

Stabbing follows sense scrap

A 15-year-old Hoke County girl, who was accused with the Saturday night stabbing of a man, had not been charged on Tuesday, Hoke County Sheriff's Department show.

Ronnie Campbell, 29, of Raeford, was taken to Scotland Memorial Hospital after the daughter of his girlfriend apparently stabbed him in the chest, Hoke County Deputy Clarence Patterson said in a report.

According to a statement made by the suspect, an argument started between the girl and Campbell when the subject of "people with good sense" was broached.

The girl first tried to attack Campbell with a stick, the statement says.

Campbell and the girl's mother took the stick from her, the suspect said in the statement.

Campbell then tried to hit her with the stick, but the girl ran into the kitchen, grabbed a knife, and "cut him," according to the statement.

After the incident, the girl went to the telephone and called the police, she told Patterson.

According to deputies, no warrants have been taken out on the girl.

In a separate incident, Upchurch Junior High School was victimized by thieves last Friday night.

According to reports, a heating-air conditioning unit was removed from the window of the computer room at the school.

Taken from the room were two 13-inch color television sets and the air conditioning unit, reports say.

Upchurch Principal Allen Edwards told deputies the estimated value of the equipment was \$925.

According to the report, there was an alarm system connected to the door of the room that also detected movement inside the room.

The alarm apparently did not go off because students found the entire window, used as an entrance, on the ground beside the building

and discovered the equipment missing, says the report.

A total of \$1,246.76 in cash, checks and food stamps was taken from The Party Shop last Tuesday, according to reports.

During operating hours on that day, someone walked into the store owner's office and took the bank bag containing the valuables.

Later, the Fayetteville Police Department recovered the bag with \$896.76 in checks and food stamps inside, reports say.

Thieves kept the money, according to reports.

Last Sunday, the Friendship Grove Free Will Baptist Church parking lot was hit by thieves while services were being held.

According to reports, the hubcaps of six vehicles were stolen.

Whoever took the wheelcovers walked on the balls of their feet so no footprints were available to deputies, reports say.

The value of the hubcaps was estimated at \$680, according to reports.



Come one, come all
When the Franzen Bros. Circus came to town, almost everyone got in on the fun. Sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club, the circus raised about

\$2,000 for the Hoke County Children's Center and other local charities.

Man appeals assault conviction

A Lumberton man has appealed a two-year sentence given him last week in Hoke County District Court after he was convicted of assault.

A \$2,000 appeal bond was set for Rick Medeiros, according to court records.

A warrant for arrest, issued against Medeiros on February 13, says the man forced a 16-year-old girl onto a couch.

There are no other details about the assault on the warrant.

In other court action, a Raeford man was taken out of jail and set free because the time he spent in the Hoke County facility was enough to clear him on a charge of shoplifting, records say.

Steven LeGrand, 29, was arrested on March 25 for taking four candy bars from the Jiffy Stop

Number 2, according to a warrant. LeGrand served nine days in jail, according to records.

Steven Aldon McLaughlin, of Raeford, received a seven-day jail sentence to accompany a year of supervised probation after he was convicted of his second offense of driving while impaired (DWI) and having no drivers' license, records say.

The 26-year-old McLaughlin was arrested on March 2 and charged.

McLaughlin was also fined \$200, records say.

Keith Allen Hardee, stationed at Pope Air Force Base, was also sentenced in Hoke County on a DWI charge last week.

According to records, Hardee was arrested on his second offense on February 17.

Hardee was sentenced to one

year in prison suspended for one year supervised probation, seven days in jail and a \$250 fine, records say.

Carey Patrick Woods, a Maxton resident, who was originally charged with DWI, had his charges reduced to careless and reckless driving, according to records.

Woods was sentenced to one year suspended for one-year supervised probation and fined \$300, records say.

Roman Sagaribay, a Ft. Bragg resident, also had a DWI charge against him reduced to careless and reckless driving.

Sagaribay was sentenced to 60 days in jail suspended for one year unsupervised probation and fined \$100, records say.

Both men, although their cases were unrelated, blew under .10 on breathalyzer tests, results show.

Nathaniel Watkins, a Lumber Bridge resident, was sentenced to 90 days in jail suspended for two years unsupervised probation and fined \$100 for possessing liquor for sale, records say.

Watkins was cited on October 28 of last year, according to records.

A Raeford resident, Jessie Parker, was also sentenced on charges of possessing taxed liquor for sale without a license, according to records.

Parker, 66, cited on March 1, was given a 90-day suspended sentence and two years on unsupervised probation.

Jessie James McPherson, 55, of Red Springs, was sentenced to two years on unsupervised probation and fined \$50 for selling a six pack of beer without a license on March 17, according to records.



Promoted
Effective April 1, Earnestine M. Blue was promoted to Shift Supervisor in the Spinning Department at the Burlington Industries Raeford Plant. Blue has worked in the Spinning Department for the past six years. Blue is married to Walter Blue, who is also a Burlington employee at the BMD Plant. They have two sons and one daughter and reside in Raeford.

Food stamps nixed at Hoke Co. store

Hand Stop, Route one, Lumber Bridge, has been barred from accepting food stamps because of program violations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service reports.

Owned by Harold Chason, the store was disqualified from the Food Stamp Program for five years after being charged with selling cigarettes, paper products and other ineligible items for food stamps.

Gerald Holt, who is in charge of the Raleigh field office of the Food and Nutrition Service, explained that the store will not be allowed to accept food stamps during the disqualification period.

Mrs. Holt added that food stamps, by law, can be used only to buy food or garden seed and plants to be used to produce food.

Fox hunting bill approved

A bill which would allow fox hunting in Hoke and Scotland counties has become law.

The bill, which was introduced by Rep. Daniel H. DeVane (D-Hoke), was passed by the North Carolina House of Representatives last week after an earlier House version was amended in the state Senate to include Scotland County.

Under the provisions of the bill, gun and bow and arrow hunting would be legal during December.

Trapping would be allowed until January 31.

Bag limits would be 30 fox per season.

Small leg traps would be required under the new law, which will take effect this year.

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