

Two county schools plagued by break-ins

Two Hoke County schools were plagued by break-ins last week and one of them was hit twice, according to reports from the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

Last Monday, West Hoke School was broken into and entered according to Barbara Lupo, who filed the report.

The school was entered through a rear window and the reading laboratory was robbed, reports say.

From the lab, perpetrators took a filmstrip projector, a cassette recorder and an electric hotplate, reports say.

The value of the stolen property was \$518.

On November 5, an outside storage room at Upchurch Jr. High was broken into where a clearing saw, or a weed cutter, was apparently stolen, reports say.

The Husquorna cutter was valued at \$250.

Again, on last Wednesday, the school itself was entered and some public address equipment was taken.

According to reports, the side door of the school was the point of entry.

Culprits went into the auditorium and took two speakers from the stage, reports say.

The speakers' wires were cut under the stage before they were taken.

The speakers had been set up for a school function the week before and left up for an anticipated function, reports say.

There was no estimated value on the speakers in the report.

In other crime, cattle rustling has apparently come back in Hoke County.

Bill Spangler, of the Bar S

Ranch, near Davis Bridge, told sheriff's deputies that he is missing a medium sized cow.

The cow is a Hereford, brown in color with a white face, reports say.

According to Spangler, the cow had a "Circle R" brand on her left hip and identification tags in both ears.

When trying to find out what happened to the cow, Spangler could find no evidence that the wire fence surrounded the pasture had been cut, reports say.

The cow had a reported value of

\$1,500 and was discovered missing last Thursday.

Last Sunday, Peter Knutsen reported that, while he and his wife were gone to church, someone apparently stole his lawnmower and gas grill.

The theft happened sometime between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., reports say.

The total value of the stolen property was reported at \$388.

On November 9, Duffie Grocery was broken into, reports say.

Taken in the break-in was some money and cigarettes, reports say.

Bernard McLean, who made the report, discovered the apparent break-in when he arrived to open the store and discovered pry marks on the bottom of the door.

Once inside the store, McLean also discovered a boarded up window opened and entered.

Total damage and property loss amounted to \$309, reports say.

About \$35 in change was taken from the home of Terry Corum on November 9, reports say.

According to reports, the house was entered through a bedroom window and was ransacked.

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later that day, he was arrested by Patterson.

In a conversation with Patterson, James allegedly said: "Well, we did it overseas, and I just thought it would be O.K. back here," reports and testimony show.

"I don't sleep at night. It's hard to sleep after seeing people blown up right in front of you overseas," the defendant allegedly told Patterson.

James was honorably discharged from the Army, court records say.

James said he did not remember committing the acts on the child; however, his wife said in court that the acts had been going on about once or twice per month for about six months.

According to the wife, James allegedly had a problem with alcohol.

"He did consume a great deal of beer," she said.

She also testified there had been times when he said things about the other children in the family, children of whom he was the father.

Once, when speaking of the

gurglings of their baby, James allegedly said: "She must be practicing for deep throat," the wife said.

In that hearing, James took the stand.

He had lost his job the previous Monday, he said.

"I no longer have the mental ability to be a mechanic," said James with his head in his hands.

"I've got to try to find me," he said.

"The main cause of my problem occurred many years ago," he added, alluding to his Viet Nam experience.

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ed to prison last week after his probation was revoked, records say.

Jones was given a suspended sentence on May 15, 1984 after being convicted of driving while impaired (DWI) and following too closely, records say.

According to court records, he

was arrested again on August 5 for DWI, driving while his license was revoked, injury to personal property and trespassing.

He was convicted on November 15 and sentenced to two years in the custody of the North Carolina Department of Corrections, records say adding that the last was Jones'

third offense of DWI.

George Edward Long, of Raeford, was sentenced to one year in jail after his probation was suspended last week, records say.

Long, 34, was convicted in 1981 of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill resulting in serious injury and given the suspended sentence, records say.

Arrested in December of 1983, Long was convicted in February of 1984 of DWI.

That is why his sentence was revoked, records say.

Long was given credit for 20 days spent in jail, records say.

Deaths & Funerals

Ella Tarpley Walker
Mrs. Ella Tarpley Walker died Sunday morning at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst. Graveside services were to be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Raeford Cemetery by Rev. Dr. John Ropp.

Survivors are two sons: John W. Walker Jr. of Charlotte and Derry Walker of Pinehurst; one daughter: Mrs. Catherine Walker McNeill of Raeford; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers contribution may be made to the Raeford Presbyterian Church Choir or the Presbyterian Retirement Home in High Point.

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