

# Shotgun-Armed Man Charged After Cross-Campus Chase

BY SUSAN USHER

A man who came onto the West Brunswick High School campus Friday night armed with a loaded shotgun was charged with "going armed to the terror of the people" and openly carrying a weapon on school grounds after he ran through a crowded parking lot in an attempt to elude arrest.

Ricky Bellamy, in his mid-20s, of N.C. 130 West of Shallotte, was released Friday night on \$400 secured bond. He is to appear in Brunswick County District Criminal Court on Oct. 29.

Brunswick County Sheriff's Detec-

tive Lindsay Walton said Bellamy told officers he was "after someone" when he came on the campus between the close of the West Brunswick-Whiteville football game and the start of a school dance in the cafeteria. Bellamy was brandishing a double-barreled shotgun loaded with double-aught buckshot.

"He wouldn't ever say who he was after," said Walton. Walton had worked the ballgame and was the first officer on the scene.

"When we approached he ran off across a crowded parking lot. People were running from him; they were

scared," he continued. "There were a lot of people there."

Officers apprehended Bellamy at approximately 10:30 p.m. about halfway between the high school ball field and Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. west of the school.

Other officers assisting were Deputies Ronald Hewett and Michael Speck and Lt. Rodney Gause and Patrol Officer Eddie Reynolds of the Shallotte Police Department.

The warrant reads that Bellamy "intentionally armed himself with a dangerous weapon . . . and entered a public area, making threats so as to cause terror to the people."

# CRC Hearing To Address Water Quality Measures

BY SUSAN USHER

A public hearing by the Coastal Resources Commission on proposed stormwater runoff regulations will be held in Wilmington on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. in the Hilton Inn ballroom downtown.

The goal of the proposed regulations is to reduce the impact of runoff on coastal water quality.

Typically the CRC acts on items addressed at the Thursday morning public hearings during its business session on Friday, with committee discussions of the topics on Thursday afternoon.

Urban runoff, as recently explained in a memo from Planner Don Egbert to members of the Brunswick County Planning Board, is surface water created by runoff from paved surfaces, roofs and other impervious surfaces. It is polluted by nutrients from fertilizer, oil and other chemicals from roads, bacteria from septic tanks and other toxics.

"The CRC's major concern," he wrote, "is that these pollutants are infiltrating the estuarine waters and are the principal cause of the shellfish areas being closed."

Strong opposition is expected from developers concerning the proposals, according to the October newsletter of the Cape Fear Group of the Sierra Club.

The CRC is examining several possible ways to reduce the impact of coastal development on shellfish habitat and to reduce pollution, in-

cluding:

- Vegetative buffers—buffers between development and the waterfront, to reduce runoff, collect sediment.

- Housekeeping—encouraging methodology such as street cleaning to control oils and chemicals from vehicles.

- Infiltration/recharge system—urban runoff would be held and then gradually allowed to filter into the ground's surface.

- Detention devices—Dry ponds would be used to contain stormwater runoff in a developed area and then release it at a flow rate comparable to its flow before development occurred.

Staff members of the N.C. Division of Coastal Management propose that the area of environmental concern (AEC) be expanded from 75 feet to 200 feet from the mean high water mark.

This, according to Egbert's memo to the Brunswick County Planning Board, could "significantly increase the number of CAMA permits to be issued by many local governments."

Those regulations dealing with single-family dwellings would apply to areas where subdivisions or plants existed prior to July 1, 1985. Single family residences built more than 50 feet landward of mean high water would be exempted; they can be built within 30 feet of mean high water if all other regulations are met.

The CRC staff recommends a

50-foot setback from mean high water or coastal wetlands for all structures not requiring direct access to the water; a 30 foot buffer zone of undisturbed vegetation; impervious and/or built-upon surface not to exceed 15 percent of the lot; development of a stormwater runoff management plan for developments disturbing more than 5,000 square feet; and restriction of the "foot-print" of a structure built in the AEC to 1,200 square feet, including covered areas and stairways.

These recommendations relate to policies adopted by the CRC at its Sept. 5-6 meeting in Beaufort. The policies are intended to discourage development that is likely to hurt water quality or to prevent current uses of coastal waters, such as fishing.

These statements:

- Call for no development within areas of environmental concern if it has a high probability of degrading water quality so as to preclude any existing use of those waters;

- Recognize that all coastal waters have potential for uses which require optimal water quality; therefore, at every opportunity, existing development adjacent to the coastal waters shall be upgraded to reduce discharge of pollutants;

- Declare support for adoption of methods of controlling development so as to eliminate harmful runoff and adoption of best management practices to control runoff from undeveloped lands.

At the Sept. 18 meeting of the county planning board, members discussed the proposed regulations.

The discussion is expected to continue at the board's meeting Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in rental units 50 and 51 at 30th and Main streets, Sunset Beach.

At last month's meeting, Planning Board Chairman Ed Gore of Sunset Beach said he thought the latest standards being considered by the CRC are "unrealistic" because they are in direct conflict with state septic tank laws.

According to minutes of the meeting, the board took no position on the proposals at that time.

Planning Director John Harvey said he hoped to avoid an "adversarial" role with the CRC because of the county's CAMA land use plan update, a project that will soon be under way. The final plan must be approved by the CRC.

Harvey said he would continue to monitor the state's action and keep planning board members and county commissioners informed.

Gore said other groups are also monitoring the situation. If a county position were deemed necessary, he said he would call a special meeting of the board.

# Island Living Again Wins Top Award In Ad Contests

The Brunswick Beacon's "Island Living" supplement has won first place again in Best Ad Contest sponsored by the North Carolina Press Association.

The top award in the best special section category was presented Saturday night to Cecelia Gore of the newspaper's advertising staff who represented the Beacon at an advertising seminar at the Research Triangle.

Another Brunswick County newspaper, The State Port Pilot, won second place for best section for its 4th of July tabloid.

Island Living was published four times this year by the Beacon, on Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends. This was the second year it has been picked as the best special section in weekly newspapers in the state, having received the first place award also in 1983, when the newspaper also won second place in best newspaper promotion.

Last year the Beacon was cited with a second place award for the best real estate advertisement. This year's award brings to four the number won since the advertising contests were instituted by the press association four years ago.

# Two Seek ATMC Post By Petition

BY SUSAN USHER

Two Supply area men are challenging Wilson Arnold's bid for reelection to the Atlantic Telephone Membership Board of Directors, a position Arnold has held for more than 25 years.

Marion Davis, local route salesman for Lance Inc., and Mack Long, owner of Royal Oak Service Station and a longtime Supply volunteer fireman, have won spots on the ballot by petition.

Elections will be held at the co-op's annual meeting Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at West Brunswick High School.

Nominations can be placed on the ballot any one of three ways, indicated Percy Woodard of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. Individuals can be nominated by the co-op's nominating committee; by petition of 15 or more members in good standing; or from the floor of the annual meeting.

Arnold currently represents District 5, which includes the communities of Supply, Varnantown, Holden Beach, Silver Hill and Boone's Neck. He was nominated by the nominating committee, along with the other incumbents whose seats are up for election, Charles H. Mills of Town Creek, District 7 and P.R. Hankins of Bolivia (at-large). Neither Mills or Hankins are opposed in their bids for re-election, though nominations could come from the floor, Woodard said. The deadline has passed to submit petitions.

Mills' district includes Town Creek, Winnabow, Boiling Spring Lakes and Mill Creek.

Hankins represents the entire Atlantic Telephone Membership service area.

# Price Takes Helm At ATMC

Russell D. Price has been promoted at Atlantic Telephone Membership to the post of general manager, succeeding William E. (Earl) Bellamy Jr., who has retired.

He was employed by Atlantic Telephone Membership immediately following graduation from King's Business College in Charlotte, where he majored in business administration and accounting. He has served in accounting and supervisory capacities with the cooperative for more than 21 years. He has directed the establishment and implementation of a modern data processing environment which currently serves the co-op in all aspects of its operations.

Price came to Brunswick County in 1957 and graduated from Shallotte High School in 1962.

In April he completed 20 years with the N.C. National Guard and transferred to the retired reserves. He has also been active in sponsoring youth development and is a past president of the Brunswick County National Little League organization. He and his wife, the former Patsy



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Ann Wilson, have two children. They are Michael, a senior at West Brunswick High School, and Connie, an eighth grader at Shallotte Middle School.

# Temperatures Near Normal

Weather conditions were near normal this week according to Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady. The maximum high was 86 degrees on Thursday, Oct. 3.

The minimum low, 43 degrees, occurred Monday, Oct. 7.

The average daily high was 81 degrees, and the average morning low was 61 degrees.

The average daily temperature was 71 degrees.

The area received twelve one hundredths of an inch of rain.

The outlook calls for near normal temperatures in the upper 50s at night and the upper 70s during the day.

Below normal levels of precipitation are expected; the area should receive less than half an inch of rainfall.

# Group Vows To Keep Working

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fathered in when the ordinance was amended. The plat is a recombination of previously platted lots which exceed the municipal standards.

'Go From There'

The next step for the Concerned Citizens of Brunswick County is up to the group's attorney, according to Cope. Gaining public access and then public parking at the west end could

still mean a long, expensive court battle, he added.

On Saturday, he urged members against staging any further protests at the west end, but to let Maxwell set the next move.

"Let's give them a couple of weeks to reply, then go from there," he urged when one member, Larry Marshall suggested, "If the barricade doesn't come down, I think we should do it again."

Members of the group vowed to keep working for parking at west end and to remain together as a group once this project is completed. The idea would be to remain organized and to continue raising money in case a similar issue arises.

# Other Business

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the entrance to the water treatment plant.

- Allowed the Brunswick County Fifth District Civic Center Association to lease the old Leland Middle School.

- Accept petitions asking the state to include Stevenson Road and Holly Hills Drive in the state road systems.

- Presented a certificate to Mark Smith, who is leaving the employ of a local weekly, for outstanding news coverage.

- Read a letter from Long Beach Mayor Ben Thomas thanking them for emergency management assistance during the storm.

- Accepted Commissioner Grace Beasley's appointment of Daryl Guyton to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission.

- Appointed Morry Watson to the Private Industries Council.

# Goat Kill Being Investigated

Shallotte police are investigating the killing of six goats inside the Shallotte wastewater treatment plant impoundment on Forest Drive.

Police Chief Don Stovall said six goats, one male and five female, were found dead Monday morning with their throats torn out. They were discovered by town employee Johnny Browning during a routine check of the plant. A chain link fence surrounds the property.

The deaths occurred sometime over the weekend, Stovall said. All six goats were the property of Shallotte area farmer James Bellamy. They were placed inside the fence to eat grass and underbrush. The town wants to plant coastal Bermuda grass instead of pines for ground cover on the theory it will increase surface absorption of treated wastewater and increase the plant's overall capacity.

Pending further investigation, Stovall would not speculate on what or who killed the goats.

# School Board Attorney To Represent Principal

The Brunswick County Board of Education will provide legal assistance for a county high school principal charged with assaulting a former student.

Following an executive session Monday night, board members voted to provide South Brunswick High School Principal Mose Lewis by allowing board attorney E.J. Prevatt to defend him. They also voted not to take any disciplinary action against Lewis and to support his position in the legal matter.

During the closed-door 2-hour session called to discuss personnel matters, Superintendent Gene Yarbrough reported the findings of his investigation of the charge against Lewis, finding that in his opinion Lewis did not act negligently or unprofessionally.

In a complaint filed by the former student, Bill Shaw, 17, of Long Beach, on the Aug. 30 incident, Shaw alleges that Lewis assaulted him by "putting his arm around his (Shaw's) neck and pushing him through a window."

The case was to have been heard in Brunswick County District Criminal Court on Sept. 26, but court was canceled because of the threat posed by Hurricane Gloria. The date will be rescheduled.

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