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Rest Area Has New Facilities

Heating and air conditioning add comfort to new facilities installed last month at the N.C. Department of Transportation rest area on U.S. 17 between Supply and Bolivia, says caretaker Charles McLamb of Winabow. However, last Wednesday the facility was closed

to the public for repairs. Night-time vandals had blocked the plumbing on both sides. McLamb says local residents, not travelers, do most of the recurring damage at the stop. "It's a shame people would tear up something so other people can't use it," he said.

Murder Trial Scheduled During Special Session

A Supply man charged with the first-degree murder of his brother-in-law will face trial in Brunswick County Superior Court next week.

Gary Dean Reaves, 28, of Route 2, Supply, a Shallotte electrician, was charged with the June 18 shooting death of Mark A. Tolliver, 33, also of Route 2, Supply. Trial has been scheduled for Monday afternoon during a special session of Superior Court with Judge B. Craig Ellis of Laurinburg presiding.

Reaves was placed under arrest at the Tolliver residence by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department following the shooting. At a probable cause hearing in Brunswick County District Criminal Court on July 1, Glen Jenkins, 44, of Route 2, Supply, a key witness in the case, testified for nearly an hour, telling the court what happened on the night of the fatal shooting.

Jenkins testified that the two men had been fighting on several occasions the afternoon of the shooting. Reaves' attorney, Roy Trest of Shallotte, has also filed for a motion hearing before Judge Ellis during Monday morning's session of court.

sides that open up to display goods for sale.

Also scheduled during next week's special session is the trial of Aaron Elwood Pigott, 22, of Mulberry Street, Shallotte, who has been charged with the first-degree rape of a Shallotte convenience store clerk.

Pigott is accused of entering the Oasis Food Mart in Shallotte and forcibly raping the clerk at knife-point on the morning of May 25. A Brunswick County Grand Jury indicted Pigott last month on first-degree rape charges.

cocaine.

The Grand Jury will also report to the courthouse Monday morning, where they will consider bills charging Lindsey J. Simmons Jr., 26, of Route 2, Supply (Varnumtown Road), with second-degree sex offense and second-degree rape.

Probable cause was found on both charges by Judge Lee J. Greer Jr. in Brunswick County District Court last month. Simmons is accused of rape and sex offense that allegedly occurred July 19.

The Grand Jury will also decide Monday if enough evidence exists to indict Shallotte resident Earl Arthur Spivey, 51, of North Tanglewood Estates, who is accused of possessing cocaine with intent to sell and deliver.

The trial of Alan Dale Brooks, 21, of Sunset Lakes, Sunset Beach, is also scheduled for next week. Brooks was charged by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department last month with possession of more than 400 grams of

Hit And Run Hearing Waived By Defendant

A Wilmington man charged in the hit and run accident that resulted in the death of a Leland girl on Aug. 6 waived a probable cause hearing last Thursday, sending his trial directly to Brunswick County Superior Court.

Walter Lee Graham, 28, of 214 McRae Street, Wilmington, was charged with felonious hit and run and involuntary manslaughter in the death of Regina Mae Sullivan, 16, of Route 4, Box 369, Leland.

A woman also charged in the death, Aminda Resto, 38, of 3435 Malibu Palms Apartments, Wilmington, postponed her probable cause hearing in Brunswick County District Criminal Court until Sept. 27.

Both defendants are accused of leaving the scene of an accident in which a pedestrian was struck from behind while walking along RPR 1419 (Northwest Road) in the Northwest

community.

According to State Trooper B.D. Barnhardt's report, the accident occurred around 9:30 p.m. about 11 miles west of Belville. The car crossed the center line and struck the girl from behind and continued without stopping, Barnhardt reported.

Ms. Sullivan died in New Hanover Memorial Hospital on Aug. 7. The suspects were arrested in Wilmington on Aug. 9 after Wilmington police were led to a service station where a car was parked that matched the description of the one seen leaving the scene of the accident.

At a first appearance in Brunswick County District Court on Aug. 12, Judge Lee J. Greer Jr. set bond at \$70,000 each for the defendants.

A motion will also be heard from Shallotte attorney Mark Lewis, who is seeking a judgment on the constitutionality of an Ocean Isle Beach town ordinance that has Shallotte Point resident Donald Ballou charged with peddling without a license.

Ballou pleaded not guilty to the charge in Brunswick County District Court last month, but was found guilty and fined \$50 by Judge D. Jack Hooks Jr. of Whiteville. Lewis asked Judge Hooks to rule the ordinance as "unconstitutionally vague" because it restricts everything from "street vendors, to newspaper stands to Coca-Cola machines."

Ballou was charged with peddling without a license by Ocean Isle Police Chief Jerry Gurganus on July 17. Gurganus said he spotted the defendant selling soft drinks and snacks from the rear of a "Roach wagon," or three-quarters ton military-style pickup truck with

Leland Man Seriously Injured In Accident

Although 31 traffic accidents were reported Friday in both Brunswick and New Hanover counties, only one accident in Brunswick County resulted in serious injuries during the Labor Day weekend, the State Highway Patrol reported.

A Leland man was seriously injured last Friday night after he was thrown from a vehicle that ran off the road and struck several trees near Belville.

James Walter Chase, 38, of Leland, was taken to New Hanover Memorial Hospital following the one-car acci-

dent that occurred on N.C. 133 about one mile south of Belville, Trooper D.A. Lewis reported.

According to Lewis' report, Chase was driving straight ahead on N.C. 133 when he the car he was driving ran off the right shoulder, struck a ditchbank, struck several pine trees and came to rest on its left side after striking a sign.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 in the 9 p.m. accident. Charges are pending while the accident is still under investigation.

Young Boy Aids In Rescue

A young boy swam to the rescue of a four-year-old girl playing in the surf Thursday afternoon at Ocean Isle Beach.

Ten-year-old Marty Earwood of Ocean Isle was swimming near the pier with his sisters, Kathy, 13; and Jaime, 3; when Kathy noticed a small girl in a ring float drifting farther and farther away from shore in waters well over her head.

Kathy began calling for help, recounted her grandfather, Hollis Sweatt, since she couldn't leave her little sister. But her brother, Marty, dove into the water.

"It was over his head and it was hard for him to swim in the ocean. She fought him," said Sweatt. But Marty clung tightly to a pier piling

and to the little girl until two men came and took her to shore.

Meanwhile, the children's father, Jim Earwood, who was fishing on the pier, heard Kathy's cries and came down to the beach to investigate, concerned that one of his own children might be in danger. And, for just a moment, he couldn't locate Marty.

While Earwood was walking down to the beach, fishermen on the pier had lowered a rope along the piling to Marty and pulled him to safety, said Sweatt.

"Marty did a pretty good thing there," he said. "His hands and his sides were all cut up from the piling, but he held on to that little girl until those men came and got her."

Murder Suspect Arrested

A Texas man wanted for the murder of two people was arrested at a Hickman's Crossroads home Saturday evening by Brunswick County sheriff's deputies, Sheriff John Carr Davis reported.

Warrants were served on Holland for his role in the alleged murder of two drug dealers in Texas that occurred on Feb. 22, 1985. Three other suspects wanted in the same murders had already been placed under custody, Davis said.

Dennis Holland, of Montgomery County, Texas, was arrested at his father's home at Hickman's Crossroads and charged with murder Saturday around 4:30 p.m., Davis said. Sheriff's deputies were notified by North Myrtle Beach Police officers that Holland's whereabouts had been traced to Brunswick County.

"He was at his father's home and he offered no resistance," Davis said.

Holland was placed into custody and brought to the Brunswick County Jail. No bond was set by the magistrate on duty. The suspect signed a waiver of extradition and was returned to Connor, Texas, by Montgomery County sheriff's detectives, Davis said.

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