

Raid Nets Three Cocaine Arrests

BY ETTA SMITH

Three men were arrested last Thursday by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and charged with five counts each of cocaine manufacturing and possession following a raid near the South Carolina line.

Michael David Krupp, 19, Richard Shilo Woods, 16 and Willard Earl Woods, 39, were each charged with felony possession of cocaine, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, manufacturing cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

The sheriff's department's drug squad and deputies along with the North Myrtle Beach, S.C., Police

Narcotics Division conducted the raid on Carolina Village condominiums near Calabash, where the men were residing.

On Monday all three men remained in the Brunswick County Jail in lieu of \$31,000 bonds.

According to Sgt. Det. David Crocker, the raid resulted from a continuing investigation initiated by the North Myrtle Beach department.

Crocker said officers seized 24 grams of cocaine, a small quantity of marijuana and assorted drug paraphernalia at the residence.

The street value of the cocaine is estimated to be \$3,250, and with the marijuana the total value of the drugs seized is about \$3,400, according to Det. Gene Hardee.



CAPT. PHIL PERRY of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department examines cocaine and marijuana seized by officers in a raid last Thursday.

Outside Judge To Try Watson

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

A local judge will not hear the Jan. 27 trial of 18-year-old Rocky Lee Watson of Elizabethtown in Bladen County District Court.

Watson is charged with death by vehicle in the Oct. 6 automobile accident that led to the death of 13th District Judge Lee J. "Bubba" Greer.

No judges in this judicial district, which encompasses Brunswick, Bladen and Columbus counties, want to be involved in the trial.

"I could not try this man and give him a fair trial," said Judge William C. Gore, chief 13th District judge. "I was so personally involved with 'Bubba,' and I think the other judges feel that way."

Gore explained that in such cases, the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts would send a judge from another district, or a retired judge, to preside. In this instance, because of an overload of cases, an outside judge was already scheduled to hear court in Bladen County next week.

Dallas Cameron, assistant director

in the Administrative Office of the Courts, said retired Judge Charles Guy will hear the case.

"Also, a prosecutor will probably have to come from outside this district," said Gore, "and our D.A. (Michael Easley) will ask for either a prosecutor from another district or one from the Attorney General's office."

Easley said, however, that his office will handle the prosecution of Watson. "We don't have to make the decision on his guilt or innocence, so I think we can do it. (Assistant District Attorney) Tom Hicks will prosecute. We will treat this just as we would any other case."

Gore said Watson's trial should require "a half-day at most." Under N.C. state law, if Watson were convicted, his sentence could include a fine, imprisonment or both. The maximum sentence would be five years in prison; the presumptive sentence, two years.

Watson is represented by Goldston Womble of Elizabethtown.

Wrecks Involve No Injuries

While no injuries were reported in wrecks on Brunswick County roadways this week, a wet road near Bolivia caused one accident this week that resulted in \$3,000 in damages to the driver's truck.

According to N.C. Highway Patrol reports, Verna Renee Morris of Bolivia, 23, skidded on the wet clay on S.R. 1504 approximately 14 miles west of Bolivia and lost control of her 1985 Chevrolet truck at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

She then ran off the right side of the road and struck a tree. Morris was uninjured. No charges were filed in the accident.

Another accident occurred at 11:05 p.m. Friday when Robbin McKeithan Deason of Long Beach, 18, ran a stop sign about one-tenth of a mile north of Southport on S.R. 1528. Deason was traveling west on S.R. 1540 when she crossed the S.R. 1528 intersection and hit a utility pole.

Deason left the scene of the accident, according to investigating officer D.A. Lewis's report. About \$1,000 in damages to the utility pole and \$600 to Deason's car were reported.

Charges are pending against Deason, according to the report.

Shalotte Point VFD To Host Meal

The Shalotte Point Volunteer Fire Department will hold a covered dish supper at the fire station on Friday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m.

All residents of the fire district are invited to attend, said spokesman Joyce Land, and are asked to bring a covered dish of vegetables, bread or dessert to accompany the roast turkey and dressing prepared by the department. Tea and coffee will be provided.

More Charges Filed in Larceny Arrests

BY ETTA SMITH

Two more charges of felonious breaking, entering and larceny and one count of felonious larceny have been filed against three men arrested Jan. 11.

The additional charges were filed last week by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department against Pete Hunt of Fairmont, 18, and John Dial, 16, and Roland K. Hunt, 17, both of Lumberton.

At the time of their arrest, the three had each been charged with felonious breaking, entering and larceny.

Pete Hunt and John Dial are being held on \$40,000 bond each and Rowland Hunt on \$15,000 bond.

Officers from the Lumberton Police Department were also interviewing the men last week, with a

possibility of more charges being filed, according to Det. Lindsey Walton.

Thousands of dollars in stolen items were recovered from their 1980 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

Sheriff's officers were on routine patrol when they spotted the car that fit the description of an auto seen in an area near Ocean Isle Beach where about 10 break-ins had recently occurred.

After the officers began following the car it pulled into a residence and one of the men jumped out of the car and fled into the woods. He was apprehended and arrested with the other two men.

The stolen items included a microwave oven, television, fishing poles, several stereos, jewelry and Atari video games.

Wilmington Man Arrested For Alleged Rape Of Leland Woman

BY ETTA SMITH

A Wilmington man was arrested Monday and charged with raping a Leland woman after he offered her a ride home.

Harold Goins was arrested by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and charged with second

degree rape after he allegedly sexually assaulted the woman on the way from his house on Wright Street in Wilmington to Leland, according to Lt. Dick Burgess.

Goins is out of jail on a \$5,000 bond, said Burgess.

Murder Investigation Said Progressing

BY ETTA SMITH

An SBI spokesman said Tuesday the investigation into the Dec. 28 murder of a Yaupon Beach man is progressing, with several leads narrowed down in the past few weeks.

SBI Agent Fred McKinney, assistant coastal division supervisor, would not say whether any suspects have been identified in the murder of Thomas Gilbert Sumner, 32, whose body was found Dec. 29 in a van parked off N.C. 133 approximately 13 miles south of Belville.

Sumner had been stabbed numerous times in the chest and abdomen and died as a result of a stab wound to the heart and loss of blood, according to the autopsy.

Officers also found two pounds of marijuana and a ledger containing a list of names in the van.

"The only person that could benefit from us saying we have a suspect or suspects," said McKinney, "is the suspect."

McKinney said an SBI agent is

working full-time on the case and the agency has recently performed more thorough and technical tests for fingerprints, blood or hairs found in the van.

He said the agency has been interviewing the people listed in the ledger, and has eliminated several suspects in the process.

"I don't know how many fingerprints we've found in the van so far," he said. "We've gotten some of value but we don't have any fingerprints to compare them to."

He added that no lab results have been completed that are of any benefit to the SBI so far.

He said Brunswick County Sheriff John Carr Davis has instructed his department to assist the SBI in its investigation, but that Davis wants to remain as detached from it as he can.

Sumner was married to Davis' stepdaughter and worked for Soil and Materials Engineers in Wilmington. His body was discovered in a van owned by the company.

Stolen Property Is Recovered

Brunswick County Sheriff's officers recovered stolen property worth \$1,525 during December, according to the office's monthly report.

They answered 878 calls, including 87 domestic situations, and conducted 288 investigations. The number of domestic calls was down from previous months.

Officers served 203 local warrants, 100 foreign warrants, seven mental and inebriate papers and 448 civil papers. They summoned 115 witnesses to court, while spending 82 hours in court on duty and 50 hours while off-duty. Officers found seven doors and windows open, discovered one fire, made one arrest on drunk and disruptive charges and 50 arrests as prosecuting witness.

Officers logged 71,920 miles on

4,387 gallons of gas, including 16 trips out of the county.

Seventeen crime prevention meetings were held.

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