Brothers Charged After Scuffle With Officers

A crowd of 75 to 100 people gathered outside a Leland bar early Saturday as a scuffle developed between Brunswick County sheriff's deputies responding to a disturbance call and two men.

The men, who are brothers, claim they were beaten by the four officers, but some witnesses tell a different story.

According to warrants filed at the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office, Mickey Dean Jones, 21, of Hampstead, and Kevin Jones, 17, of Leland, were charged in the scuffle.

Mickey Jones was charged with assault on a police officer, injury to personal property, resisting arrest, two counts of communicating threats and two counts of-assault. He was released from the Brunswick County Jail Saturday after posting \$1,500 bond.

Kevin Jones was charged with three counts of assault on an officer, injury to personal property and one count each of resisting arrest and drunk and disruptive behavior. He was also released Saturday after posting \$13,000 bond.

The warrants were filed by Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Ken Messer, who was one of four officers who responded to the call at the Halftime Sports Bar and Deli in the Clairmont Plaza shopping center in Leland.

When Deputy Richard Duval of Leland heard that an officer needed help, he put on his uniform and responded.

Duval sustained a cut on his head that required five stitches, said Patsy Duval, his wife, who also witnessed the incident.

"If the whole crowd had left like they were told to do, it wouldn't have happened," said Ms. Duval. "Someone in the crowd shouted for someone to go and get a gun. I was scared to death standing there watching what was going on.

Officers attempted to place Kevin Jones under arrest and tried to put him in the front seat of a sheriff's car. Ms. Duval said she saw officers hit the suspect across the legs after he refused to put his feet inside the

"I heard them at least four times tell him to put his feet in the car," she said.

Once the door was shut, Kevin Jones kicked it back open and also kicked out the front windshield of the patrol car, Ms. Duval said.

"It was there laying on the hood of the car," she said.

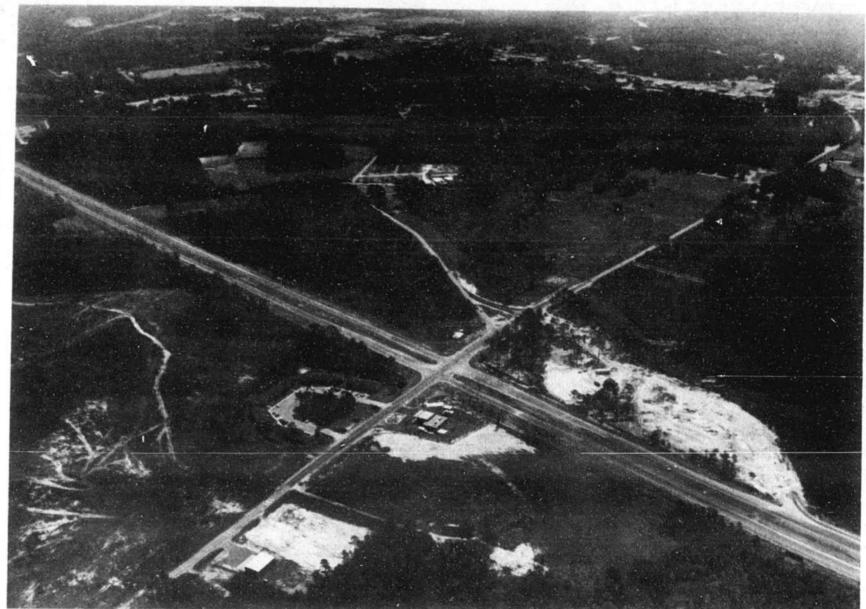
Mickey Jones told reporters with a local daily newspaper that he was hit on the head repeatedly by officers during the arrest. A tooth was chipped and his face received asphalt burns, Jones asserted.

A flashlight was used to strike Mickey Jones once in the head during a struggle, Det. Messer reported. Officers had decided to arrest him for hindering and delaying an arrest and drunk and disruptive behavior, he said.

While Messer was pulling the flashlight away, he accidentally hit a fellow officer, Duval, on the head.

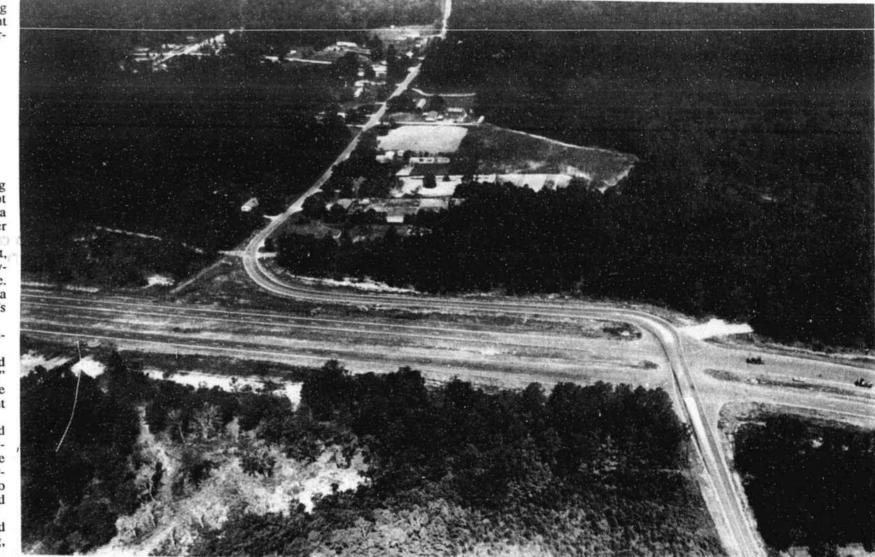
"He was hit one time and one time only," Ms. Duval said of Mickey Jones. "He was hurt. Nobody is saying that he wasn't hurt. Bystanders began giving the boy first aid. Nobody neglected him when he got hurt, but nobody abused the boy either.'

Ms. Duval said officers kept telling the crowd to disperse and to go home. Many had been drinking and were shouting encouragement to the men being placed under arrest, she said.



THIS AERIAL PHOTO shows where the bypass intersects N.C. 130 west of Shallotte. The land that has been cleared at right is the future site of the welcome center.

Here Are More Aerial Views Of The Shallotte Bypass



Leland Asks County To Share Sewer Plant

BY TERRY POPE

Brunswick County is being asked to share its sewer treatment plant that serves the Leland Industrial Park.

Leland officials want to buy part of the capacity of the plant to service homes and businesses within the town.

The proposal was presented to county commissioners recently, who in turn asked Leland Mayor Russell Baldwin to approach the Brunswick County Resources Development Commission Advisory Board with the idea.

Baldwin told the RDC board last week that the town is not asking the county for a handout. Leland wants to purchase 250,000 gallons a day of the plant's overall wastewater treatment capacity rather than build a separate treatment facility of its own. It proposes paying for that capacity in two \$150,000 installments, the equivalent of about \$1 for each 1,000 gallons of capacity.

said he knew Leland was talking about the need for sewer but had not seen the town's proposal to buy a portion of the industrial park sewer plant's treatment capacity.

If Leland uses the county's plant, it doesn't have to file for a wastewater discharge permit from the state. The industrial park now uses a small fraction of the county plant's capacity, Baldwin said.

The county has a permit to discharge into the Cape Fear River.

"By the time the county would need the capacity sold to Leland," Baldwin said, "it should be possible to replace it with a new treatment Board member Leslie Myrie said he was concerned about the proposal because the county could not be guaranteed of receiving another permit from the state to discharge into the river, if the county did later need

"We are fully prepared to pay our way," Baldwin said. "We are asking only for the opportunity to buy capacity.

RDC board members listened to, but took no action, on the request.

Baldwin said a more attractive Leland will help the RDC recruit new industry to the industrial park.

Leland has applied to the Farmers Home Administration for a combination grant and loan totaling \$5 million. The funds would be used to buy a portion of the park plant's treatment capacity and to construct a sewer collection system to transport sewerage to the plant.

The town is now in the midst of a comprehensive land use study.

"Without adequate sewage treatment facilities, we cannot become the vibrant town that you need to help you attract the best prospects to the industrial park," Baldwin said.

A privately-owned package plant now serves two shopping centers within the town limits. Belville is planning a joint sewer project with local developers, a plant with a capacity which has already been fully committed, Baldwin said.

The present application with FmHA is based on using the county's plant to treat the town's wastewater. If the town wishes to build its own plant, it would have to reapply for a loan, which could cause a three- or four-year delay, Baldwin said.

County Manager David Clegg



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to build an additional plant. "It's obvious the need in Leland is urgent," said Baxter Stirling, RDC chairman.

Stirling said Leland isn't the only Brunswick County town that needs a sewer system.

SMITH AVENUE (right) crosses the bypass and connects to the Mulberry Street extension.

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