Point 1 aka 300 Westwater Way, Fayetteville, NC 28301.
- The Pierces purchased a parcel at 5525 Deep Hallow Court, Fayetteville from Melody S. Hayes on March 26, 1990.
- The Pierces purchased a parcel at 828 Durwood, Fayetteville from Dallas Faircloth on December 15, 1994.
- The Pierces secured a \$35,000 loan through William and Grace Ellis on December 15, 1994, and secured on 828 Durwood Drive, Fayetteville, NC.
- The Pierces purchased a parcel known as Lot 29 Montclair Section 4 from William and Grace Ellis on July 24, 1996.
- The Pierces borrowed \$54,000 from William and Grace Ellis on July 30, 1996. The loan was secured on the parcel known as Lot 29 Montclair Section 4.
- The Pierces borrowed \$83,200 through First Union Mortgage Corporation on April 2, 1998, secured on 300 Westwater Way, Fayetteville.
- The Pierces borrowed \$20,000 through First National Bank and TRSTE Inc. on April 2, 1998, secured on Lot 67 Summer Lakes aka 300 W. Waterway, Fayetteville. This included a request for notice of sale or default.
- On October 22, 1998, Carolina Mortgage Company released the \$89,000 loan signed by the Pierces on April 12, 1990.
- Pierce signed a quit claim deed transferring a parcel given to himself and his sister following the death of their mother, Essie J. Oates to Casino Jane Edmunds on June 16, 2000. The property in question is located at 23 Block A, Hollywood Heights, Section II.

- On August 25, 2000, the Pierces modified a prime equity line of credit to \$41,000 on their home on 300 Westwater Way, Fayetteville.
- On November 17, 2000, the Pierces signed an Amendment to the Restrictive Covenants of Riverview Estates.
- The Pierces borrowed \$51,500 from Grace and William Ellis (and their respective trusts) on January 24, 2002, secured on Lot 299, Montclair, Section 4.
- The Pierces borrowed \$62,000 at 6% via Wachovia Mortgage Corporation on January 24, 2003. The loan is secured on Lot 67 in Summer Lakes, Section One, Part 1 and includes a mortgage subordination agreement.
- On February 14, 2003, William and Grace Ellis released the \$53,000 loan signed by the Pierces on December 15, 1994.
- On February 14, 2003, William and Grace Ellis released the \$54,000 loan signed by the Pierces on July 30, 1996.
- On April 3, 2003, First Union Mortgage Corporation released the \$83,200 loan signed by the Pierces on April 2, 1998.
- Pierce and Ronald W. McDougald purchased a parcel at 7209 Fillyaw Road, Fayetteville from William F. Monroe and the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity on November 27, 2003.
- The Pierces borrowed \$7,500 from William and Grace Ellis and their respective trustees on August 13, 2004, and secured on Lot 23, Block A of Hollywood Heights.
- Pierce and Ronald and Irene McDougald share ½ interest in a parcel described as Plat 109, Page 142, Cross Creek, Cumberland County, NC purchased on November 19, 2008, through William F. Monroe and the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity.
- The Pierces conveyed all interest in a parcel at 921 Louise Circle to Casino J. Edmunds on April 16, 2010.
- On February 27, 2013, the Ellises released a \$24,000 lien signed by the Pierces and H. Dolph Berry.
- The Pierces signed an open-ended deed of trust to borrow \$39,600 through Wells Fargo Bank on April 8, 2013, and secured on 300 West Water Way, Fayetteville, NC.
- On May 3, 2013, Wachovia Bank released a loan signed by the Pierces on April 7, 1998.
- On July 14, 2017, the Ellises and their respective trusts released a \$51,500 loan signed by the Pierces on January 24, 2003.

- On August 9, 2021, JPMorgan Chase released a \$62,000 loan signed by the Pierces on January 31, 2003.
- On October 25, 2021, H. Dolph Berry and the Ellises released a \$7,500 loan signed by the Pierces and Casino Jane Edmunds.
- The Pierces sold a parcel on Horseshoe Road to Ferguson & Sons Holdings LLC on June 18, 2021. It was sold at below market value. It should be noted that this is a parcel where criminal activity occurred (a police raid in 2020), and he evicted tenants for their participation in the criminal activity. He also used an attorney to represent them in the transactions.

Recorded Documents – Scotland County

The following documents were recorded in Scotland County and list Pierce as a party:

- The Pierces purchased a parcel described as 21981 Buie Street, Wagram, NC from Gloria and Kenneth Cloninger, Administrators for the Estate of Lacy Earl Gilbert on May 1, 2003.
- The Pierces secured a \$58,950 loan through Wachovia Mortgage Corporation on May 8, 2003, and secured on 21981 Buie Street, Wagram, NC.
- The Pierces and Jerry and Wixie Stephens purchased a parcel from William Gerald Reid on March 8, 2006.
- The Stephens granted their interest in the property purchased on March 8, 2006 to the Pierces on October 9, 2007.
- The Pierces purchased a parcel described as 317 Main Street, Laurinburg from Interim Holdings LLC on June 27, 2011.
- Pierce purchased 1.32 acres on Buie Street from Montpelier Church on May 5, 2015.
- On April 9, 2021, JPMorgan Chase Bank released a loan signed by the Pierces on May 13, 2003.

Recorded Documents – Robeson County

The following records were recorded in Robeson County and name Pierce as a party:

- Pierce purchased a parcel on seventh street from Michael and Linda Lewis on June 30, 1978.

- Pierce, plus Ernest Turnbull and Eloise Bailey borrowed \$32,900 at 9% on the parcel on seventh street on July 5, 1978.
- The Pierces borrowed \$53,500 via an Open-End deed of trust through Wachovia Bank on January 27, 2003 and secured on 2525 E. 7th Street.
- On April 4, 2001, the loan signed by Pierce, Turnbull, and Bailey on July 5, 1978 was released.

Property Taxes – Cumberland County

Clearview Drive – Purchased July 1, 1984

Tax Year	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Penalty/Interest
2019	\$59.94	\$59.94	12/18/2019	\$0
2020	\$59.94	\$59.94	12/11/2020	\$0
2021	\$59.94	\$61.59	2/18/2022	\$1.65

462 Horseshoe Road – Purchased on July 1, 1984

Tax Year	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Penalty/Interest
2019	\$956.78	\$956.78	12/18/2019	\$0
2020	\$991.78	\$991.78	12/11/2020	\$0
2021	\$991.78	\$1,019.06	2/18/2022	\$27.28

470 Horseshoe Road – Sold to Ferguson & Sons Holdings LLC in 2021

It appears the new owners of this parcel have not paid the taxes in their entirety for the 2021 tax year.

Tax Year	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Penalty/Interest
2019	\$1,071.62	\$1,071.62	12/18/2019	\$0
2020	\$1,141.62	\$1,141.62	12/11/2020	\$0
2021	\$1,141.62			\$502.74 outstanding

834 Berwick Drive

Tax Year	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Penalty/Interest
2019	\$1,220.46	\$1,220.46	12/18/2019	\$0
2020	\$1,255.46	\$1,255.46	12/11/2020	\$0
2021	\$1,255.46	\$1,289.99	2/18/2022	\$34.53

828 Durwood Drive

Tax Year	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Penalty/Interest
2019	\$1,038.67	\$1,038.67	12/18/2019	\$0
2020	\$1,073.67	\$1,073.67	12/11/2020	\$0
2021	\$1,073.67	\$1,103.19	2/18/2022	\$29.52

300 Westwater Way

Tax Year	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Penalty/Interest
2019	\$2,028.12	\$2,028.12	11/4/2019	\$0
2020	\$2,063.12	\$2,063.12	11/12/2020	\$0
2021	\$2,064.86	\$2,119.86	2/18/2022	\$56.74

Property Taxes – Robeson County***2525 E. 7th Street***

Tax Year	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Penalty/Interest
2017	\$623.82	\$623.82	12/19/2017	\$0
2018	\$714.02	\$714.02	12/31/2018	\$0
2019	\$714.02	\$714.02	12/30//2019	\$0
2020	\$714.02	\$714.02	1/4/2020	\$0
2021	\$744.02	\$729.14	8/9/2021	\$14.88 discount

Scotland County Taxes***146 S. Main Street***

Since 2008, all taxes on this parcel are current and were paid on time, without penalty or interest.

717 Main Street

Since 2012, all taxes on this parcel are current and were paid on time, without penalty or interest.

21981 Buie Street

Since 2004, all taxes on this parcel are current and were paid on time, without penalty or interest.

Legal Records

Garland has extensive legal records dating back to the mid-1980s in North Carolina, showing problems in family law court, including a 1985 court order for a paternity test and child support for a daughter born in 1975.

Family Law

In early 1985, Pamela S. Marsh petitioned to establish paternity and child support for her daughter Nicole, who was born February 28, 1975.

- Pamela S. Marsh v. Garland E. Pierce (case no. 85-CVD-870)
 - Paternity established on March 7, 1985
 - Ordered to pay \$225 per month

Initially, the claim was filed by the local support agency, which might indicate that Marsh was living on government assistance. A notation in the file ceased all DHR support with the child support order. On September 1, 1987, Pierce agreed to a voluntary support order increasing support to \$300, with a portion sent to cover any public assistance arrearages.

On March 20, 1989, Pierce fell behind in support payments by two months, and the court called a hearing on March 16, 1989. Neither Marsh nor Pierce attended the hearing, but Marsh's attorney was present. While the judge held Pierce in contempt of court, he cleared the matter by bringing his account current. He was ordered to pay an additional \$154 in court costs.

- Garland Pierce and Barbara Pierce v. Casino Jane Oates (case no. 88-CVD-5171)
 - Filed on late 1988 in Cumberland County

According to the filing, the Pierces were seeking custody of Pierce's niece, Shaunise Nujuana Oates (DOB 11/1/1987). When Shaunise was ten months old, her mother placed her in the care of her brother and sister-in-law, and the courts found they were suitable guardians for the little girl. In an answer, Casino Jane indicated that as a single parent who frequently travels, she could not provide a stable home for Shaunise. She concurred that the Pierces would. Provide a stable home. They were granted full custody.

Our recent searches show that Shaunise lived in Fayetteville through early adulthood, when she relocated to Atlanta with her mother. The two purchased a home with the help of the Pierces.

Traffic Filings

- Speeding, 60mph in a 45mph zone (case no. 91CR000098)
 - Filed on January 1, 1991 in Hoke County
 - Convicted of speeding, 54mph in a 45mph zone - \$51 in court costs

- Speeding, 70mph in a 55mph zone, and Fictitious/Altered Title/Registration Card/Tag (case no. 17CR301217)
 - Filed in Moore County
 - Dismissed without leave by the DA on May 25, 2017
 - It appears he was driving an official vehicle at the time of this citation
- Speeding, 60mph in a 45mph (case no. 18IF700146)
 - Filed in Hole County on February 16, 2018
 - Dismissed without leave by the DA on March 22, 2018

Civil Filings (Evictions)

- Garland E. Pierce v. Veronica Sjahnecka Powell (case no. 11CCVM-511)
 - Eviction plus \$1,200 in arears ordered on April 11, 2011
- Garland E. Pierce v. Carla Garrison, et al (case no. 14CVM-00230)
 - Eviction plus \$1,755 in arears ordered
- Garland Pierce v. Carla Garrison, et al (case no. 17CVM-8041)
 - Summary ejection ordered
- Garland Pierce v. Tremain Jones (case no. 20CVM-5766)
 - Seeking eviction due to criminal activity on December 2, 2020 at 470 Horseshoe Drive, Fayetteville

According to the complaint, Jones paid \$225 per month in rent for a 1,214 square foot home on 0.8 acres. This property is less than a mile from a middle school, a high school, and an elementary school. It is also doors down from a home day care at 568 Horseshoe Drive.

Legal Records – Tenants

As a landlord in Cumberland, Robeson, and Scotland Counties, several of Pierce's tenants engaged in criminal activities and were subject to raids, warrants, and other police activities. Eviction records show that Pierce was allowing tenants to reside in his homes with many reduced rent options, it appears that he was putting criminals into neighborhoods with schools, day cares, and families.

Tremain Demetrius Jones

Jones has an extensive criminal history, including during the time he lived at 470 Horseshoe Road. In December 2020, Pierce finally evicted him for criminal conduct. At the time of his most recent arrest, he was unemployed.



- Possession of Firearm by Felon (case no. 20CR061232)
 - Dismissed and added to Superior Court Indictment
- Possession of Firearm by Felon, Possession of Marijuana, Children unattended with weapon 40-caliber revolver, 40-caliber highpoint pistol a Stoger shotgun (case no. 20CR061231)
 - Pled guilty and sentenced to 4-5 months of confinement; 12 months of probation
- Possession of Firearm by Felon (case no. 20CRS061230)
 - 60-days in Cumberland County Jail and 18 months of probation
 - \$2,500 unsecured bond
- Misdemeanor Child Abuse (children alone with firearms), PWISD Marijuana, Manufacture Marijuana, PWISD Marijuana, Maintaining Vehicle/Dwelling (case no. 20CRS061213)
 - Bond of \$3,600
- Two Counts of Misdemeanor Child Abuse (case no. 20CR0161212)
 - Added to indictment
- DWI – BAC 0.11, Speeding, 50mph in a 40mph zone (case no. 18CR056894)
 - Convicted of DWI Level 5 – 60 days in jail, 12 months unsupervised probation, 24 hours of community service, \$290 court costs, and license revoked
 - Speeding charge dismissed
- No Operators License (case no. 18CR712346)
 - Dismissed

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- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, PWISD Marijuana, Manufacture Marijuana, Felony Maintaining a Vehicle/Dwelling (case no. 10CR057421)
 - Consolidated for judgment in 2020 case
 - Some charges transferred to Superior Court
 - 4-5 months of community punishment, 12 months of supervised probation, 25 hours of community service, and \$853.50 in court costs
- Obtaining Property by False Pretenses and Common Law Forgery (case no. 07CR051291)
 - Some charges transferred to superior court; guilty of forgery - \$957.89 in restitution and 12 months of supervised probation
- No Operator's License (case no. 07CR013006)
 - Fine of \$120
- Possession of Marijuana up to ½ ounce (case no. 05CR059079)
 - Fine of \$145 and six months of probation; special condition to not use/possess illegal or controlled substances
- Misdemeanor failure to return rental property (case no. 04CR064040)
- No Operator's License (case no. 04CR141216)
 - Dismissed

Michael Eugene Scott

Scott resided at 474 Horseshoe Road in Fayetteville until he was evicted in December 2020 by Pierce. His extensive criminal history dates to the late 1990s. At the time of his most recent arrest, Scott claimed to be disabled and unemployed.

- Felony Conspiracy (manufacturing and selling narcotics with Tremain Jones), Maintain vehicle/dwelling used for keeping and selling controlled substances – cocaine and crack cocaine, Conspiracy to manufacture/sell marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia (case no. 20CR061210)
 - Pled guilty to Paraphernalia – 45 days in Cumberland Jail, 12 months of probation, and \$415 in court costs
 - Consented to forfeit his weapon



- Assault on a Female (case no. 19CR056764)
 - Dismissed
 - Includes a domestic violence report – fingerprinted and accused of breaking & entering to terrorize and injure and communicating threats
- Breaking and Entering to Terrorize/Injure, Communicating Threats (case no. 18CR062788)
 - Fined \$450 for communicating threats with 12 months of probation. Others transferred to superior court
 - Listed as a Domestic Violence Conviction
- Assault on a Female and Domestic Violence (case no. 15CR061529)
 - Assault charge dismissed; DV included a charge but no conviction
- Threatening Phone Calls (case no. 12CRS71686)
 - Includes threatening calls to Ashley Morrison, his child’s mother. Includes claims of physical abuse, and assault with a gun
 - Spent five days in jail for guilty plea – 18 months of probation plus \$350 in fines and court costs
- PWISD Marijuana (case no. 04CR065288)
 - Pled to lesser charge – consolidated judgment
- PWISD, Maintaining Vehicle/Dwelling Place (case no. 04CR055307)
 - Convicted of lesser offense – misdemeanor maintaining a dwelling
 - 12 months of probation and no drug/alcohol possession
- Communicating Threats (case no. 03CR006555)
 - Dismissed
- Failure to Reduce Speed (case no. 01IR018665)
 - Dismissed
- Breaking and Entering, Felony Larceny, Felony Possession of Stolen Goods/Property, Misdemeanor Possession of Stolen Goods/Property (case no. 98CR071686)
 - All charges transferred to superior court or dismissed except misdemeanor charge - \$461 in fines and restitution, plus supervised probation and 45 days of detention

Political Activities

Campaign Finance

Pierce established a campaign finance committee, Committee to Elect Garland Pierce (ID: STA-Z5700Q-C-001), with the North Carolina Elections Commission on March 26, 2004.

Time Period	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand
3/26/2004 – 5/10/2004	\$1,037.00	\$994.40	\$42.60
5/11/2004 – 6/30/2004	\$3,870.00	\$2,553.21	\$1,359.39
7/1/2004 – 10/16/2004	\$4,445.00	\$1,966.32	\$3,838.07
10/17/2004 – 12/31/2004	\$250.00	\$0	\$4,088.07
1/1/2005 – 6/30/2005	\$0	\$578.84	\$3,509.23
7/1/2005 – 12/31/2005	\$6,464.32	\$5,969.95	\$4,003.60
1/1/2006 – 4/15/2006	\$3,015.00	\$1,008.80	\$6,009.80
4/16/2006 – 6/30/2006	\$0	\$0	\$6,009.80
7/1/2006 – 10/21/2006	\$2,750.00	\$549.23	\$8,210.57
10/22/2006 – 12/31/2006	\$2,444.00	\$2,841.10	\$7,813.47
1/1/2007 – 6/30/2007	\$700.00	\$100.00	\$8,498.06
7/1/2007 – 12/31/2007	\$700.00	\$100.00	\$9,098.06
1/1/2008 – 4/28/2008	\$4,525.00	\$1,821.03	10,800.00
4/29/2008 – 6/30/2008	\$6,441.79	\$9,392.42	\$7,849.37
7/1/2008 – 10/27/2008	\$6,950.00	\$1,323.90	\$13,475.47
10/28/2008 – 12/31/2008	\$1,700.00	\$1,533.33	\$13,642.14
1/1/2009 – 6/30/2009	\$3,440.00	\$1,526.00	\$15,556.14
7/1/2009 – 12/31/2009	\$12,704.48	\$12,030.41	\$16,230.21
1/1/2010 – 4/17/2010	\$9,375.66	\$6,857.66	\$18,748.21
4/18/2010 – 6/30/2010	\$4,128.84	\$3,650.34	\$19,226.71
7/1/2010 – 10/16/2010	\$6,950.00	\$1,323.90	\$13,475.47
10/17/2010 – 12/31/2010	\$1,700.00	\$1,533.33	\$13,642.14
1/1/2011 – 6/30/2011	\$1,700.00	\$1,126.81	\$16,165.55
7/1/2011 – 12/31/2011	\$1,875.00	\$4,805.68	\$13,234.87
1/1/2012 – 4/21/2012	\$9,098.00	\$3,257.15	\$19,075.72
4/22/2012 – 6/30/2012	\$3,650.00	\$1,360.85	\$21,364.87
7/1/2012 – 10/20/2012	\$11,774.00	\$6,942.47	\$24,058.24
10/21/2012 – 12/31/2012	\$2,950.00	\$6,505.21	\$19,071.76
1/1/2013 – 6/30/2013	\$9,299.97	15,573.55	\$12,798.18
7/1/2013 – 12/31/2013	\$11,610.00	\$8,905.42	\$15,502.76
1/1/2014 – 4/19/2014	\$14,183.71	\$7,384.38	\$22,302.09
4/20/2014 – 6/30/2014	\$7,470.00	\$6,222.50	\$23,549.59
7/1/2014 – 10/18/2014	\$28,685.00	\$6,598.33	\$45,636.26
10/19/2014 – 12/31/2014	\$8,213.93	\$8,396.82	\$45,453.37
1/1/2015 – 6/30/2015	\$250.00	\$14,676.36	\$31,027.01
7/1/2015 – 12/31/2015	\$12,810.00	\$6,470.66	\$37,366.35

1/1/2016 – 2/29/2016	\$3,625.00	\$5,964.00	\$35,027.35
3/1/2016 – 6/30/2016	\$5,500.00	\$4,437.46	\$36,089.89
7/1/2016 – 10/22/2016	\$28,353.24	\$9,436.09	\$55,007.04
10/23/2016 – 12/31/2016	\$8,262.00	\$6,595.16	\$56,673.88
1/1/2017 – 6/30/2017	\$5,335.00	\$3,557.96	\$58,450.92
7/1/2017 – 12/31/2017	\$6,225.00	\$5,160.46	\$59,515.46
1/1/2018 – 4/21/2018	\$10,305.00	\$3,071.24	\$66,749.22
4/22/2018 – 6/30/2018	\$1,175.00	\$771.81	\$67,152.41
7/1/2018 – 10/22/2018	\$28,353.24	\$9,436.09	\$55,007.04
10/23/2018 – 12/31/2018	\$8,262.00	\$6,959.16	\$56,673.88
1/1/2019 – 6/30/2019	\$2,995.00	\$4,617.38	\$69,901.46
7/1/2019 – 12/31/2019	\$15,767.00	\$7,924.07	\$77,744.39
1/1/2020 – 2/15/2020	\$13,135.00	\$115.75	\$90,763.64
2/16/2020 – 6/30/2020	\$12,120.47	\$3,423.15	\$110,414.51
7/1/2020 – 10/17/2020	\$49,758.74	\$18,682.48	\$130,767.40
10/18/2020 – 12/31/2020	\$7,300.00	\$36,350.21	\$101,717.19
1/1/2021 – 6/30/2021	\$12,120.47	\$3,423.15	\$110,414.51
7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	\$12,717.42	\$6,342.30	\$116,789.63
1/1/2022 – 4/30/2022	\$21,685.00	\$2,302.24	\$136,172.39
5/1/2022 – 6/30/2022	\$5,143.07	\$2,433.72	\$138,881.74

Contributions by Industry

By our count, Pierce disclosed more than \$50,000 from the medical industry following by more than \$34,000 from energy groups, and almost \$29,000 from insurance companies.

Industry	Amount
Agriculture	\$11,373.00
Auto Sales	\$450.00
Beverage	\$2,250.00
Business Groups	\$4,000.00
Clergy	\$2,587.00
Communications	\$4,350.00
Construction and Development	\$3,400.00
Cosmetology	\$400.00
Cultural Groups	\$200.00
Democratic Candidates and Committees	\$25,458.04
Education	\$10,651.21
Energy	\$34,200.00
Environmental Groups	\$15.24
Finance	\$18,470.00
First Responders	\$700.00
Governmental Employees	\$2,650.00

Insurance	\$28,975.00
Legal	\$15,775.00
Medical	\$50,100.00
Miscellaneous	\$24,250.00
Native Americans	\$8,000.00
Not Employed	\$6,845.28
Oil Companies	\$500.00
Pharmaceutical Companies	\$500.00
Real Estate	\$11,200.00
Retail	\$2,000.00
Retired	\$20,536.63
Science and Technology	\$621.21
Transportation	\$2,250.00
Public Employee and Trade Unions	\$7,300.00
Writing and Publishing	\$1,000.00

Ethics/Communication with the North Carolina State Board of Elections

On April 24, 2014, the North Carolina State Board of Elections notified Pierce's treasurer of in-kind contributions from the North Carolina Democratic Party that were not reported in Pierce's finance reports.

- Postage, 2/15/2014 - \$1,169.82
- Graphic Design, 2/15/2014 - \$52.50
- Mail, 2/15/2014 - \$959.00
- Mail, 2/15/2014 - \$282.39

An audit dated August 30, 2018, reflected an unfiled 48-hour report for a \$1,000 contribution from the NC Hospital PAC on October 31, 2016. It also indicates that Pierce's treasurer corrected missing employer and occupation information.

An audit dated June 10, 2019 showed that many of Pierce's contributions lacked a complete address. His treasurer made "best efforts" to update the information.

Election Results

Pierce won all elections for which he ran dating back 18 years, although in each year he faced general election opponents, the races became progressively closer.

2004 Elections

Pierce defeated two opponents to win the primary for House District 48 in 2004.

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Garland E. Pierce	2,683	40.88%
J.D. Willis	2,559	38.99%
Russell C. Smith	1,321	20.13%

Pierce was unopposed in the general election, earning 15,924 votes in November 2004.

2006 and 2008 Elections

Pierce was unopposed in both the primary and general elections in 2006 and 2008.

2010 Elections

After running unopposed in the primary in 2010, Pierce easily defeated Republican John F. Harry in the general election.

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Garland E. Pierce (D)	9,698	74.8%
John F. Harry (R)	3,267	25.2%

2012, 2014, and 2016 Elections

Pierce was unopposed in both primary and general elections in 2012, 2014, and 2016.

2018 Elections

After running unopposed in the primary election, Pierce easily defeated Republican Russell Walker in the general election.

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Garland E. Pierce (D)	14,619	62.85%
Russell Walker (R)	8,641	37.15%

2020 Elections

After running unopposed in the primary election, Pierce defeated his Republican opponent, Johnny H. Boyles, by less than 12 points in the general election.

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Garland E. Pierce (D)	19,674	55.93%
Johnny H. Boyles	15,504	44.07%

2022 Primary Election

Pierce was unopposed in the primary election in May 2022.

Contributions to Others

According to the Federal Elections Commission, Pierce made a single contribution totaling \$100 to Alma Adams for Congress on January 9, 2014.

State Contributions

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Pierce's contributions total nearly \$9,500 during the past 18 years. His records also reflect several repaid loans to his own committee.

Recipient	Date	Amount
Comm To Elect Garland Pierce	3/26/04	\$100.00
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Comm To Elect Garland Pierce	4/26/04	\$207.00
Comm To Elect Garland Pierce	5/1/04	\$30.00
Scotland Cty Unity Coalition	7/23/04	\$200.00
Robeson Dec	11/9/06	\$250.00
Bev Perdue Comm	2/25/08	\$1,239.74
Comm To Elect Angela Bryant	2/16/12	\$100.00
Scotland Dec	4/24/14	\$255.52
Comm To Re-Elect Annie Ward Mobley	4/26/14	\$100.00
Charles Graham Campaign	1/26/15	\$150.00
Paul Lowe For Nc Senate	3/22/18	\$100.00
Committee To Elect Amos Quick	4/7/18	\$100.00
Allen Thomas For Nc	5/9/19	\$100.00
Evelyn Terry House Dist 71	10/8/19	\$100.00
Committee To Elect Tim Heath	2/13/20	\$200.00
Comm To Elect Garland Pierce	6/4/04	\$2,500.00

Comm To Elect Garland Pierce	7/15/04	\$2,000.00
Linda Coleman For Lt Governor	10/29/06	\$200.00
Alma Adams Campaign	11/1/06	\$200.00
Judge Cheri Beasley For Nc Ct Of Appeals	3/26/08	\$400.00
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Sandra Hughes For State House	7/15/08	\$100.00
Comm To Elect Dan Blue Iii	6/30/16	\$150.00
Comm To Elect Judge Vince Rozier	9/20/16	\$100.00
Hoke Dec	1/25/20	\$100.00

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