

Deputies Swarm Across The Border To Nab Halloween Prankster

An Ash teenager got more than he bargained for Saturday night after he allegedly played a prank on a Calabash woman and found himself surrounded by eight police cars and a detective ready to book him on felony burglary charges.

According to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday, Deputy Phil Bryant was called at about 11:30 p.m. to investigate a burglary at a 23-year-old woman's home in the Carolina Shores resort condominiums.

"The victim advised me that she was sitting on her couch with her boyfriend, laughing," the report said. "She heard a voice outside her door mocking her laughter."

Moments later she heard someone trying to open the door, Bryant reported. When the person tried the door a second time, he snatched it open and came inside. The woman and her boyfriend ran toward the door, but the intruder had vanished. So they called 911.

Meanwhile, eight sheriff's deputies and a detective were just finishing a pizza at a Calabash restaurant where they had met for a late-night snack.

"We had extra patrols on duty that night in case of any Halloween vandalism," said Detective Tom Hunter. "I met them for a break and they left me with the bill."

As the deputies were leaving, a white car came out of Carolina Shores Resort its headlights off, headed toward the South Carolina line, Hunter said. As the officers took off after it, Brunswick County 911 broadcast an alert to be on the lookout for a white car fleeing the scene of a burglary in Carolina Shores Resort.

"I caught up to them just across the South Carolina line on N.C.

179," Hunter said. "There were three guys spread-eagled against a car surrounded by eight sheriff's cars and two Horry County units. They were scared and ready to talk."

One of the three men was identified as the person who entered the woman's condominium, Hunter said. Faced with the possibility of being jailed in South Carolina and extradited north on a felony charge, the man agreed to accompany Hunter to a magistrate in Brunswick County.

After interviewing the victims, Hunter charged Wade Bliss Ashley, 17, of Ash-Little River Road with misdemeanor breaking and entering, Hunter said. The driver of the car was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana by Horry County authorities, Hunter said.

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

■A Carolina Beach man was arrested on charges of indecent exposure after being observed fondling himself in the "adult" section of a Southport video rental store Saturday night. Responding to investigate, Detective Charlie Miller talked to two female store employees who pointed the man out in another section of the store. Miller said he asked the man to step outside, where he denied the allegations. After further investigation, Miller placed the man under arrest.

■An estimated \$1,300 worth of audio-visual equipment was stolen from Lincoln Primary School in a break-in reported last week. According to Deputy William Hewett's report, the thief or thieves broke windows in the media room and the special education room and entered a classroom across the hall. Found missing there were a video camcorder, a color television, a record player, a videocassette recorder and a tripod. They also attempted unsuccessfully to enter the

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band room, the report said.

■More than \$3,600 worth of cash, cigarettes and beer were stolen in a break-in at a convenience store on Village Road, Leland, Saturday night. An employee told Hewett that he arrived at 8 a.m. the next morning to find that a neon "open" sign had been removed from the front door. Inside, the employee discovered that \$1,400 cash, 299 cartons of Basic cigarettes and ten 12-packs of Budweiser beer had been removed. There was no sign of forced entry.

■An employee of duPont in Leland reported that her car had been shot at while leaving the plant Tuesday evening. The 48-year-old Lake Waccamaw woman told Hewett she left the plant at about 8:15 and was making a left onto Mount Misery Road "when she heard an impact on her passenger side door." She drove straight home and found an estimated \$500 damage.

■In one of three break-ins reported in the Forest Hills subdivision last weekend, a color television valued at about \$500 was stolen from a mobile home off Kirby Road sometime in the past three weeks. The owner told Deputy J.D. Gray that she discovered the theft Friday at about 5 p.m. There was an estimated \$250 damage to two doors and a porch carpet, the report said.

■Gray also investigated another Forest Hills break-in where a \$230 microwave oven was stolen sometime in the past three weeks. The thief or thieves caused an estimated \$100 damage to two windows at the rear of the mobile home. The break-in was discovered Friday at 9:30 p.m.

■A circular saw and a leaf blower valued at about \$130 were stolen

from a building behind a mobile home on Crest Street in Forest Hills sometime in the past month. The Roxboro man who owns the trailer discovered the theft at about 9:30 p.m. Friday. Deputy Cathy Hamilton estimated the damage to a broken hasp at \$5.

■Someone broke into a mobile home on Russ Street, off Seashore Road, Supply, and helped themselves to six cans of beer and a half-bottle of vodka sometime in the past two weeks. The Aberdeen retiree who owns the trailer told Hamilton he arrived there Friday afternoon and found that someone had pried open the kitchen window. "Subjects also went through all the drawers in the mobile home and used both bathrooms," the report said.

■Hamilton also investigated the theft of more than \$750 worth of fishing equipment and other items from a mobile home on Dockside Street in the Buccaneer Hills subdivision. A female friend of the trailer owner said she arrived one evening last week, found the lights left on and was afraid to go inside. Instead she spent the night at a Shallotte motel and returned the next morning to find that the glass had been broken out of a back door of the trailer. Missing were five rods and reels, four deep-sea rods, a tackle box, a radio cassette player and a color television.

■Nothing was reported missing in an apparent break-in attempt that occurred at a house on Fulford Avenue in the Holiday Haven subdivision, Supply, sometime in the past two months. The owner was notified by a neighbor that someone had kicked open the door to his kitchen.

■Someone walked off with two cases of beer from a service station on Beach Drive in Calabash Friday night. The owner told Deputy R.W. Long II that a man came into the

store about 7:45, picked up two cases of Busch or Natural Lite and walked out. They were valued at \$31.50.

■A Supply man who lives on Mosquito Branch Road, Bolivia, awoke Sunday morning to find that someone had set fire to the interior of his 1982 Ford pickup truck, Hamilton reported. It appeared that the fire started under the front passenger seat and caused an estimated \$600 damage.

■After leaving his 1984 Ford Bronco parked at the Davis Creek boat ramp Sunday afternoon, a Leland man returned about an hour later to find that the front passenger window had been broken and a

stereo cassette removed from the dash. It was valued at about \$375. Damage was estimated at \$230. Deputy Brian Sanders investigated.

■A mobile home on Oak Crest Drive in Sea Pines subdivision, Southport, was broken into sometime in the past two weeks, causing about \$200 damage to a back door. The owner told Hamilton that he and his wife arrived and discovered the theft Friday afternoon. The man said he had "bolted a metal brace across the inside of the door, but the subjects pulled the ends of the bolts through the door to get inside." Missing were a color television and a microwave oven valued at about \$550.

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Seat belt and child safety seat violations dropped about 29 percent from the first to the third week, according to Joe Parker, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Since the program began Oct. 4, officers across the state have written 30,749 tickets—28,951 for seat belt violations and 1,789 for child safety seat violations.

Winnabow VFD Serves Barbecue

The Winnabow Volunteer Fire Department will be serving barbecue on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Plates will include pork barbecue, potato salad, cole slaw and hush puppies. Cost will be \$3 or \$4.50 for a "super plate."

The department is on Governor's Road off U.S. 17 in Winnabow.

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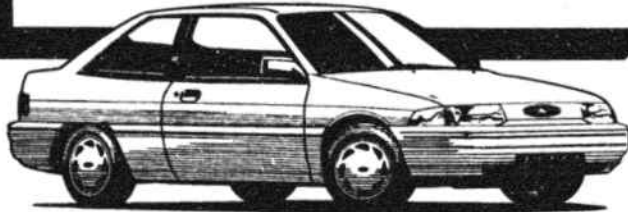
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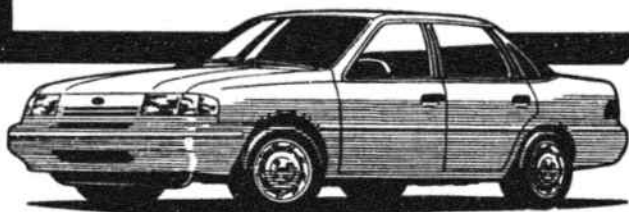
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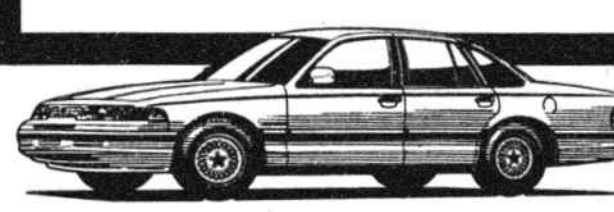
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