

Red Springs man charged with kidnapping, rape

By Ed Miller
 A Robeson County man was in the custody of that county's sheriff's department Tuesday charged with kidnapping a convenience store clerk, bringing her into Hoke County and raping her.

Sammy Hammonds, of Pembroke, was charged with the alleged crimes last Wednesday after being picked up by Fayetteville Police Officer M.T. Halstead, Hoke County Detective Ed Harris said.

The rape was reported to Hoke County authorities last Tuesday.

On last Tuesday, a relative of the victim called the Sheriff's Department and reported that a woman had been taken against her will from the Short Stop in Red Springs, Harris said.

"The assailant approached her with a knife," the detective said. Hammonds, 22, then made her drive her own car into "a remote" area of Hoke County, between Antioch and Dundarrach, and raped her, Harris said.

The accused rapist and kidnaper then made his victim drive him back to Robeson County where he got out.

The victim went to a relative's house and reported the crime.

That relative, in turn, reported it to sheriff's deputies.

The next day, Fayetteville police made the arrest based on a description furnished by Hoke County.

Hoke County deputies have turned the rape case over to Robeson County officers since he has been charged with the kidnapping violation in that county and the two charges need to be tried together, said Hoke County Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell.

Robeson man receives probation for cocaine, marijuana charges

By Ed Miller
 A Robeson County resident, who was already on probation when he was arrested in Hoke County for attempting to sell cocaine and on other drug charges, received another probationary sentence in Superior Court last week.

Steven Donald Stone was arrested on April 15 and plead guilty in court last week to charges of selling cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Superior Court Judge D.B. Herring sentenced Stone to one year suspended for five years unsupervised probation and fined him \$100 on the marijuana charges.

On the cocaine charges, he was given six years suspended for five years supervised probation and a \$1,000 fine.

In addition, Stone is to submit to any search for controlled substances at any time, Herring ordered.

According to arresting officer, Deputy J.W. Jones, he saw Stone putting a plastic bag in his pants when the officer arrived on the scene.

Upon searching the suspect, Jones found a bag of marijuana. Stone was uncooperative about a further search, which revealed a

quantity of cocaine, the deputy testified.

During Stone's trial, the defense claimed that he has voluntarily undergone treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.

Elizabeth A. Horbart, Director of the Fayetteville Area Sentencing Center, said that Stone has become an active member of Alcoholic's Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous in an effort to cure his "addictions."

Stone, a private case of the center, "has had a tremendous substance abuse problem," Horbart said, adding that he had tried to quit several times on his own, but had never sought professional help until his last arrest.

She said that Stone checked into the center for a four-week "drying out" period and has remained with the program as an out patient for 12 weeks.

Now he only goes to the center when he feels he needs to, she said.

Stone has been given no chemical tests for drugs since he began going, she said.

Stone is also heavily involved with his community and church now, defense Attorney Phil Diehl said.

In an effort to dissuade Judge

Herring from giving Stone a jail term, Diehl told the court that, as a farmer and foreman of his father's farm, Stone is needed at home.

He was also recently married, Diehl said.

Stone had received word prior to the trial that his present probation officer would continue working with him in Robeson County if he was again given probation.

Horbart testified that if Stone was given a jail term, it would "throw his stability out."

Stone is on a 7-day-per-week support system, and he is using it, she said.

In an unrelated case, a Raeford resident got three years in prison for a probation violation.

Willie Tyrone McPhatter, 20, was convicted of communicating threats, assault and assault with a deadly weapon on June 15.

This violated his current probation from January 21, 1982, records say.

McPhatter is to serve his sentence in the North Carolina Department of Corrections, records say.

In still further court action, Marvin McKinnon, of Raeford, got five years in prison for probation violations, records say.



Looking over the problem
 Members of the Hoke County Commission, the Airport Commission and Raeford officials look over the Raeford-Hoke County airport during a joint gathering last week. The Airport commissioners have been attempting to get grading work done by the city to improve the condition of a taxiway. Following the meeting, a decision was made to investigate the feasibility of privately contracting the work, which is apparently more than Raeford crews can handle.

Couple's dispute over money leads to Main St. stabbing

By Ed Miller
 A man was treated and released from a local doctor's office last Friday after being stabbed in both arms in front of the Raeford Southern National Bank on Main Street, Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

Dorothy Jones, a resident of the Page Bank and Trust Building, has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon for the cutting of Mallie C. Graham, Wiggins said.

The stabbing was possibly over money that Graham owed Jones, Wiggins said.

In an unrelated incident, Mildred Odum reported to Hoke County Sheriff's deputies that her tractor was stolen Saturday night September 19.

There were footprints and tire tracks indicating that the driver of the tractor was picked up by a truck at the scene, reports say.

The tractor was reportedly worth about \$1,500.

In other crime, a breaking, entering and larceny was reported last Wednesday at the Corner Mart Grocery.

While inside, perpetrators took about \$24 worth of food, \$50 in electronics, \$500 worth of cigarettes and an alarm system worth about \$1,000, reports say.

The matter is under investigation by the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

Louis McNeill was victimized on the night of September 16 after he left his car broken down beside Duffy Road, reports say.

When he went back the next day to get the vehicle, he found the tires and wheels stolen and his AM-FM radio cassette player missing, reports say.

The total cost of the losses was

estimated at \$900, according to reports.

J.D. Hart reported that his son-in-law's trailer had been broken into and that a refrigerator and washing machine worth about \$400 had been taken.

According to reports from the Sheriff's Department, the alleged thieves went into a window of the trailer.

John Melton reported to police that his car was broken into last Thursday night and that his stereo and tapes worth about \$395 were taken.

On this past Sunday night, while on patrol, Police Officer James R. McNeill found a break-in at the Hoke Concrete office building, Wiggins said in his report.

As of Monday, the amount taken in the alleged theft was undetermined, but there was considerable damage done to the building, Wiggins said.

Pembroke selected for LREMC meeting

The Pembroke State University English Jones Health and Physical Education Center has been chosen as the site for the 1984 Annual Meeting of Members for Lumbree River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) according to

board president Gus Bullard.

The meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, at 7 p.m.

"The central location of the Pembroke State University campus makes it the best site for the meeting," said Bullard. "The ac-

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