Lawmen Probe Kidnapping, Assault Of Local Motorist

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Tuesday continued its investigation into a kidnapping and assault reported Friday by a Shallotte man.

The victim-31-year-old Marvin Maxwell King-told officers that he was abducted by two hitchhikers Friday at 3:30 p.m., at the intersection of U.S. 17 and N.C. 904 at Grissettown, according to a report on file at the sheriff's department. King reported the incident Friday just after 9 p.m.

King said he stopped his white 1987 Ford Escort on N.C. 904 to turn left onto U.S. 17 toward Shallotte and noticed two men approaching his car from the southwest side of the intersection. The suspects entered the car and ordered him at gunpoint to drive them to Georgetown, S.C., the report said.

Headed south on U.S. 17, King was forced to slow the car in traffic in the Thomasboro area, where he said he attempted to jump out of the vehicle. However, the suspect in the front seat kept King from escaping by grabbing his shirt. King said one suspect hit him in the head with the handgun, while the other hitchhiker punched him in the eye.

King said he continued to drive un-

til they reached the outskirts of Georgetown. The suspects fled after snatching the car keys from the ignition and throwing them into a mar-shy area. The victim said he found the keys and drove back to Grissettown, where he called the sheriff's department.

Deputy G.A. Caison, who responded to the call, reported that King had a black eye and swelling on his head. King also said the hitchhikers stole his wedding band, boots and \$10 in

One suspect was described as a 35-year-old white male, about five feet, 10 inches tall, 180 pounds, with closely-cropped, light brown hair. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and a white longjohn shirt.

The other suspect was described as an 18-year-old white male, about five feet, seven inches tall, 160 pounds, also with closely-cropped, light brown hair. He wore blue jeans and a black pullover sweatshirt.

Sheriff's Capt. Phil Perry said Tuesday that no other law enforcement agencies were involved in the investigation. He said anyone who knows the suspect or might have seen them Friday should contact the

sheriff's department immediately. Microfilm Newspapers Donated To BCC Library

Copies of three early county newspapers can now be viewed on microfilm in the local history collection at the Brunswick Community College Library, thanks to a gift from the Brunswick County Historical Society.

Microfilm of the newspapers "Southport Leader," 1890-1896; "Southport Standard," 1892-1904, and "Southport Standard," 1905-1904, and a book, "Archival and Manuscript Repositories in North Carolina," were presented to the libarary by Gwen Causey, historical society officer, in memory of a former member, Charles Mercer Taylor.

A farmer in the Winnabow area, Taylor was very active in the historical society, said Causey.

The historical microfilm and other materials in the BCC Library's genealogy and local history collection are available for use by the com-munity. These files include North Carolina census records.

Library hours are generally 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Hours may vary between college terms and

Librarian Sharon Smith said that BCC will continue to add to the genealogy and local history collection. The library anticipates a move to larger quarters in the college's (administration/library/student center) building in late spring.

Shallotte Driver Charged In Wreck

A local man was charged with unsafe movement in connection with a three-vehicle accident last week in Shallotte which resulted in \$4,500 worth of property damage.

Rufus Galloway Hewett, 73, of Rt. 9, Shallotte, was charged with the moving violation last Wednesday morning following an accident on N.C. 179 at the entrance to Coastal Plaza shopping center.

According to the wreck report, Hewett was traveling north on N.C. 179 and was trying to make a left turn into the shopping center when his 1988 Mazda collided with a 1987 Buick driven by 68-year-old Kathleen McNeil McKeithan of Wilmington, who was traveling south on N.C. 179. Hewett's vehicle then struck a 1988

Ford truck driven by 29-year-old Walter Eric Boyles of Wilmington. Boyles was trying to pull out of the parking lot at the time of the acci-

Damage to both cars involved was estimated at \$2,000 each, while the truck, owned by Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, sustained about \$500 damage, the report stated.

Hewett and McKeithan were both transported by ambulance to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply.

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EMERGENCY PERSONNEL from Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad aid accident victim Rita Singletary Elliott after a two-car collision at the intersection of Cedar Grove Road and Stanley Road Mon-

Supply Woman Injured In Wreck

A Supply woman received minor injuries in a two-vehicle accident Monday evening at the intersection of Cedar Grove Road and Stanley Road near Holden Beach.

Rita Singletary Elliott, 25, of Route 2, Supply, was injured in the wreck which occurred at about 5:30 p.m. She was treated and released from The Brunswick Hospital in Supply Monday night after being transported by Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad, said hospital spokesperson Francis Williamson.

State Trooper Robert West said the accident occurred when a 1977 Chrysler driven by 17-year-old Lafaye McQueen Bryant of Rt. 2, Supply, attempted to cross Stanley Road on Cedar Grove Road and collided with the car driven by Ms. Elliott, who was traveling south on Stanley Road.

No charges had been filed as of Monday and the officer's wreck report had not been filed at Highway Patrol division headquarters in Wilmington as of Tuesday's press

Road Still Closed

Old Mill Road (S.R. 1432) in Leland will remain closed through at least Friday for bridge maintenance. by the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Traffic is advised to use alternate routes, said Robert Cox, Division 3 bridge supervisor.

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County Hires Four Teachers

The Brunswick County Board of Education last week affirmed the hiring of four teachers-three of them on an interim basis

Interim instructors are Martha Golden of Wilmington, who will teach French and Spanish at North Brunswick High: Anita Benton, also of Wilmington, who will teach math at West Brunswick High; and Carla Fox of Shallotte, who will teach third grade at Waccamaw Elementary School in Ash.

Hired to teach art at Lincoln Primary School was Karen Dawson of Ocean Isle Beach

The board hired Gretchen Hegler of Southport and Joyce Caffee of Leland as part-time assistant secretaries at Southport Elementary and Lincoln Primary schools respectively; Twanda Hill as assistant secretary at Union Primary School; Tia Clemmons of Leland and Linda Robinson of Supply as clerical/technical assistants for the "No" program; and Sharon Stallings of Shallotte as an interim teacher assistant at Union Primary School.

Board members accepted the retirement of Waccamaw Elementary School faculty member Christine Brummett of Shallotte after 31 years of teaching and the resignations of Shallotte Middle School guidance counselor Dawn Nubel and Union Primary School teacher assistant Marie Causey, both of Shallotte.

Lincoln Primary School teacher Betty Miller of Wilmington was granted maternity leave until Feb. 1.

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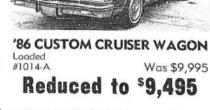
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