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COVERAGE ANALYSIS REPORT

How the Faith Hedgepeth murder trial was covered

A structural reading of 18 articles, by stage of the case.

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Sample, built on public coverage

SAMPLE REPORT

October 26, 2026. This sample shows what a Coverage Analysis Report looks like. It describes how the articles are written, not who is right in the matter, and not whether any party or outlet is right or wrong.

At a glance

18 articles from 11 outlets, read by Frametra's on-device engine across six structural signals.

79
average structural score, range 72 to 88

15 of 18
articles with no charged words at all

37–100
range in source attribution scores across articles

15 of 18
articles with full claim restraint

WHAT THE NUMBERS SHOW

1. **The tone was measured.** Neutral language averaged 98.6 out of 100, and every article scored 89 or above. 15 of the 18 articles used none of the engine's charged words; the other three used one, one and two.
2. **Claims were closely restrained.** 15 of 18 articles had full claim restraint and the average was 97. The three below 100 scored 73, 87 and 91.
3. **Sourcing dropped at the pretrial hearings.** Source attribution ran from 37 to 100, with 6 articles below 50 and 5 at 80 or above. All four articles on the 2026 pretrial hearings scored between 41 and 51, averaging 45. Coverage of the 2021 charge and early case averaged 75.
4. **The same headline, with different sourcing.** The AJC and WUNC both ran "Trial begins for a man accused of killing UNC student Faith Hedgepeth 14 years ago". The AJC's 108-word version scored 100 on sourcing; WUNC's 488-word version scored 37.
5. **Length mattered.** The 15 articles under 600 words averaged 67 on sourcing; the 3 at 600 words or more averaged 43, with scores of 40, 44 and 45.

SOURCING AND LENGTH, BY STAGE OF THE CASE

How to read these scores. They describe how an article is built: its sourcing, wording and evidence. They do not say whether an article is accurate, fair or well-intentioned, and they are not grades.

The six signals, across all 18 articles

Average score for each signal, out of 100. Weights show how much each signal counts toward the structural score.

BY STAGE OF THE CASE

	ARTICLES	AVG WORDS	SCORE	SOURCING	CLAIM RESTRAINT	EVIDENCE	CHARGED WORDS
2021 charge and early case	4	265	**80**	75	100	66	0.0
2026 pretrial hearings	4	550	**76**	45	93	73	0.2
Trial	6	342	**79**	71	98	66	0.5
Verdict and sentencing	4	696	**83**	56	98	93	0.0

Groups are small, so compare them as a pattern and not as a ranking.

BY ARTICLE LENGTH

	ARTICLES	AVG WORDS	SCORE	SOURCING	CLAIM RESTRAINT	EVIDENCE	CHARGED WORDS
Under 600 words	15	350	**79**	67	97	68	0.3
600 words or more	3	948	**80**	43	97	100	0.0

Sourcing = source attribution. Evidence = figures and direct quotations. Charged words = average count per article.

Outlet by outlet

All 18 articles, grouped by stage of the case. Scores out of 100; values below 50 are shown in amber.

OUTLET	HEADLINE	WORDS	SCORE	SRC	LANG	CLM	HDG	EVD	ACT
2021 charge and early case (4 articles)									
nbcnews.com	Man charged in 2012 beating death of UNC-Chapel Hill student Fa…	121	78	100	100	100	40	50	93
news.yahoo.com	Suspect charged with murder of UNC student Faith Hedgepeth der	374	80	56	100	100	55	71	96
spectrumlocalnews.com	Man accused in 2012 Hedgepeth killing denied bond	233	77	68	100	100	40	68	97
chapelboro.com	Report: Durham DA's Office Won't Seek Death Penalty for Faith H…	333	85	75	100	100	40	76	99
2026 pretrial hearings (4 articles)									
abc11.com	Faith Hedgepeth murder suspect gets trial date more than a deca…	922	81	44	100	100	72	100	96
wral.com	Faith Hedgepeth murder case: Judge denies request to seal pre-t…	304	72	43	100	73	76	60	96
abc11.com	Faith Hedgepeth murder case pretrial hearings wrap; defense foc…	405	77	51	100	100	53	62	96
wral.com	Judge calls lost blood sample 'absurd' in UNC student murder ca…	569	75	41	96	100	62	71	96
Trial (6 articles)									
ajc.com	Trial begins for a man accused of killing UNC student Faith Hed…	108	78	100	100	100	40	44	94
wunc.org	Trial begins for a man accused of killing UNC student Faith Hed…	488	73	37	90	100	40	92	96
abc30.com	Murder trial of Miguel Salguero-Olivares accused of killing UNC…	567	78	51	100	87	66	81	96
eastidahonews.com	WATCH LIVE: Day 2 of trial for Miguel Salguero Olivares, accuse…	158	80	85	100	100	40	53	96
eastidahonews.com	Faith Hedgepeth trial, Day 2: Best friend testifies, chilling 9…	236	77	68	89	100	69	73	97
abc30.com	Faith Hedgepeth Murder: Miguel Salguero Olivares' defense rests…	498	87	83	100	100	66	53	98
Verdict and sentencing (4 articles)									
abc11.com	Live updates: Jury finds Miguel Olivares guilty of first-degree…	374	88	88	100	100	40	73	95
abc7.com	Man sentenced to life in prison after guilty verdict in Faith H…	673	80	40	100	100	71	100	98
chapelboro.com	Jury Finds Miguel Salguero-Olivares Guilty of Murdering UNC Stu…	1250	80	45	100	91	75	100	97
wral.com	Guilty: Faith Hedgepeth's killer sentenced to life in prison wi…	487	83	52	100	100	62	100	98

Src source attribution · Lang neutral language · Clm claim restraint · Hdg calibrated hedging · Evd evidence signals · Act active voice

What a legal team can take from this

- **Where the tone held.** Neutral language stayed between 96 and 100 on average in every stage of the case.
- **Where the articles differed.** Sourcing, by stage of the case and by length. The pretrial hearing coverage and the three longest articles named the fewest sources, and one headline carried very different amounts of attribution at two outlets.
- **Where the language firmed up.** Claim restraint was high throughout. The three articles below full restraint scored 73 to 91, which is common when an article relays what is said in court.
- **How a legal team can use this.** The sourcing and claim restraint columns show which articles name where their statements came from and which relay allegations or arguments without attribution, so counsel knows which pieces to read closely first when assessing pretrial publicity, a venue question or a defamation claim.

ABOUT THIS SET

The set runs from the 2021 charge to the October 2026 verdict and sentence. This report describes how the coverage was built and takes no position on the case.

WHAT THIS SAMPLE DOES NOT COVER

This sample uses Frametra's free on-device engine, which reads each article's wording. It cannot say **who was quoted, how often sources were anonymous, whose voices were missing (the parties, the witnesses, the families), or whether a claim is accurate. It also does not measure what any member of the public or any juror read or believed**. A full Coverage Analysis Report adds a person-checked read of those questions, with the exact sentences behind each finding. It is a starting point for counsel, not expert testimony.

WHAT A FULL REPORT INCLUDES

- A coverage set built around your matter, by outlet and by date
- Source patterns, anonymity rates and missing voices, with the exact sentences behind each finding
- A comparison across the stages of the matter, as in this sample
- A check by a person before delivery, with turnaround agreed per matter and rush available for urgent filings

METHOD AND LIMITS

Each article was read from the public web page by Frametra's free engine, on the reader's device, and scored on six signals: source attribution (28% of the score), neutral language (25%), claim restraint (20%), calibrated hedging (10%), evidence signals (10%) and active voice (7%). Articles under 300 words carry a small length adjustment. Source attribution reflects the variety of attribution wording and linked citations relative to article length, so longer articles need more to score the same. Claim restraint falls when an article uses words such as "claims", "alleges" or "reportedly". The charged-word list is built for news wording and can flag terms that are descriptive in some stories. Of 23 links, five did not return readable text and were left out, leaving 18. The sample is a selection of public articles collected on October 26, 2026, not every article published, and it mixes wire copy, local broadcast, live-update pages and longer reports, which are built differently. Compare groups of articles rather than single pages.

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