

Two Bolivia Men Charged In Shallotte Break-Ins

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Shallotte police officers charged two Bolivia men last Wednesday with breaking and entering and larceny of two local businesses after one of the men tried to cash a forged check at a Wilmington bank, reports Sgt. Rodney Gause.

Charged on two counts each are Carlton Wendell Morris, 24, and Asper Lee Bryant, 24. They were being held Monday in the Brunswick County Jail on bonds of \$4,500 and \$4,000 respectively. Morris has also been charged with forgery by the Wilmington Police Department.

Gause said he and Patrol Officer Vellie Evans charged the men with the April 9 breaking and entering of the office of Dr. B.B. Ward on Main Street in Shallotte and with the December 30 break-in of the Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog store in Milliken Shopping Plaza on N.C. 130.

The subjects confessed to both incidents and signed statements, he said.

A black and white portable television, bank books, and blank and written checks valued at \$3,610.20 taken in the Tuesday night break-in were recovered Wednesday in Wilmington. On Monday, Gause was to meet with the subjects to discuss the whereabouts of items taken from the Sears store, including six television sets, three microwave ovens, checks and a Sears credit card and driver's license belonging to a store employee.

Ward's office was broken into sometime Tuesday night, with entry gained by forcing a side window. However, the office is closed on Wednesdays and the larceny was not discovered until about 3:30 that afternoon.

Larry Shreve, Ward's partner in

developing Brierwood Estates subdivision, called the Shallotte police after he was contacted by United Carolina Bank in Wilmington for authorization to cash a check presented by Morris, said Gause.

"He asked the bank to hold him (Morris). He called and asked us to check Dr. Ward's office. It had been broken into."

When Gause and Evans picked up the subject, then in the custody of the Wilmington Police Department, Gause said he realized Morris's appearance matched the description of the man who had earlier tried, without success, to charge items with the Sears credit card and female driver's license taken in the December break-in.

After returning to Shallotte with the suspect in custody, the officers later had to return to Wilmington to recover the stolen property, which was stored in the front seat, glove compartment and trunk of Morris' 1969 Plymouth two-door car.

Gause said Officer Evans worked a 20-hour day Wednesday working with him to complete the case after her regular shift ended.

A man who picked up two hitchhikers Thursday later took out warrants charging Douglas Evans Crisp and Wendy Crisp, both of Reigelwood, with auto theft and attempted robbery with a deadly weapon.

James Luther Smith, 41, of Route 2, Shallotte, told Reserve Patrol Officer Martha Britt that he picked up the pair of hitchhikers on U.S. 17. He said he bought and shared some beers with them and then stopped near the bridge on N.C. 130 west of Shallotte to go fishing at about 7 p.m.

"He said the man put a pocket knife to this throat and told him to take the money out of his pocket," said Gause. "He said the man threatened to kill him."

Smith got away from the subjects, who headed west on N.C. 130 toward Whiteville in his white 1969 Ford van.

A radio bulletin issued by Officer Britt alerted Whiteville Police, who recovered the van in Whiteville less than an hour later, Gause said.

Douglas Crisp is wanted in Bladen County for violation of probation, he added.



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Left High And Dry

Hard times have left this old fishing boat beached several miles from the river off Hale Swamp Road. Topping a pile of rubble cleared from a development site, it appears destined for a bonfire once a statewide ban on burning is lifted.

OIB Officer Assaulted

A Shallotte man has been charged with assault on an officer after allegedly spitting in the face of an Ocean Isle Beach police officer.

Terry Rogers, whose address was listed on the arrest warrant as Hwy. 17, Shallotte, was charged April 5 by Ocean Isle police officer T.H. Allen.

According to the arrest warrant filed in the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office, Rogers was consuming "Budweiser beer on the premises of the Breaker's Arcade, premises where consumption of malt beverages is not authorized" when the incident occurred.

The warrant charges Rogers with unlawfully assaulting the officer by "spitting on his face." At the time of the assault, Allen was attempting to bring the defendant to the magistrate's office "to charge him with unlawful consumption of an alcoholic beverage," the warrant states.

A court date has been set for April 22 in Brunswick County District Court.

OIB Police To Receive Strand Patrol Vehicle

Ocean Isle Beach police are getting a visible boost in efforts to patrol the beach strand.

The Ocean Isle Beach Property Owners Association will present the department a red Honda, three-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) Saturday, April 27, after the association's "Trash Bash" litter pick-up that morning. It comes equipped with a flashing blue light.

"Police Chief Jerry Gurganus had expressed his concerns to the association about his department's ability to properly patrol the strand area," said spokesman Anne Knight. "He said that often response time on emergencies was delayed while a suitable drive vehicle was located and borrowed to be able to get on the strand."

When the unit goes into service on the 27th, a uniformed police officer will staff it, monitoring unsafe beach activities, vehicle violations, illegal littering and providing emergency assistance to those on the strand or in offshore waters. The officer will be

equipped with a walkie-talkie, she said.

President Hayden O'Neil said, "Because our association is committed to sponsor positive community action projects and cooperate with existing organizations for the public health, safety and beautification of Ocean Isle Beach, we are excited about this gift."

Ms. Knight said the 435-member association welcomes all Ocean Isle property owners as members to assist in its efforts for the betterment of the community.

GOP Women Meet

The Brunswick County Republican Women will meet to elect officers Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the county Republican headquarters building at Bolivia.

Officers will be elected to one-year terms, said Teddi Neal, vice president.

Refreshments will be served.

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