

Man Charged With Burglary Of Wife's Home In Supply

CRIME REPORT

A 26-year-old Sanford man was arrested on a first-degree burglary charge after he allegedly broke into the home of his estranged wife, threatened to kill her and left with more than \$550 worth of her cash and property, a Brunswick County sheriff's detective said Monday.

According to a crime report on file at the sheriff's office, the victim told Detective Tom Hunter that her husband broke into her home on Spruce Street in the Ocean Pines subdivision at about 8:45 Sunday night.

The victim told Hunter that Brian Thomas Rose Jr. forced his way into the residence and threatened her by saying "I'm going to kill you," and "I'm going to beat you to death."

She said she ran to a neighbor's house to call 911 for assistance. When she returned she found Rose gone along with her wallet, a stereo tape player and a video-cassette recorder.

Rose was arrested Monday afternoon, Hunter said. In other crime reports:

■Deputy Keithan Horne arrested a 22-year-old Longwood man on a charge of felonious larceny less than 14 hours after the theft of an outboard motor was reported Wednesday morning. The victim said he left his boat tied up at the Holden Seafood dock at Shallotte Point Tuesday and returned the next morning to find his 35-horsepower Johnson outboard missing. Later that day, Horne was advised by Deputy R. Long that he had stopped a pickup truck with a Johnson outboard in the back. At about 10 p.m., Horne spotted the suspect's truck on #5 Schoolhouse Road. The suspect said he sold the motor to a man in Seaside for \$100. It was recovered and returned to its owner.

■A 27-year-old Southport man who was being booked at the Brunswick County Jail was charged with the felonious theft of evidence after he allegedly stole the records of his arrest and took them home. Recovered at the man's residence at the Boardwalk Mobile Home Park were two citations, two breathalyzer cards, a 10-day driver's license revocation order and an officer's affidavit form, according to Deputy Johnny Earp's report.

■Someone set fire to a 1993 Nissan Sentra parked on Maco Road in Leland recently. The owner told Deputy William Hewett that his wife's car was left there after it broke down. He said the vehicle was set afire on the night of Dec. 30. It appeared that the car's battery had been stolen. The man "stated that he did not give anyone consent to remove any of the property from the vehicle or any consent to burn the vehicle," the report said. The car was a total loss, valued at \$12,500.

■A .380-caliber semi-automatic pistol was reported stolen from an unlocked pickup truck parked on Green Loop Road in Leland. The owner told Deputy Robert Long that he discovered the weapon missing months ago, but didn't report the theft until Thursday because he didn't know the gun's serial number. It was valued at

about \$129.

■About \$450 cash and more than \$550 worth of jewelry was stolen from a home on Holden Beach Road last week. Deputy Malcolm Long reported that the thief or thieves apparently entered the house through a rear sliding-glass window and stole a wallet and a jewelry box from two bedrooms.

■A campground office on Devane Road, Shallotte, was broken into Sunday night by thieves who stole about \$225 worth of vending machine receipts and bills from a cash drawer. The investigating officer found that a "big slab of rock" had been thrown through a window, causing about \$100 damage.

■A wheelchair was stolen from the home of a woman who lives on Cherrytree Road in Winnabow Saturday morning. She told Deputy Matt Jesson that she went to the store with friends at about 9:30 and came back at about 1 p.m. to find her wheelchair missing and tracks leading out to the driveway. The chair, valued at \$1,700, was found early the next morning in a ditch by the side of the road. It had sustained only minor damage.

■Someone broke the window of a 1987 Ford Taurus as it passed the "shed" in Longwood Sunday evening. The driver, a 43-year-old Clarkton man, told police he was travelling east on N.C. 904 when his window was broken by an unknown object near the Longwood intersection, causing about \$200 damage.

■A Bolivia man reported that he was followed to his home from Wilmington Sunday morning by two men in a pickup truck who threw a can of beer into his car, damaging a leather coat and "four Barney tapes." The man told Jesson that he was stopped at a red light in Wilmington when a commercial vehicle from Long Beach pulled up beside him. He said the occupants "harassed him all the way from Wilmington to his residence" on Mill Creek Road. Damage was estimated at \$190.

■Someone stole a \$1,600 generator from a Supply Volunteer Fire Department van sometime in late November. Station Chief Roger Suggs told Deputy Malcolm Long that he conducted an internal investigation to make sure the equipment wasn't misplaced before contacting the sheriff's department.

■A man who lives on Green Loop Road in Leland discovered the theft of more than 20 checks from his checkbook after a local business called to inform him that one of the checks had bounced. The man told the merchant that he had been in West Virginia for the holidays and didn't write the check. He told Deputy Robert Long that when he checked his checkbook, the checks were missing.

Wilmington Woman Stabbed To Death In Belville Park

A renewed relationship with a former boyfriend ended in a savage murder early Saturday morning when a 33-year-old Wilmington woman was slashed and stabbed repeatedly in a Belville park, allegedly by a Leland man arrested less than 10 hours later.

When Bertha Mae Patterson left her home in the Jervey housing project on Eighth Street Friday night, she said she was going out with Nolan Anthony Dukes, 26, of 1227 Village Road, with whom she had a relationship last year, according to Detective Capt. Phil Perry of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.



DUKES

"It appears they went out on a date somewhere in the Leland area and during the course of the evening they apparently got into some sort of an argument," Perry said. "Evidently, from there, things went progressively downhill."

At about 8:27 a.m., N.C. Wildlife Officer Brian Loflin was driving past the future site of Belville's John D. Long Memorial Park when he

spotted what looked like a body lying face up in a clearing. The park is located on N.C. 133, about a mile and a half from Main Street.

Patterson's body was found fully clothed in a blood-soaked blouse and jogging pants. Several puddles of blood marked the surrounding dirt. There were deep slashes on both sides of her face and numerous stab wounds on her upper torso.

There were also cuts on her hand and arms, probably received as she tried to fight off her attacker, Perry said. The body was sent to Jacksonville for an autopsy.

Investigators believe Patterson was driven to the scene and murdered outside the vehicle sometime after midnight. The area, which is soon to be dedicated as a public park and boat ramp, is already popular as a late-night gathering spot.

Acting on evidence found at the crime scene, sheriff's detectives and State Bureau of Investigation agents questioned Dukes at his home later that day. He was arrested and charged with murder Saturday night.

Detectives impounded Dukes' white 1983 Subaru station wagon as evidence. Also in police custody is a 6-to-8-inch sheath knife, believed to be the murder weapon.

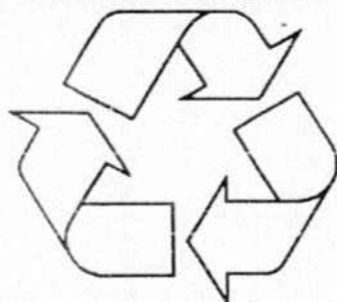
At a first appearance in Brunswick County District Court Monday,

Shallotte lawyer James Payne was appointed to represent Dukes. He told the court he was employed by two Wilmington temporary services companies and had a monthly income of \$200.

A probable cause hearing was scheduled for Jan. 18. Dukes is being held in Brunswick County Jail without bond.

Patterson's murder is the first in Brunswick County during 1994.

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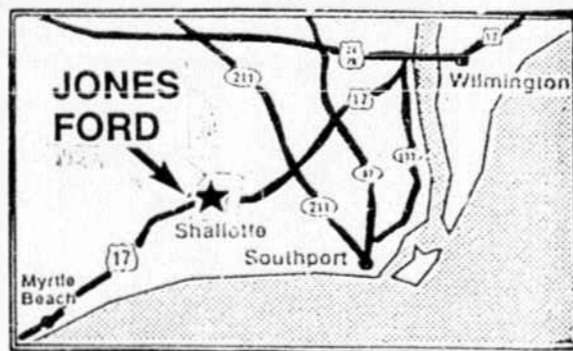
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