

# Burglar Alarm Stolen In Shallotte Burglary At Shady Rest Subdivision

An infrared-sensing, motion-detecting burglar alarm was among the items stolen during a break-in and larceny at a home in the Shady Rest subdivision near Shallotte recently, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday.

The Wytheville, Va., man who owns the vacation residence on Carter Street told Deputy Rebekah McDonald that a neighbor called him last week to report that the home had been broken into. It appeared that the thief or thieves took a glass pane out of a kitchen window to get inside.

They tore out the electric meter in an attempt to shut off the burglar alarm, then "went through the entire home taking the alarm system and other items," McDonald reported.

The resulting power outage damaged the home's water heater and caused several food items in the refrigerator to spoil, the report said.

Missing in addition to the alarm system was a clock, a screwdriver and a towel rack made of oak and brass. The total value of missing and damaged property was estimated at \$400.

In other crime reports:

■The neighbor of a business in Carolina Shores reported a break-in and larceny in progress Sunday afternoon, but not soon enough to prevent the theft of about \$950 worth of property. The woman said she knocked on the door at about 2 p.m. and found it locked. Then she noticed a broken window and heard voices inside. She went next door and called 911. When she came back with another neighbor, the door was unlocked. Deputy Keithan Horne searched the house and found no one inside. He reported that the thieves "used a ceramic deer from the front porch to bust the window." Missing were an AM/FM stereo cassette deck, a pair of binoculars and a radio telephone.

■There was an estimated \$1,530 damage caused in a break-in on Robin Drive in Shell Point Acres some time in the past two weeks. Deputy Malcolm Long found that the thief or thieves got inside by forcing open a window on the rear door of the mobile home. Missing were a telephone, a microwave oven, a videocassette recorder and a vacuum cleaner valued at \$770.

■A .357-magnum revolver was among the \$1,500 worth of items stolen from a mobile home on Cemetery Way, off Village Point Road, Shallotte, Wednesday. The owner told Deputy Randy Robinson

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that he returned from work at about 4 p.m. and found the back door of his trailer ajar and the interior "in disarray." Missing along with the gun were a videocassette recorder, a car stereo, a video game, jewelry, a coin collection, clothing and some chewing tobacco.

■More than \$400 worth of property was stolen in a mobile home break-in on U.S. 17 south of Shallotte recently. The owner returned home from work to find that the back door of his trailer had been pried open. Inside he found that food had been taken from the refrigerator and thrown onto the floor. Deputy Randy Robinson reported. Missing was a cordless telephone, a radio scanner and a suitcase. Damage was estimated at \$150.

■A man who took his family to Raleigh for the holidays returned to their house on U.S. 17 to find that someone had pried open a front window, crawled inside and made off with a microwave oven. Deputy Robert Long estimated its value at about \$300.

■Someone stole a water pump from a man who lives on Maple Hill Road, Shallotte, recently. The man arrived at his mobile home at about 9 a.m. Wednesday and found tire tracks leading away from the trailer. Then he noticed the pump missing from the pump house. Deputy Sheldon Caison estimated its value at about \$200.

■Two tires with rims, a radiator and a headlight assembly were removed from a Toyota Corolla stored in the salvage yard of a automobile repair shop on Main Street, Shallotte, sometime in the past month. Deputy Phil Bryant estimated the total value of stolen property at \$190.

■Someone stole a \$150 gas grill and caused about \$465 damage to a mobile home in Shell Point Acres Thursday night. Deputy Malcolm Long reported that the thief or thieves broke in through a front window and caused extensive damage by slashing cushions with a knife and spraying a fire extinguisher throughout the trailer.

■A television and a microwave oven valued at about \$475 were stolen from a home near the intersection of Old Shallotte Road and Union School Road Wednesday night. A neighbor called 911 to report the incident after driving by and seeing the front door smashed in. Deputy Sheldon Caison reported. He estimated the damage to the door

and facing at about \$600.

■Deputy Sgt. Don Stovall took a report from a woman on Newberry Lane, Bolivia, who said that she accidentally threw out a .32-caliber semi-automatic pistol with the trash recently. Stovall said the report "was filed in the event that someone else would find the weapon and commit a crime with same."

■A Greensboro man returned to winterize his summer home on Russ Street, Supply, Thursday and found that "the entire residence had been ransacked," McDonald reported. Pictures were removed from the walls, the stereo was pulled out and onto the floor, closets and drawers were opened and gone through, the attic crawl space had been opened and a bed mattress and cushions were strewn onto the floor, causing an estimated \$75 damage. Nothing was reported missing. However, the intruders left two full cans of beer on the couch.

■The owner of a .380-caliber semi-automatic handgun told Deputy Ceber Walls that she noticed the weapon missing from a box in her mobile home on U.S. 17 near Supply Friday morning. The gun was valued at about \$90.

■There was an estimated \$400 damage, but nothing reported missing, in an attempted break-in on Bridger Road, Shallotte, recently. Deputy Bryant said, "The owner advised me that he had reinforced the lock on the door and the subject was unable to get the door fully open." However, the deputy said the door was "damaged beyond repair."

■Someone sprayed black paint on the tailgate of a 1993 Chevrolet pickup truck parked at a home on Ocean Haven Road, Seaside, on New Year's Eve, causing an estimated \$300 damage. Deputy Keithan Horne reported that he "also found black paint on signs and other things throughout the community."

■A woman who lives on Benton Brown Way in Leland told Deputy Richard Long that she believes a couple who came to look at her home may have stolen a gold and diamond ring from her jewelry box. She said her home has been for sale and the man and woman visited about three weeks ago. The stolen ring was estimated to be worth about \$600.

■Robert Long took a report of a lost purse from a woman who said she left it on the bed of a pickup truck as she drove to a Leland video store. A neighbor reportedly told her that she saw someone stop their car and retrieve the purse. Among its contents was \$400 in cash.

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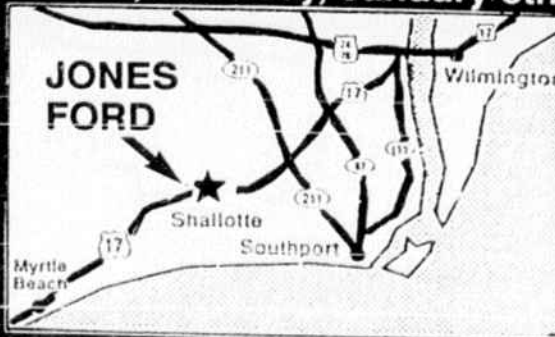


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