Grissettown Man Cleared Of Starting March Fire

A Grissettown man charged with starting a fire that destroyed 558 acres of woodland on March 14 has been cleared of charges by a Brunswick County District Court judge.

Earl Leach, 30, of Route 1, Box 52, Shallotte (Grissettown), was charged by N.C. Forest Service Officer Carl Hayes for allegedly starting a fire on brush land without extinguishing the flames.

In court last Tuesday, the charge was dismissed by Judge Lee J. Greer Jr. at the close of all evidence. Leach was represented in court by Shallotte attorney Michael Ramos.

According to the warrant filed in the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office, Leach was charged with negligently starting the fire "upon trash and grassland without fully extinguishing the same, thereby destroying property belonging to others."

The fire broke out on a Thursday afternoon about one mile south of Grissettown on U.S. 17. In addition to destroying 558 acres, the fire also burned two tobacco barns and four automobiles before it was brought under control nine hours later.

Judges Greer and D. Jack Hooks Jr. of Whiteville also heard the following cases for the period April 22-24:

Johnny O. Anglin, no operators license; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Ronnie P. Ballard, drunk and disruptive; communicating threats; injury to personal property; Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than six months, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, restitution \$100 for damage to car Long Beach, not go on property of Split Rail without expressed writtem permission of the manager.

John E. Bellamy, no insurance; failure to yeild; no registration; driving after revocation; State Department of Corrections one year. Court recommends he be confined to Mc-Cain because of diabetes and gunshot wound in '65 to leg. Not operate motor vehicle. To be held till shipped to McCain if found operating motor vehicle.

Jesse M. Bentley, DWI; Level 3, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 180 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$200 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 72 hours community service work within 90 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, assessment, submit to test.

Anthony E. Benton, speeding 70 in a 55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 60 days, suspended two years, \$10 and costs.

Teddy L. Bernard, speeding 64 in a 55 zone; prayer for judgement continued, costs.

Jasper L. Bryant, misdemeanor breaking and entering; misdemeanor larceny; misdemeanor breaking and entering; misdemeanor larceny; prayer for judgement continued 4-23-85.

Ken L. Caison, DWI; Level 4, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 120 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$150 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 48 hours community service within 90 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle except with a license permit, submit to test.

Porter H. Dennis, speeding 66 in a 55 zone; not operators license; DWI; Level 4, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 120 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$150 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health ADET \$50, 48 hours community service work, \$50 fee, not operate motor vehicle till valid license.

Virginia K. Demos, exceeding safe speed; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Richard C. Dobson, speeding 70 in a 55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 60 days, suspended two years, \$10 and costs.

Erlene J. Douglas, speeding 50 in a 35 zone; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Barry K. Evans, unsafe movement; Brunswick County Jail 60 days, suspended two years, \$25 and costs.

Willie D. Gore, DWI; Level 3, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 180 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$200 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 72 hours community service work within 90 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, submit to test.

Michael J. Hale, possesion of marijuana: \$100 and costs.

James Hankins, drunk and disruptive; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, \$25 and costs, submit ale counseling for treatment and follow course.

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Randy H. Holden, no operators license; failure to appear; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, \$10 and costs.

James W. Lance, misdemeanor larceny; State Department of Corrections not less nor more than two years, suspended two years, special supervised probation, Brunswick County Jail one day, \$100 and costs, attorney fees \$200, not go on the property of Ed Steele without his expressed written permission.

Jerry D. Lewis, no operators license; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Donnie R. Long, exceeding safe speed; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Harry A. McAilister, DWI; Level 4, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 120 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$150 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 48 hours community service work within 90 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, assessment, submit to test.

Charles R. Myrick, assault on an officer; Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than six months, run concurrent with sentence now serving. Order to show cause; admits, revoked suspended sentence, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 120 days, run concurrent with sentence now serving.

Donald O. Ratcliffe, DWI; Level 5, Brunswick county Jail not less nor more than 60 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 24 hours community service within 90 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, submit to test.

Mark B. Rudesill, speeding 80 in a 55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 60 days, suspended two years, \$25 and costs, not operate motor vehicle for 30 days.

Tony D. Sapps, speeding 81 in a 55 zone; failure to stop for blue light and siren; Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than six months, suspended two years, \$75 and costs, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license.

Jo A. Simmons, speeding 89 in a 55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 60 days, suspended two years, \$25 and costs, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle for 30 days.

Reginal P. Smith, speeding 70 in a 55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 60 days, supsended two years, \$15 and costs

Harold C. Spears, speeding 64 in a 55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs. Judy J. Thompson, exceeding safe

speed; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs. Vasilious Vogiatzis, speeding 60 in a 45 zone; Brunswick County Jail 30

days, suspended two years, costs.

Daria F. Wallace, speeding 70 in a
55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 60
days, suspended two years, \$10 and

Dorothy H. Wayland, DWI; Level 5, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 60 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 24 hours community service work within 90 days, \$50 fee, attorney fee \$200, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, submit to

Bernard F. Zampermi, DWI; Level 3, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 180 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$200 and costs, submit letter of completion of ale school within 30 days, not operate motor vehicle in N.C. till valid license, non-operation 90 days, submit to test.

Kyle S. Leider, speeding 40 in a 25 zone; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Paul T. McNell Jr., exceeding safe speed; improper equipment (tires); Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Robert J. Smith Jr., speeding 40 in a 25 zone; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, \$10 and costs.

John Culbreth, expired registration plate; improper passing; prayer for judgement continued, costs.

Gerald L. Barwick, failure to report accident; Brunswick County Jail 60 days, suspended two years, \$25 and costs.

Jason A. Betwee, DWI; driving after revocation; Level 1, State Department of Corrections not less than 14 nor more than two years, suspended three years, special supervised probation three years, Brunswick County Jail 21 days, \$350 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health multiple offender, \$150 fee, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, assessment, submit to test.

Jery W. Canady, DWI; Level 4, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 60 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 24 hours community service work within 90 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license except with a license permit, submit to test.

Wilson E. Carpenter, expired inspection; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

William B. Catoe, DWI; Level 5, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 60 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 24 hours community service work within 90 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, submit to test.

John C. Clemmons, per se offense; consume beer underage; prayer for judgement continued till first session of criminal district court for September for Judge Greer.

Jeff Cureton, speeding 45 in a 35 zone; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Richard E. Erdman, exceeding safe speed; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Donald R. Garner, DWI; speeding 70 in a 55 zone; Level 3, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 180 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$200 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 72 hours community service work within 120 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, submit to test

license, submit to test.

Ronald J. Gause, DWI; Level 2, State Department of Corrections not less nor more than one year, suspended two years, special supervised probation two years, Brunswick County Jail, \$250 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health multiple offenders \$150, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle, submit to test.

Billy J. Grimes, exceeding safe speed; county jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Margaret V. Herrmann, DWI; Level 5, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 60 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$100, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, submit to test, non-operation 60 days.

Elizabeth S. Jeffries, no registration; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Ollis Johnson, no operators license; left of center; DWI; Level 2, State Department of Corrections not less nor more than one year, suspended three years, special supervised probation three years, Brunswick County Jail seven days, \$250 and costs, Southeasterr Mental

Health \$100, assessment, submit to breaking and entering; misde-

James E. Kramer, speeding 61 in a 35 zone; Brunswick County Jail 60 days, suspended two years, not operate motor vehicle for 30 days.

Darcy L. Krum, DWI; Level 5, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 60 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, not oeprate motor vehicle in NC till valid license, non-operation 30 days, submit to test.

Michael D. Krupp, possessing and consuming beer under age; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Henry Lawson Jr., DWI; no operators license; Level 5, county jail not less nor more than 60 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 24 hours community service work within 90 days, \$50 fee, not operate motor vehicle in NC till valid license except with a license permit, submit to test

Aldege A. Martin Jr., DWI; Level 5, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 60 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, 24 hours community service work, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, submit to test.

Patrick Moore, assault on a female; communicating threats; trespassing; injury to personal property; trespassing; State Department of Corrections not less nor more than two years, suspended five years, supervised probation five years, \$100 and costs, restitution \$242.74 to Linda Moore, \$200 court appointed attorney, not go about or communicate with Linda Moore or her daughter. Driving after revocation; unsafe movement; leaving the scene of an accident; State Department of Corrections not less nor more than one year at expiration of first case, suspended two years, supervised probation, \$200 and costs, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, pay \$1,167.50 restitution to L. Jenrette, pay \$200 attorney fees.

Lawrence M. Murray, speeding 81 in a 55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 60 days, suspended two years, \$20 and costs, not operate motor vehicle for 30 days.

Lenard L. Oettinger, speeding 70 in a 55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Joseph L. Schaefer, DWI; Level 5, Brunswick County Jail not less nor more than 60 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$100 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 24 hours community service work within 90 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle except with a license permit, submit to test.

Betty E. Sheffield, DWI; Level 5, Brusnwick County Jail 60 days, suspended two years, \$100 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 24 hours community service, pay \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle except with a license permit, submit to test.

Joseph Sidberry, order to show cause; Brunswick County Jail 60 days or until he pays all owed.

Bobby J. Smith, DWI; Level 4, county jail not less nor more than 120 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation two years, \$150 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health \$50, 48 hours community service work within 90 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle, submit to test.

Sylvin A. Smith, DWI; driving after revocation; Level 1, State Department of Corrections not less nor more than two years, suspended three years, special supervised probation three years, Brunswick County Jail 14 days, \$300 and costs, Southeastern Mental Health multiple offender, \$150, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, assessment, submit to test.

Sandra B. White, unsafe movement; Brusnwick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs. Jonathan P. Willetts, speeding 69 in

a 55 zone; Brunswick County Jail 36 days, suspended two years, costs. Jasper L. Bryant, misdemeanor

meanor larceny; State Department of Corrections not less nor more than two years. Misdemeanor breaking and entering; misdemeanor larceny; State Department of Corrections not less nor more than two years, at expiration of first case, immediate work release, restitution Sears and Roebuck of Shallotte \$4,305.91,

restitution \$60 Dr. Ward.

Janet C. Carlton, speeding 44 in a 35 zone; prayer for judgement continued, costs.

Carolyn P. Dukeshire, speeding 45 in a 35 zone; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Carlton Morris, misdemeanor breaking and entering; misdemeanor larceny; State Department of Corrections not less nor more than two years, immediate work release. Misdemeanor breaking and entering; misdemeanor larceny; State Department of Corrections not less nor more than two years at expiration of first case, restitution Sears and Roebuck of Shallotte \$4,305.91, restitution Dr. Ward \$60, jointly and severely with J.Bryant.

George Miris, speeding 50 in a 35 zone; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, costs.

Danny Lassiter, driving after revocation; State Department of corrections not less nor more than one year, suspended two years, \$200 and costs, not operate motor vehicle till valid license.

Terryl L. Buckley, speeding 70 in a 55 zone; improper passing; \$10 and costs.

Kelly D. Cogdell, DWI; driving after revocation; Level 2, State Department of Corrections 12 months, suspended two years, supervised probation one year, Brunswick County Jail 14 days, \$200 and costs, 72 hours community service work within 90 days, \$100 fee, assessment, participate in any program.

Robert E. Glover, no insurance; expired inspection; prayer for judgement continued, costs remitted.

Donna H. Hewett, DWI; Level 5, Brunswick County Jail 10 days, suspended two years, unsupervised probation, \$100 and costs, 24 hours community service work within 30 days, \$50 fee, surrender operators license, not operate motor vehicle till valid license, Southeastern Mental Health \$50.

Joseph Hill, misdemeanor larceny; Brunswick County Jail 30 days, suspended two years, \$30 to clerk by 4-26-85 for Anna Hill, not go back in Ms. Hill's pocketbook, not violate criminal laws, costs remitted.

Johnny J. Jenrette, assault on a female; trespassing; Brunswick County Jail two years, suspended two years, supervised probation one year, not possess firearms, \$100 and costs, restitution Ms. Gregory \$20, restition Arnold Realty for any and all damages, continue program at Stepping Stone and produce evidence to probation officer, attend AAA meetings upon release from Stepping Stone, not go about or communicate with Ms. Gregory or Ms. Benton.

James C. McNeill, exceeding safe speed; prayer for judgement continued, costs.

Leslie R. Newsome, exceeding safe speed; costs. Paul H. Parks, speeding 76 in a 55

Paul H. Parks, speeding 76 in a 55 zone; \$25 and costs. John P. Smith, improper passing;

reckless operation; \$25 and costs.
Julie D. Thigpen, speeding 64 in a
55 zone; \$10 and costs.

Raymond L. Cooper, taking clarns from polluted area; prayer for judgement continued, costs remitted. Mark K. Edwards, worthless check

Mark K. Edwards, worthless check \$16.42; Brunswick County Jail 29 days, suspended two years, restitution Long. Worthless check \$40.00; 29 days expiration of first case; suspended two years, restitution Coleman. Worthless check \$15.00; 29 days, suspended two years, restitution Long. Worthless check \$6.86;

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restitution Gibson. Worthless check \$20.00; 29 days, suspended two years, restitution Coleman. Worthless check \$15.00; 29 days at expiration second case, suspended two years, restition Long. \$25 and costs, not issue or write any worthless checks for two years.



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