

Woman Reports Being Drugged, Raped After Car Trouble At Ball Park

A 24-year-old Wilmington woman last week said she was raped after two men gave her a ride and injected her with drugs, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department office Monday.

Detective Ken Messer interviewed the woman at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, where she said a friend took her after the attack Tuesday afternoon (Feb. 5).

The woman said she was having car trouble at a ball park in Navassa when two men, one white and one black, approached her and offered her a ride. She told Messer that she went with the men toward Phoenix "and after a few minutes the white male reached over and put a needle in her arm."

She stated that she passed out and does not remember anything that happened until she woke up at the nearby Davis boat ramp, according to the report. She caught a ride to a local business and called a friend to come get her.

Tests for evidence of a sexual assault were performed at the hospital, the report said. An investigation into the case is continuing.

In other reports:

■ Three people in the Bolivia area were defrauded of nearly \$8,000 worth of cash and electronic equipment recently by two men claiming to represent "E.J.'s Satellite Systems" of Wilmington. A 57-year-old man who lives on U.S. 17 Business told Detective John Ingram that he paid the men \$2,450 on Jan. 27 for a satellite dish, receiver, motor and hookups that were never delivered. Suspects fitting the same description allegedly took a \$2,500 satellite receiver and \$450 cash from a man on Midway Road Dec. 9, claiming they were going to repair the unit. A man who lives on Louie Lewis Road gave them his receiver and \$80 for repairs on Dec. 28. The units were never returned.

■ Detective Ingram is also investigating the alleged defrauding of a Shallotte woman who wired \$6,138 to a Georgia man who was supposed to use the money to purchase a piece of property for her. She recently discovered that the man spent the money on something else.

■ Someone stole \$1,194 from a cash box in the office of Ocean City Chevrolet on U.S. 17 near Shallotte Wednesday night. The manager told Deputy Rebekah McDonald that the money was in the cash drawer when she left work at 4:40 p.m. The cashier clocked out at 5:51, the report said. When the manager arrived the next morning, the money was gone. There was no sign of forced entry.

■ More than \$4,000 worth of mobile home supplies were stolen from a business on U.S. 17 in Supply recently. The owner told investigators that the thief or thieves stole a sewing machine, a gas heater, 50 cabinet doors, 40 light fixtures, 12 interior doors, four medicine cabinets, an electric range and a nine-by-twelve carpet. There was an estimated \$200 damage.

■ A diamond ring and gold bracelet valued at \$2,900 were reported stolen from a man who lives on River Road in Calabash last week. The victim told Detective Tom Hunter that he let a man stay at his residence for a few days while he was looking for a place to rent. The owner noticed the jewelry missing after the suspect left without notice.

■ An outboard motor was stolen from a boat tied to a dock at a seafood house on Fisherman Road in Supply last week. Deputy Johnny Earp Jr. valued the 15-horsepower Evinrude at about \$2,000.

■ More than \$1,500 worth of tools and other items were stolen from a shed on Civietown Road in Supply sometime in the past six weeks. The owner told Deputy Jimmy Davis that someone entered his shed by raising the unlocked window and stole 200 yards of gill net, two CB radios, two electric drills, a spotlight, a pair of binoculars, a two-burner stove and a cooler. The theft was discovered Saturday at about 3 p.m.

■ Someone pried open the back door of a mobile home in the Long Bay subdivision while the owner was at work last week and stole a stereo system, 60 compact discs, a .25-caliber pistol and \$50 worth of change. Deputy Randy Robinson estimated the total value of stolen property at \$1,600.

CRIME REPORT

■ A Shallotte woman reported the theft of a radio scanner at the Brickland tennis court last week. She told Robinson that she left the hand-held receiver on the roof of her car for about 15 minutes and returned to find it missing. The radio was valued at about \$422.

■ The attempted theft of a motor from a boat in Supply caused an estimated \$500 damage recently, McDonald reported. The 69-year-old retiree who owns the boat said he kept it stored in a barn on Sea Aire Drive in Supply. The barn owner called to notify him that someone had tried to steal the motor, which was found in a cart near the front of the boat. The deputy reported finding "extensive damage" to the boat. A depth finder and life jacket valued at about \$205 were stolen in the incident.

■ A Wilmington man told investigators he was pistol-whipped and robbed by a man who "forced him to drive to different parts of New Hanover, Brunswick and Columbus counties" for five hours before stealing his car and leaving him unconscious in the Phoenix area Thursday night. According to Deputy Brian Sanders' report, the victim said he picked up a young black man at the city's Governor's Square apartments at about 6 p.m. The man allegedly slapped him, pulled out a gun and "told him to drive." After being deposited on Enterprise Street at about 1 a.m., the victim said he walked to his sister's house and called the sheriff's department.

■ Deputy Richard Long investigated an assault and armed robbery in the Phoenix area that was reported Saturday night. The 45-year-old victim said he left his home in Holly Hills subdivision on foot to make a phone call at a Phoenix convenience store. As he walked past Leland Mobile Home Estates on Village Road, he said two men approached him and demanded money before assaulting him, cutting him on the right cheek with a sharp object and stealing his check book.

■ There was an estimated \$250 damage caused by intruders who broke into a home on North Winds and Fay Streets in Ridge Forrest sometime in the past month. McDonald found that "the entire residence had been gone through, leaving doors and dressers ajar." She also noted that it appeared the suspects had stayed in the residence for a while. Missing was about \$50 worth of food and a jar containing around \$5 in change.

■ Two chain saws valued at about \$900 were stolen from a storage shed behind a home on Collins Way in Leland sometime in the past few weeks. The owner told Deputy William Hewett that he found the saws missing on the morning of Feb. 12.

■ A Monroe construction company notified authorities of more than \$3,500 worth of damage that was done in the past two months to two vehicles parked near a railroad crossing in the Phoenix area. Messer found the glass broken and a large amount of damage to the wiring of a back hoe and other damage to a bulldozer at the site.

■ A woman who lives at the Camellia Motel in Belville reported the theft of a \$45 child-support check and \$397 worth of food stamps from her mailbox recently. She told Deputy Mark Snowden that she called to confirm that the checks had been sent before reporting the incident to police.

■ Snowden also investigated the theft of a color television and stereo system from a home on Chapel Loop Road in Leland Thursday. The officer reported finding an 11-inch foot print "with heel up, toe down" on the front door, where the thief is believed to have broken in to the residence. Total value of stolen goods was estimated to be about \$750.

■ A 29-year-old Leland woman told Hewett that her wallet was stolen at the Leland Supermarket on Lanvale Road Tuesday afternoon. The victim reportedly told the deputy that she was talking on a pay phone at about 2 p.m. when she was approached by a man who she said "was intoxicated and being disruptive by urinating beside her while she spoke on the phone." The woman said she hung up the phone and quickly walked away. When she came back, her wallet was gone.

Cheers Helps Lobby For Hunt Anti-Crime Package

Brunswick County Democratic Party Chairman Roney N. Cheers was among dozens of key local party officials from across North Carolina who helped Gov. Jim Hunt push his anti-crime package in the General Assembly last Wednesday.

Cheers and other party officials met with Hunt at State Democratic Party Headquarters, where they were briefed on the details of the crime plan that is the cornerstone of a special legislative session that convened last week.

"Democrats have always believed that government ought to work for the people," Hunt told the group, according to a party news release.

"We believe that activist government ought to help improve people's lives. That's the best way to give people a chance to make it in life, and that's the best way, in the long run, to fight crime."

Following the meeting, local officials went to the legislature where they lobbied their representatives to support the plan.

The crime plan is designed to keep dangerous criminals behind bars longer, prevent children from becoming criminals and make improvements to the criminal justice system, the news release states.

Key provisions of the governor's

crime plan include the following:

- Abolishing parole for first-degree murderers.
- Instituting life sentences for those convicted of three violent crimes.
- Barring felons from possessing guns.
- Building 1,000 new prison beds.
- Raising the federally-mandated cap on prison population by 2,000.
- Keeping middle schools open to

provide services to youngsters.

The governor emphasized to the local party officials that fighting crime should not become a partisan issue.

"This affects all of us, and I want to see all of us working for a solution," Hunt said. "But I also believe that Democrats like you, who are gathered here today, can help ensure that this problem gets the attention and action it needs."

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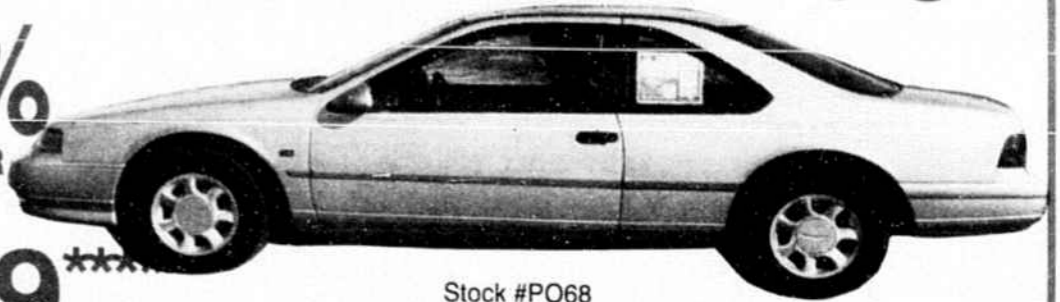
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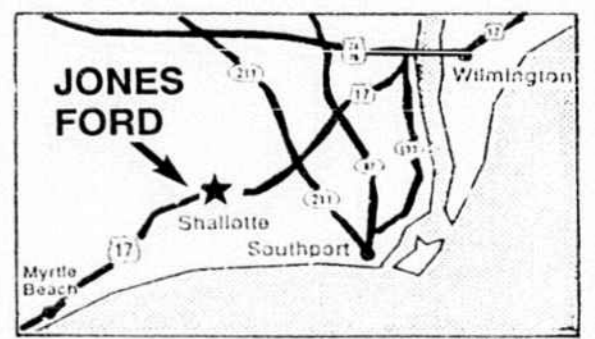


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