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## 7 Men Arrested After Dangerous Rampage Throughout Anson County

On the evening of Wednesday, December 30 deputies from the Anson County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to multiple shootings and breaking and enterings that occurred at various residences throughout the county. An investigation was started by the Sheriff's Office along with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and the Lilesville Police Department.

Seven subjects were arrested and charged by detectives from the Sheriff's Office. They are:

- Dewon Hailey of Wadesboro, charged with Attempted First Degree Murder; Firing into an Occupied Dwelling; and Attempted Robbery with Dangerous Weapon.
- Jonathon Hinson of Wadesboro, charged with Attempted First Degree Murder; Firing into an Occupied Dwelling; and Attempted Robbery with Dangerous Weapon.
- Patrick Taylor of Wadesboro, charged with Attempted First Degree Murder; Firing into an Occupied Dwelling; and Attempted Robbery with Dangerous Weapon.
- Diqaun Davis of Wadesboro, charged with Attempted First Degree Murder; Firing into an Occupied Dwelling; and Attempted Robbery with Dangerous Weapon.
- Qutaquavia Sturdivant of Wadesboro, charged with Attempted First Degree Murder; Firing into an Occupied Dwelling; and Attempted Robbery with Dangerous Weapon.
- Jonathan Bennett of Wadesboro, charged with Attempted Robbery with Dangerous Weapon.
- Chaun Robinson of Polkton, charged with Attempted Robbery with Dangerous Weapon.

## Lanesboro Correctional Officer Scarlette King Hodges Busted for Selling Drugs at Prison

The Polkton Police Department assisted by the State Bureau of Investigation and members of the Lanesboro Correctional Institutional staff have been working cases involving the delivery and distribution of controlled substances and other forms of contraband into the prison facility. On Thursday, January 28 the Polkton Police Department and members of the State Bureau of Investigation made an arrest of a major player into the delivery of such contraband.

Correctional Officer Scarlette King Hodges was arrested by Officers and charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver a Schedule I (Heroin) Controlled Substance, Conspire to Deliver a Schedule I Drug, Possession of Controlled Substance Inside a Jail/Prison, and Provide Tobacco/Vapor Product to an Inmate. Hodges was given a \$50,000 secure bond and placed into Anson County Jail.

Polkton Police Chief Matt Norris said, "The Polkton Police Department, State Bureau of Investigation and Lanesboro Correctional Officials are continually working such cases, and will continue until the delivery of such substances and contraband are completely stopped from being brought into the prison. We will seek the highest form of prosecution in all these cases."

## Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Bust

On Monday, January 4 at approximately 12:40 a.m. officers with the Wadesboro Police Department conducted a traffic stop resulting in the arrest of a driver and two passengers. Charged were:

- Crystal Juanita Dellinger, 29, of Monroe was charged with 1 felony count Alter/Steal/Destroy Criminal Evidence; 1 felony count Poss. Methamphetamine; and 1 count Poss. Drug Paraphernalia. Dellinger was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$15,000 secure bond
- Wallace Antonio Clyburn, 32, of Wingate was charged with 1 count Poss. Drug Paraphernalia. Clyburn was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$1,000 secure bond.
- Bridgette Nacole Mullis, 29, of 355 Ashe Street in Polkton was charged with 1 count Poss. Drug Paraphernalia. Mullis was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$1,000 secure bond.

## Dewan Rayquan Hailey Busted with Stolen Firearm, Other Stolen Items

On Thursday, January 7 detectives of the Wadesboro Police Department were following up on a case of breaking and entering that led them to the Myrtlewood area when they observed a suspect in the case. The suspect fled on foot, and was soon apprehended. Officers arrested Dewan Rayquan Hailey, 18, of 509 Salem Street in Wadesboro. He was charged with 1 felony count Poss. of Firearm by Felon; 1 felony count Possess Stolen Firearm; 1 felony count Possess Stolen Goods/Property; 1 misd. count Carrying Concealed Gun; and 1 count Resisting Public Officer. Hailey was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$76,500 secure bond.

## Three Crooks Caught Stealing at Wal-Mart Also Busted with Heroin

On Saturday, January 16 Wadesboro Police Officers received information from Loss Prevention of Wal-Mart. The information gave a description of a vehicle, and the occupants of that vehicle who had committed larceny at Wal-Mart. Officers located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop that led up to the arrest of the following people:

- Glen Richard Teddler II, 27, of Fayetteville was charged with 1 felony count Possess Heroin; 1 count Possess Drug Paraphernalia; and 1 count Larceny. Teddler was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$25,000 secured bond.
- Ashley Nicole Marable, 27, of Hope Mills, NC was charged with 1 felony count Possess Heroin; 1 count Possess Drug Paraphernalia; and 1 count Larceny. Marable was placed in the Anson county Jail under a \$25,000 secured bond.
- Charles Austin Alger Jr, 20 of Fayetteville was charged with 1 felony count Possess Heroin; 1 count Possess Drug Paraphernalia; and 1 count Larceny. Alger was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$25,000 secured bond.



## BRLC Volunteers Extend Their Hands to Neighbors

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center volunteers are always ready to help neighbors who enter the center. This great group extends their neighborly hands to make sure that each individual who comes in for different services are well taken care of. As you give into this local charity, each of us are richly strengthened.

Throughout the month of December 158 families and 394 individuals received food. With the USDA food program, 93 families and 218 individuals were provided with food. The Kids Café program provided 92 meals / snacks to children after school. BRLC was donated 6 bikes to give to needy children at Christmas. Those of you who have given to BRLC have made this possible. Your generous support strengthens BRLC's volunteers.

Each third Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. Carolinas HealthCare System-Anson nurse Mrs. Wilson will be visiting the BRLC to do blood pressure checks and discuss any health issues or concerns that neighbors may have. The community is invited to come out on the third Wednesday during the Food Pantry distribution and discuss any health concerns that you may have.

BRLC Director Carol Smith said, "With the support of Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina/Feeding America, the United States Department of Agriculture, Anson Crisis Ministry, a host of local churches, civic organizations, local businesses, local individuals, foundations and volunteers BRLC is able to do what we do. In accordance with federal law and USDA policy, this organization is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability."

## Wadesboro Police Officers Alex Sherwood and Tom Luckey Praised by Chief Spencer

In a release from Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer: The duties of a law enforcement officer are many, from patrolling on foot and in vehicles in communities to prevent crime, to investigating robberies, thefts, homicides, financial crimes, traffic infractions, and the list goes on and on. However, of all the duties of an officer, the most simplest and foundational ones are serving and protecting. All that we do is encompassed in these two fundamental truths.

On the eve of Winter Storm Jonas Thursday night, January 21 our officers received a call that a disabled blind man was missing, and had been for some time. On any day or night this is a troubling matter, but on the eve of a major winter storm it becomes literally a potential life and death situation. Understanding the seriousness of this call, Officers Alex Sherwood and Thomas Luckey, who were just about to end their shift for the day, sprang into action and began an emergency search for the missing blind man, understanding that failure could result in the loss of life.

The officers had received information from the wife of the missing man that he had left walking with a friend around 1 p.m. and still had not returned nearly five hours later. The two were not supposed to be gone long and she was concerned for her husband's safety. The officers were advised by the wife that the other man her husband left with told her that her husband had decided he was ready to go home, and instead of assisting the man back, the subject he was walking with just turned him around and pointed him in the right direction - an action which could have resulted in a devastating tragedy had it not been for our officers.

Officers established an area to be searched and began looking for the missing man. The search eventually led Officer Sherwood down a logging road nearly a mile from the missing man's home where he exited his patrol car and began listening for any sounds in the woods. Fortunately Officer Sherwood did hear something rummaging in the brush and pursued the sound where the missing man was eventually found nearly 25 yards off the logging road in the wooded area. Officer Sherwood identified himself to the missing man and assisted him out of the woods and into his patrol car. The man was in good health when he was located and refused any medical treatment. Officer Sherwood escorted the man home and returned him to the care of his wife, and a tragedy was avoided. Officer Sherwood went back to check on the missing blind man a few days later and found that he was doing well.

I want to commend the actions of Officers Sherwood and Luckey, for acting swiftly and diligently in finding the missing blind man. As officers we don't always know if our actions help save lives - sometimes it is obvious, sometimes it is subtler. However, on this night it is clearly evident that this man's life was luckily saved, and a terrible tragedy and loss to a family was avoided. As an officer there is no greater feeling than knowing that you helped save the life of another, because after all, that is the foundation of what we do - to serve and protect. Job well done men, job well done!

## Happy 102nd Birthday Mrs. Mattie Spencer!

Mrs. Mattie Spencer celebrated her birthday on Monday, January 25. She turned 102 years old!

Mattie was married to the late George Spencer, and is the mother of six children, Andrew, Lily Ann, Mitchell and Minnie. Two of her children preceded her in death, Marshall Lee and George Jr. She has two grandchildren, Barbara Thomas (Weaver) and Marshall Lee Spencer, Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth M Chisholm (Kendrick) and Rashaunda Ashford (Boris); and five great-great-grandchildren, Aaliyah, Audri, Kendrick, Zeque and Marcus. Her very special relative and friend is Anson County Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant.

Mattie is the mother of her church, Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Lilesville. The pastor Rev TJ Horne. She celebrated her birthday with Pastor Horne and church family on Sunday, January 24 with cake and ice cream. She celebrated again on Monday with her granddaughter Barbara Thomas.



## February 11 Meeting About Possibility of Coal Ash Coming to Landfill in Polkton

Pee Dee Wall will meet in the Hampton B Allen Library on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. The agenda is to discuss the possibility of coal ash coming to the landfill in Polkton. This is a free event.

For more information please contact Pee Dee WALL (Water, Air, Land and Lives) Denise Lee at 704-826-6324 or 704-694-8577.

## Meet and Greet the Candidates February 21

The Anson County Democratic Party will host a "Meet & Greet" for all the candidates in the upcoming March Primary at Hampton B. Allen Library on Sunday, February 21, beginning at 4 p.m. All candidates, officials and concerned citizens are invited.

For more information please contact Vancine Sturdivant, Democratic Party Chair, at 704-848-4412.

## Anson Schools Sporting Athletic Spirit Wear to Support the Panthers

Anson County Schools will be participating in Athletic Spirit Day this Friday, February 5 to support the Carolina Panthers as they head to the Super Bowl on Sunday. This day is officially designated by Superintendent Michael Freeman as a day when our very own Bearcat colors will be worn to show support for the Carolina Panthers. Students may also select to wear black, blue, gray or white to represent Panther colors. Just know that all Bearcat Pride and Panther Pride colors are being sported to show Bearcats cheering for the Carolina Panthers!

## Teen Graphics Hour Offered at Library Thursday

The Hampton B. Allen Library will have a program called Teen Graphics Hour at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 4.

For more information call 704-694-5177.

## 50+ Club Meets February 8

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, February 8 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. The Thomas family - Pam, Erin, Josh and Eric - will be presenting a program of southern gospel and contemporary music. An added treat will be Katie Edwards and Erin Thomas playing their recital music as well. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music of these talented artists.

For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

## Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.