

Winnabow Couple Awakened By Shots Fired Into Kitchen

Someone fired two bullets into the home of a Winnabow couple as they lay in bed Sunday morning causing nearly \$500 damage, but no injuries, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday.

The owner of a home on Governor's Road told Deputy Matt Jesson that he and his wife were laying in bed together at about 7 a.m. when they heard a loud "pop," which they thought to be a firecracker, the report said. They heard another noise and thought someone had entered their house.

The man said he looked outside and saw an unfamiliar gray pickup truck nearby. He said he called his neighbor, who told the man he thought he heard gunfire. The neighbor thought two shots had been fired, Jesson reported.

While her husband was on the phone, the wife noticed two bullet holes in a kitchen window. Jesson also reported finding holes in the kitchen wall, where the bullets apparently exited the room.

The man later reported finding a bullet hole in an outside awning. Jesson estimated the total damage at about \$489.

Several pistol shots were fired at signs outside Joe and Moe's automobile repair service on Main Street south of Shallotte Friday night. A witness told Deputy Joey Adams that he was working on a van outside the garage at about 10:30 when he heard shots being fired. He looked toward the street and saw a red Honda Prelude at the entrance to the building. "The person sitting in the car was shooting a .380 caliber automatic at the sign, putting several holes in the sign and knocking out the lights," Adams reported. There was an estimated

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\$2,000 damage.

Someone reported that a bomb had been set to go off in the Food Lion grocery store on Long Beach Road outside Southport Saturday night. Deputy Jimmy Davis said an employee there told him that someone called the store at about 10 p.m. and said, "You have a bomb in there." The caller then hung up. Davis reportedly evacuated the store and searched it with the help of other deputies but found no evidence of a bomb.

More than \$20,000 worth of commercial computer printing equipment was reported stolen from a building behind a house on Blue Banks Loop Road in Leland Saturday night. The owner told Jesson that someone broke a window to get inside the building and stole equipment used to print photographic portraits on T-shirts and hats. Among the items taken was a computer, a color printer, a video camera, a color monitor heat press, a facsimile machine, a box of T-shirts and a hat machine, the report said.

About \$166 in cash and more than \$1,000 worth of jewelry and other items were stolen from a woman who said her purse was taken while she slept at a home on Bowman Street in the Boones Neck area of Supply Friday night. The woman told Deputy Jerry Gray that she had left her purse on a bar by the doorway while visiting a friend. When she woke up at about 2:45 a.m., the purse was gone. She told Gray that the purse contained two gold rings, a gold bracelet, two change purses, a pocket book, a check book and other personal

items.

A woman who lives on West Sea Aire Canal Road near Holden Beach reported the theft of about \$1,800 cash from a bedroom closet Friday. She told Gray that she went out at 8:30 a.m. and returned at 2 p.m. to find the money gone from a room on the third floor. It appeared that the thief or thieves entered through a ground floor window.

Someone stole a videocassette recorder from the tool box of a pickup truck parked at a vacation home on Live Oak Drive in Seaside early Sunday morning. The owner told Deputy Robert Long that he had arrived from his home in Elizabethtown shortly after midnight and immediately went inside without unloading the truck. He discovered the VCR missing at about 8:30 a.m. It was valued at about \$300.

A 1977 Ford Ranger pickup truck was reported stolen from a home on Magnolia Drive in Sunset Beach Saturday night. The owner told Deputy Keithan Horne that he parked the truck in the yard with the keys inside at about 4 p.m. and discovered it missing about five hours later. Horne estimated its value at \$3,000. The investigation was discontinued after the owner reported that the vehicle had been located and appeared to have been borrowed by one of his employees.

More than \$3,000 worth of telephone testing equipment was stolen from a work van parked at the Southern Bell offices on Village Road in Leland on the night of Aug. 17. Deputy William Hewett reported that the suspect apparently entered the locked yard, broke into a 1989 Ford Econoline van and attempted to break into a work truck. Four telephone test sets, a staple gun and a pair of safety glasses were reported missing.

There was an estimated \$375 damage.

About \$60 in change and \$50 worth of cigarettes were stolen when a thief broke into Sonja's Grill on U.S. 17, Supply, Thursday night. According to Gray's report, the suspect apparently broke the glass on a side door and reached in to unlock it. He estimated the damage at about \$150.

A television was reported stolen from a summer residence in Coastal Estates near Southport sometime in the past two weeks. The owner told Long that someone apparently pried and kicked open a front door to get inside, causing an estimated \$525 damage. The TV was valued at \$139.

Someone stole a pink 26-inch girl's bicycle from the back yard of a home on Ocean Highway East in Bolivia Thursday night. Gray estimated its value at about \$190.

An estimated \$700 damage was reported to two mailboxes and a sign on Windy Point Road, Supply, that were apparently run down by a vehicle early Sunday morning. Davis reported finding tire tracks at the scene.

There was an estimated \$150 damage, but nothing found missing in a break-in that occurred at a home on Magnolia Drive in Sunset Beach sometime in the past week. The owner told Long that someone broke in through a side window and that similar incidents have occurred twice before. The deputy reportedly retrieved a blood sample from the crime scene.

A construction foreman for Jeff Lee Builders in Holden Beach reported a \$300 nail gun stolen or missing last week. Gray's report said the tool was later recovered.

County Taking Applications For Weatherization Program

Brunswick County Public Housing Agency has received a \$72,000 grant to weatherize 39 homes in the county.

The Weatherization Assistance Program is sponsored by the Brunswick County Public Housing Agency in cooperation with the N.C. Energy Division with funds granted by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The program is designed to assist elderly, handicapped and low-income persons who meet eligibility criteria.

"The purpose of the program is to provide quality home weatherization with the highest degree of energy saving at no cost to the homeowner," said Thurman B. Everett, BCPHA spokesman.

The weatherization process is designed to reduce the infiltration of hot and cold air into the home and to

keep heated and cooled air inside. This is accomplished by insulating attics, floors and walls, caulking, weatherstripping doors, replacing needed windows, glass and doors.

Applicants are counseled throughout the weatherization of their homes on ways to reduce energy consumption and save money. The grant covers the fiscal year from July 1, 1993, to June 30, 1994.

Shalotte Police Receive \$1,470

The Shallotte Police Department received a \$1,470 check from the N.C. Department of Revenue Monday as a result of a drug bust the department made about eight months ago.

Chief Rodney Gause said the town received the money because state taxes had not been paid on ap-

proximately 1 1/2 pounds of marijuana that officers seized in the drug bust.

Gause said Tuesday he wasn't sure what the police department would do with the money. "I'm going to talk to the mayor today about getting a computer. We would love to have one."

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