

# Seaside Gunfight Yields More Indictments

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A Brunswick County Grand Jury handed down two additional true bills of indictment Monday with additional charges against a Calabash man involved in a gunfight at a Seaside business in February.

Julian Herschel Allen, of Valley Road, was indicted on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

He is accused of assaulting William F. "Bookie" Taylor Sr. and Taylor's brother, Wayne Taylor, by shooting at them with two handguns.

In March, in connection with the same incident, Allen was indicted on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. The alleged victim of that assault was William F. Taylor Jr.

The indictments stem from a gunfight at the T&T Development Co. office at Seaside Plaza on Feb. 19. Allen, who was shot twice in the gunfight, is a business partner of Taylor Sr.

According to a Brunswick County sheriff's detective, the two men

met at the office to discuss a business deal but ended up firing guns at one another after a heated argument began.

Det. Billy Hughes stated that both men drew weapons and fired a total of about 10 to 11 shots. Taylor Sr. allegedly fired a .38-caliber revolver at Allen, hitting him twice, once in the upper chest and again in the elbow.

Allen is believed to have fired shots from two guns, a .38-caliber revolver and a .357-caliber pistol.

When the shooting began, Taylor Jr. rushed into the building and was hit once by a bullet in the arm.

According to Hughes, Wayne Taylor happened to be at a nearby business when he noticed his brother's car in the parking lot and entered the building before Allen arrived.

The following indictments were also handed down Monday:

■Julius Drake "Buddy" Lewis, of Route 5, Leland, former interim head of the Brunswick County Buildings Inspection Department, with

felonious possession of cocaine, two counts of felonious breaking and entering and larceny and two counts of possession of stolen goods.

He is accused of breaking into the Leland True Value Hardware Store and Lee's Little World day care center in Leland on Feb. 9. Three vacuum cleaners valued at \$305.97 were allegedly taken from the store and \$230 in audiovisual equipment was allegedly removed from the day care. Indictments also accuse him of having in his possession cocaine on April 16.

■Covia Dzell Smith, 18, of Route 2, Shallotte; William Earl Hill, 17, of Shallotte; and James Alfonza Gause, 20, of Route 1, Shallotte, each with first-degree rape and common law robbery. They are accused of beating and raping a woman and with allegedly beating and robbing a man of \$80 in a wooded area south of Shallotte on May 5. Common law robbery is charged when no weapon is used.

■Harold Allen Graham, 18, of Route 1, Ash, with murder. He is accused of shooting his brother, Lacy Franklin Graham, on March 31. He turned himself in to sheriff's detectives in April.

■Thomas Pendleton Carr, 38, and James Wayne Smith, 48, both of Wilmington, with larceny of a firearm, first-degree kidnapping and robbery with a dangerous weapon. They are accused of kidnapping a woman who was at work on a telephone cable south of Shallotte on April 22, with taking her \$21,000 Chevrolet truck and with taking a gun from the vehicle. Smith was also indicted on a charge of first-de-

gree sexual offense stemming from the same incident.

■Jamie Carroll Deans, 19, of Route 3, Selma, with first-degree rape allegedly involving a female between Sept. 15, 1990 and April 15, 1991.

■Darrell Flynn McCracken, 27, of Barrster Court, Southport, with felonious breaking and entering and first-degree burglary. He is accused of attempting to break into an occupied home at Galloway Trailer Park in Winnabow on May 3 and with the alleged break-in of another home there the same date.

■Thomas Wesley Blackwood, 34, of Greensboro, with felonious possession of cocaine and felonious possession with intent to sell 244.6 grams of marijuana. He was arrested at a narcotics road checkpoint established by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and the N.C. Highway Patrol on April 19.

■Rhonda H. Britton, 29, of Jabbertown Road, Southport, with welfare fraud. She is accused of receiving \$1,288.33 from January to November 1989 that she was not entitled to

by allegedly failing to provide information to social services.

■Timothy Scott Blackmon, of Southport, with felonious breaking and entering a vehicle. He allegedly broke into a 1964 Volkswagen belonging to John Robert Styers on or about March 30.

■Mary Alice Land, 41, of Leland, with seven counts of forgery and seven counts of uttering forged papers. She is accused of forging checks belonging to a Leland couple in amounts ranging from \$40 to \$55 from Aug. 10-12, 1989.

## Middle School Awards Day Set

Shallotte Middle School will hold its eighth grade awards program Thursday, May 30 at 9 a.m., said Assistant Principal William Detrie.

The program, which begins at 9 a.m. in the gymnasium, includes recognition in all areas—academics, athletics, service and leadership.

The program is open to friends and family members of the students.

# How To Improve

## 1. Think Before You Redo.

Consider the changes you'd like to make to your home. An updated kitchen. A remodeled bath. A larger master bedroom. Or maybe a deck. If your changes are few, remodeling is a great idea. But if they add up to completely redesigning your entire home, you might want to reconsider.

Here's a basic guideline: If the cost raises the value of your home more than 15% above the highest-valued homes in your neighborhood, you may want to reevaluate your improvement plans. If you do "overimprove," it could be difficult to recoup your full investment.

But then, resale value isn't the only issue. After all, you're the one who lives in your home. Any improvement may be worthwhile if you have no plans to sell. So use the 15% guideline to set a maximum budget. Then let your imagination take over.

Think about the way you live in your home. What features make the most sense for your family?

List the specific things you want. Make your own rough sketches. Clip photos from magazines. Try to plan your improvement to blend with the style and character of your home.

And remember, the more homework you do, the easier it gets.

## 2. Be Prepared.

But no matter how much homework you do, it's still never easy. A major home improvement sometimes can be just as difficult as moving, take longer to finish and end up costing more. Many times, choosing the right remodeler makes all the difference.

Start by calling your local chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) or the National Association of Home Builders

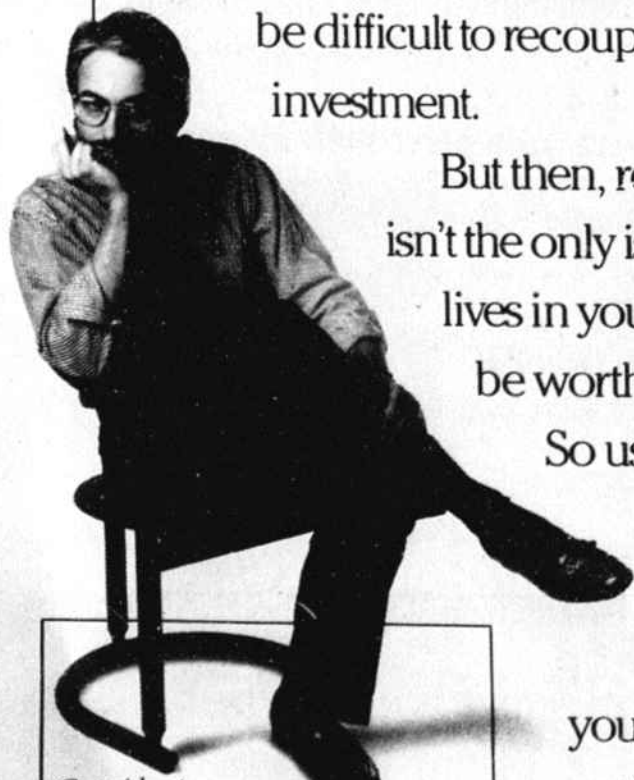
Remodelers Council (NAHB/RC). Your local Home Owners Warranty Corp. (HOW) Council can also make suggestions on participating home remodelers.

You should discuss the specifics of your job with at least three remodelers. Ask for references and inspect a few finished jobs firsthand. Choose the lowest bid



Improvements That Pay Off\*

Project	Average Cost	Average Recovery
Major kitchen remodel	\$20,906	98%
Minor kitchen remodel	8,320	100%
Family room addition	30,303	88%
Bath remodel	7,574	88%
Bath addition	10,867	98%
Master bedroom suite	21,680	88%
Sun room addition	15,560	79%
Replace windows	6,844	73%
Replace siding	7,816	70%
Deck addition	5,168	84%
Attic bedroom	20,579	83%



Consider improvements that enhance the value of your home, but don't "overimprove."

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