

# Suspended sentence given for shooting

A Raeford man was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon on charges stemming from a shooting incident on October 13.

District court records say James Carpenter, 518 E. 5th Avenue, Raeford, used a .22 caliber handgun to assault and inflict serious injury upon Eddie Hollingsworth by shooting him in the left knee.

The shooting caused an injury that required medical attention, records say.

Carpenter, 36, was also found guilty of pointing a gun at Tyrone Blue on the same day, records say.

The two charges were consolidated for judgment, and Carpenter was sentenced to not less than 6 months, not more than 9 months suspended for 3 years.

In an unrelated case, Ateia Rogers, Taylor Mobile Home Park, Lumberton, was found guilty of Driving While Impaired (DWI), records say.

Taylor, 31, was arrested on the charge on September 20, records say.

She was sentenced to two years suspended for three years and fin-

ed \$350, records indicate.

As a special condition of probation, Taylor is to serve an active prison term of 14 days.

Taylor was also ordered to attend Alcohol and Drug Education School.

In another case, Beverly Cummings, 2012 Quewhiffle Road, Raeford, pleaded guilty to DWI.

Records say Cummings, 22, was arrested on November 1 on the charge.

Cummings was sentenced to 90 days suspended for one year and fined \$125.

She was also ordered to surrender her driver's license, perform 48 hours of community service and attend Alcohol and Drug Education Traffic School, records say.

Also, Lisa G. Poe, Lot 10 Jackson's Mobile Home Park, Rt. 2, Raeford, pleaded guilty to seven counts of passing worthless checks, records show.

Poe, 21, was sentenced to one year, suspended for two years and ordered to pay restitution for the bad checks, records show.



**New officer**  
Brent White of Randolph County is one of Hoke County's new Highway Patrol officers. A recent graduate of Highway Patrol School, White is single and resides in Raeford.

**Highway Patrol**  
Douglas H. Monroe recently began his work as one of Hoke County's newest state troopers. Single, the 23-year-old Monroe is a native of Carthage.

# ...EAS poll ordered

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Raeford and Fayetteville customers.

Public staff attorney James D. Little says in an opposing brief the matrix charge should only be applied to customers on the Raeford exchange.

The cost to provide EAS service between the two exchanges will be more than covered by the \$4.25 charged to residential customers in Raeford, Little says.

"By applying the matrix increase to Fayetteville, the company would get a windfall of over \$1.8 million," Little says in the brief.

Allen believes those additional funds would be averaged out to make up for less profitable EAS situations.

Charges to Fayetteville customers are strongly opposed by Hoke County supporters of EAS.

EAS has been endorsed by the Hoke County Commission, the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Board and the Raeford City Council.

Local supporters say the service would open Hoke County to military personnel who do not want to live outside of Cumberland County because of the cost of long distance dialing.

The community's enthusiasm for EAS was recognized in the briefs filed by attorneys for both the telephone company and the public staff.

"The public staff has never seen community enthusiasm and organization for EAS demonstration as well and as genuinely as in Raeford," it is stated in the public staff brief.

A "no" vote on the ballot would kill the EAS question, however, a strong "yes" response might insure the service, observers have said.

Monthly consumer debt payments, excluding the home mortgages, should be no more than 15% of the family's monthly take home pay.

## Deaths & Funerals

**Connie Bell Leach**  
Mrs. Connie Bell Leach, 66, of Manse St., Biscoe, died Friday in Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Phillips Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. James B. Garrett.

Burial was in the Laurel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Leach was formerly of Raeford.

Survivors include her husband: Junior M. Leach; two daughters: Mrs. Carolyn Britt of Rowland and Mrs. Marie Carlton of Virginia Beach, Virginia; one son:

James E. Leach of Cary; one brother: Thomas Freeman of Asheboro; three sisters: Gladys and Lula Davis of Star and Mrs. Mildred Shaver of Albemarle and 6 grandchildren.

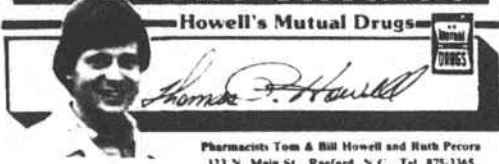
The American Heart Association wants you to know the warning signs of a heart attack: uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of your chest lasting two minutes or more. Pain may spread to shoulders, neck or arms. Severe pain, dizziness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath may also occur. Seek help immediately.

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