

22 INDICTMENTS

Four More Boys Accuse Shell Point Man Of Taking Liberties

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A Shell Point Acres man arrested last month for allegedly asking young boys to photograph themselves in the nude has been indicted on 22 felony charges involving pornography, drugs and taking indecent liberties with six neighborhood boys.

A Brunswick County Grand Jury Monday found enough evidence to prosecute Herbert Clifton Windham, 49, of Wren Place, S.W., on 10 counts of disseminating pornography to a minor, 10 charges of taking indecent liberties with a minor and two counts of delivering controlled substances.



WINDHAM

Windham is accused of illicit sexual activities involving two 12-year-olds, two 14-year-olds, one boy age 13 and another age 15, all of whom live in the Shell Point area, according to Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Nancy Simpson. The offenses are alleged to have occurred

between Feb. 2, 1992, and June 27, 1993.

Since his arrest on three charges of taking indecent liberties with two boys, another four neighborhood children have reported similar incidents involving Windham, Simpson said. Some of the alleged victims were identified through photographs seized at Windham's home. Others learned of the investigation by "word of mouth" and contacted police she said.

"One boy came forward after his mother saw the picture (of Windham) in the paper," Simpson said. "The boys told some other boys that they knew had been over to the house. I think there are probably more who are afraid to get involved."

Like the first two, some of the boys named in the latest indictments allegedly told detectives that Windham showed them X-rated videos. Some said they were shown "sex paraphernalia." Some told police they were photographed in the nude, she said.

The drug charges were filed after two of the boys allegedly told Simpson that Windham gave them

drinks containing crushed tranquilizer pills.

"One of the boys recognizes a picture of himself, but doesn't remember it being taken. But he knows Windham gave him Valium," Simpson said. "He doesn't know what else may have happened."

Windham was arrested July 18 after police learned that he kept a photo album containing sexually explicit photographs of young boys. A 14-year-old boy was identified from one of the photographs and interviewed at the sheriff's department.

The boy allegedly told Simpson that Windham gave him a Polaroid camera and asked him to take nude photographs of himself and give them to Windham. According to Simpson, the boy said Windham also showed him sexual devices and nude photographs of other young males.

Acting on that information, detectives obtained a warrant to search Windham's home. There they confiscated four photo albums, 47 "X-rated" videotapes, four bags of pornographic literature, numerous sexual devices, a diary and a bag containing a bra, panties, new videotapes and condoms.

Simpson said Windham, who is disabled and unemployed, frequently invited boys to his home during the day while his wife was at work.

One of the 14-year-olds allegedly told investigators that on about seven different occasions, Windham gave him a condom and asked him to watch X-rated video tapes. Another boy, age 12, allegedly said that Windham had taken nude photographs of him and had also asked the boy to pull his pants down in front of him.

In an interview with Det. Gene Caison, a 13-year-old boy allegedly said he had visited Windham's home and was shown sexual devices that Windham kept in a living room closet.

Windham was freed on payment of a \$20,000 bond after his arrest. The next day he was picked up in the Shell Point area on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. Simpson said he failed to appear in court July 27 on that charge and forfeited a \$500 bond.

Simpson said she expected to have Windham under arrest on the new charges Tuesday night or Wednesday.

'Wild Bill' Accused Of Cuffing, Robbing Shell Point Couple

A Santee, S.C., man was arrested on two armed robbery charges after a Shell Point couple told authorities that he pistol whipped them, handcuffed the two together and robbed them of \$70 after picking them up hitchhiking Friday evening.

According to Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Gene Caison, the man and woman told investigators they had approached a man in the parking lot of a Shallotte pawn shop at about 6 p.m. and asked him for a ride home.

After the man drove the couple to their residence on Wren Street, they allegedly invited him inside for a cold beer, Caison said. While there, they said the man told them he would buy some drugs if they would furnish the money. The victims told police that they refused the offer.

Then the man stood up, produced a small caliber semi-automatic handgun and allegedly hit the woman in the face, Caison said. The male victim said that when he reached down to help, he was knocked out by a blow to the head.

Caison said the couple told him that a 10-year-old boy living at the residence came home and found the two unconscious and handcuffed together at the wrist. They allegedly awoke to find that \$50 cash had been taken from the woman's wallet and \$20 was removed from the man's pocket.

Responding to the scene, Caison said he and sheriff's deputies Malcolm Long and Sgt. Joseph Scoggins found the couple awake, but still shackled to each other. The woman appeared to have a bruise on her cheek and chin, while the man showed no visible sign of injury, Caison said.

The officers were unable to find a key to unlock the handcuffs and had to free the two victims with a hacksaw.

Acting on a description given by the victims and with help from people in the community, Caison said he arrested and charged William Thomas (also known as "Wild Bill") Heckart Jr., 50, of Santee on two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Heckart was initially jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 secured bond. At a first appearance Monday, he was allowed to go free after his bond was reduced to \$25,000 unsecured.

Caison said an investigation into the case is continuing.

Two Break-Ins Reported On Same Road In Holden Beach

Household items valued at more than \$1,500 were reported stolen in two break-ins on the same street near Holden Beach recently, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday.

Both larcenies were reported to Deputy Rebekah McDonald at around 9:30 p.m. Friday. Both homeowners said they had left their residences on Hickory Place secure about one week earlier.

One woman told McDonald that a friend called to inform her that someone had broken into her home through a rear door. The deputy reported finding "pry marks evident" on the doorway. She also found that a lock had been cut on a nearby storage building.

"The suspect went through the entire residence removing items from almost every room," the crime report said.

Among the items missing were a television set, a videocassette recorder, a microwave oven, a vacuum cleaner, a telephone stand, a ceiling fan, 10 quarts of motor oil and a wooden duck.

McDonald estimated the damage at \$100 and the value of stolen property at about \$1,200.

In the other break-in, the owner reported someone had pried off a screen at the rear of the home and opened a window to get inside. McDonald noted that "footprints were evident across the bed under the window." The thief apparently left through the front door, which was found unlocked.

Found missing was a television and table valued at around \$315. Damage was estimated at \$50.

In other crime reports on file at the sheriff's office Monday:

■A .357-magnum stainless-steel revolver with a four-inch barrel, valued at about \$250, was stolen from the bedroom of a home on Lanvale Road, Leland, Friday night. Its owner told Deputy Malcolm Long that

he had left the gun in a holster at the head of his bed at about 6:30 p.m. and discovered both missing the next day. The back door of the trailer had been pried open, causing about \$20 damage.

■Someone unhitched a boat trailer and drove off with a 1985 Ford pickup truck parked at the Summer Place boat landing in Supply early Sunday morning. The owner told Deputy Cathy Hamilton that he returned from the Intracoastal Waterway at about 1:15 a.m. to find the truck missing. The truck was valued at about \$4,000. Inside was more than \$450 worth of personal items, including 50 golf balls, 20 country music tapes, two payroll checks, assorted tools and a pair of wet suit booties. The truck was later recovered.

■About \$311 in cash was stolen from the Pro-Tee driving range on N.C. 179 near Brick Landing Friday night. An employee of the business told Deputy Randy Robinson that he discovered the theft when he arrived at work at about 8:15 the next morning. The money was found missing from a hiding place known only to employees, the man said. Robinson said he found mud on the floor where the suspects had evidently entered through an unlocked sliding-glass door.

■An outdoor motor, a vacuum cleaner and three fishing rods and reels were stolen from a home on Callis Lane in High Meadows

CRIME REPORT

Estates, Shallotte, recently. Long estimated the value of stolen items at about \$2,300. The thief apparently forced his or her way through the front door, causing an estimated \$50 damage.

■Nearly \$750 worth of items were stolen from a mobile home on Oyster Lane in Coastal Retreat subdivision, Supply, sometime in the past two weeks. Hamilton reported that someone broke a chain lock on a rear door of the trailer to get inside. Found missing were a television, a VCR, a microwave oven and a clock radio.

■Someone forced their way through the back door of a home on West Hickory Lane in Shallotte last week and removed nearly \$2,800 worth of property, according to a report filed by Deputy Long. Among the items missing was a television, a VCR, a microwave oven and two speakers. There was about \$200 damage to the floor and the kitchen floor.

■Tools and boating gear valued at more than \$700 were stolen from a boat parked at a summer residence in the Edgarwood subdivision, Supply, last week. The owner showed Long that the thief had cut the cables off the boat's gearbox and removed it along with a compass and marine radio.

■A West Virginia man told

Deputy Jimmy Davis that someone broke into his vacation home on Randy Street, off Seashore Road, Supply, sometime between Aug. 21 and Aug. 23. The thief or thieves "went through the cabinets and closets and overturned all the furniture" before leaving with a table, a wall telephone and a vacuum cleaner valued at a total of \$255, Davis said. It appeared that entry was made by prying open a kitchen window.

■Hamilton investigated a report of a break-in and larceny that occurred at a mobile home on West Hickory Place, Supply, between Aug. 19 and Aug. 29. Found missing was a VCR a vacuum cleaner, a grass trimmer and a portable air compressor valued at about \$869. "The subjects had moved a chair and TV in the living room," she reported. "It appears that they may have been coming back to get the TV." The thief entered by prying off a screen over a window air conditioner. Total damage was estimated at \$150.

■Someone cut a tarpaulin covering a boat parked outside a home on Sunrise Street in Riverside, Supply, and stole about \$130 worth of fishing and boating items. According to McDonald's report, the owner said that two gasoline cans, a minnow bucket, an anchor and a tool box were missing. There was about \$20 damage to the tarp.

■A 1982 Honda Accord was reported stolen from a home in the

Bolivia area Saturday night. Deputy Sheldon Caison was told by the owner that he left the car parked in his mother's yard on U.S. 17 at about 10 p.m. and discovered it missing the following morning. The car, valued at \$2,500, was later found in a ditch near Bolivia.

■A \$2,500 racing go-kart was stolen from behind a home on Moore Street, Leland, Saturday night. Deputy Sgt. Don Stovall's report described the vehicle as a "Coyote Bullet" competition kart with a 5-horsepower engine and a white fairing, bearing the number 93.

■An estimated \$9,600 worth of jewelry was stolen from the home of a woman who lives in the Woodside mobile home park near Southport Saturday. The owner told Davis that

she was home at the time of the theft. She also said she was reporting the crime for insurance purposes and did not wish an investigation. Listed as missing were three gold and jewel rings and a pair of black pearl earrings.

■There was about \$200 damage to the front door of a home on Stone Chimney road after a break-in Saturday evening. Long's report states that the thief apparently broke a deadbolt and lock on the door to get inside. Nothing was listed as missing on the report.

■Someone reportedly stole a 1979 Chevrolet pickup from a Southport garage Friday night. An employee told Davis that the truck, valued at about \$150, had been left outside a security fence with the keys inside.

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