

Three 'Jane Does' Arrested

Three women known only as Jane Doe 1, Jane Doe 2 and Jane Doe 3 remained in Brunswick County Jail Tuesday after being arrested last week at the Twilight Motel in Shallotte.

Shallotte Police Det. Carey Gaskins charged the three women with larceny in connection with the May 30 theft of approximately \$416 in merchandise from the Rite Aid drug store.

The white females are being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond each. Gaskins added that they will not be released from jail until they are identified.

Gaskins said all three women are from Gastonia and each is about 40 years old. Fingerprints have been sent to Gastonia for identification. More charges are pending against the women.

Gaskins said police received a call last Wednesday about two suspicious-looking women near the Ben Franklin store on Main Street.

The women had reportedly driven a vehicle in reverse along Main Street before abandoning it. They were later found at the Twilight Motel with another woman.

Gaskins said the three women appeared to be "drugged up" and couldn't be identified. Police found approximately \$2,000 worth of cologne, perfume, over-the-counter drugs and prescription drugs in the motel room.

Gaskins said no charges have been filed in connection with that merchandise because authorities haven't determined if or where it was stolen.

"I think they're going around different towns and doing this and maybe returning to some towns," Gaskins said.

Shallotte Police Chief Rodney Gause said he planned to question the women this week. He said Wrightsville Beach Police also are interested in talking to the women.

BCC Sets 'Rookie' School For Would-Be Law Officers

Men and women interested in entering the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at Brunswick Community College need to pre-register now for a place in the class that begins Sept. 1.

Openings are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, with pre-registration required by Aug. 31, said Counselor Joe Moorefield. He can be contacted at BCC at 754-6922, 457-6329 or 343-0203 Monday through Thursday.

Successful completion of the course helps fulfill the basic educational requirements for state certification as a law enforcement officer.

Program classes will meet Mondays through Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 22. After completion of the comprehensive course of 506 hours of study, an individual should possess the general attributes, knowledge and skills to function as a "rookie" police officer.

The program includes extensive training in firearms, emergency medical services, defensive tactics, physical fitness and other related subjects. All courses are taught by instructors certified by the North Carolina Justice Academy. Students are prepared to take the exams which must be passed before certification as a police officer or deputy in North Carolina: the Basic Training-Law Enforcement Officers exam mandated by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the Justice Officers Basic Training exam mandated by the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission. In fact, successful completion of the program requires that a student satisfy the minimum requirements for certification by the two commissions.

Graduates who pass the exams will meet all requirements to seek employment as police officers and sheriff's deputies, as well as private sector employment in the security field.

Arrest Made In DOT Theft

A joint investigation by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation resulted in the arrest Friday of a man charged in the theft of a truck and tools from a Department of Transportation maintenance yard in Belville last June.

Rudy Burnett Benton Jr., 25, of Church Road, Leland, has been charged with felonious breaking and entering and larceny, BCSO Detective Ken Messer said Monday.

Investigators have recovered the truck and some of the chain saws, trimmers and other tools stolen in the June 14 break-in, Messer said. Benton is accused of prying open a rear window and entering a brick building in the DOT bridge maintenance yard. More than \$20,000 worth of items were reported stolen.

Messer said he anticipates "at least one more arrest" in the case as the joint investigation continues.

Benton has been freed on payment of a \$25,000 bond.

Trailer Break-In Nets Thieves More Than \$8,000 In Property

CRIME REPORT

An estimated \$8,270 worth of appliances, jewelry and other household items were stolen in a mobile home break-in on Pea Landing Road sometime in the past month, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday.

The homeowner told Deputy Joey Adams that the trailer was secure when he left for Maine on June 12. He said he returned Friday to find that someone had broken in and removed a considerable amount of his property.

Among the stolen items listed on the report were three necklaces valued at \$2,400, a \$1,200 gold bracelet, a gold ring, a freezer, a microwave oven, a stereo system, a color television, a vacuum cleaner, an air conditioner, two floor fans, a china set, a "boom box," a telephone answering machine and a woman's leather coat.

An investigation into the case is continuing.

In other crime reports on file at the sheriff's office Monday: ■An estimated \$200 to \$300 in cash was reported stolen after someone broke the front door glass at Holden Beach Video on N.C. 130 and pried open a cash drawer Saturday night. Deputy J.D. Gray estimated the damage to the door at about \$300.

■In the third theft reported at the same business recently, a 1987 Nissan pickup truck was stolen from Lloyd's Oyster House at Shallotte Point last week. Deputy Adams was told that the truck had been left in a fenced yard with the keys inside last Monday evening. It was discovered missing Friday afternoon. Adams estimated its value at \$5,000.

■A surfboard was among the \$475 worth of items reported missing after someone apparently kicked in the front door of a trailer in Ocean Lakes Mobile Home Park sometime in the past few weeks. The owner told Deputy Marshall Evans that he returned to the trailer Friday and found the front door ajar and the jamb broken. The thief or thieves apparently left through a sliding

glass door, Evans reported. The stolen surfboard was described as a 6-foot, 4-inch "Bash" thruster with a lemon-lime top and white bottom. Two telephones also were removed in the break-in.

■Someone caused an estimated \$1,200 damage to a car owned by an employee of Docker's Lounge on N.C. 130 Friday night. She told Deputy Anthony Key that her 1992 Eagle Premier was parked outside the bar when she discovered the damage at about 8 a.m. Saturday. "A footprint on the vehicle suggests that the vehicle had been kicked," Key reported.

■There was about \$300 damage, but nothing reported missing, in a mobile home break-in at Southgate Estates that was discovered Friday. The owner told Adams that a friend had checked on the trailer and found the front door kicked in, the back door unlocked and several items moved around.

■An 18-speed mountain bike was reported stolen from a mobile home on Hale Swamp Road Tuesday. The victim told Adams that she had left the bicycle parked in the front yard unlocked at about 10:30 p.m. Monday and found it missing the following afternoon. The bike was valued

at about \$205. ■Detective Ken Messer took a report that \$1,000 worth of jewelry and a 9mm pistol was stolen from an unlocked pickup truck parked in a driveway on Village Road last February. The owner reported the theft Tuesday (July 20).

■Someone poured dishwashing liquid into a fish pond and left toilet paper strewn across the lawn of a

man who lives on Whiteville Road, Ash, Friday night. The victim told Adams that he went outside at about 7:30 a.m. Saturday and found that vandals "had taken toilet paper and rolled his yard and had poured dishwashing liquid into his fish pond, killing the fish." A floodlight and a truck ornament valued at \$23 also were reported stolen. Adams estimated the damage at \$430.

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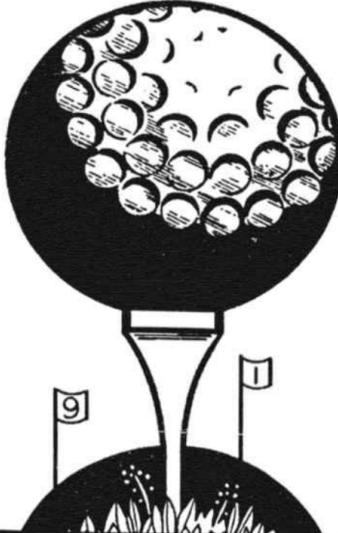
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