

Shooting Victim Says He Won't Press Charges

A Shalotte man, who arrived home and found another man leaving his residence Thursday night, grabbed a gun, chased him through the woods and shot him in the rear end, according to a police report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday.

Deputy Michael Cierpiot reported that he was called to The Brunswick Hospital about 11:30 p.m. to interview a gunshot victim. When he arrived at the emergency room he found a man lying on one of the tables with a bullet in the buttock.

The man said he had changed clothes after the incident and did not know how he got to the hospital, Cierpiot reported. The victim also said he did not want to press charges against the man who shot him.

Upon further investigation, Detective John Ingram learned that the shooting occurred after a man who lives on McMilly Road came home to find the victim leaving his home. The two had an altercation, after which the homeowner began chasing the man through the nearby woods and firing a .380-caliber pistol at him.

Six shots were fired during the chase, with one hitting the victim in the backside, Ingram said. But the man kept running until the homeowner caught up with him in the parking lot of a day care center on Old Shalotte Road, where they continued fighting.

The victim was taken to the hospital by his mother and later released, Ingram said. The shooter has been identified and an investigation is continuing.

In other reports:
■More than \$2,800 worth of tools and other items were reported missing in a break-in at a summer residence on Red Snapper Street in the Sandy Shoals area of Supply recently. The owner told Deputy Malcolm Long that some time in the past three months someone forced his way into his shed by taking the screws out of the door handles, causing an estimated \$50 damage. A lounge chair was also stolen, the report said.

■Four windows were broken and several screens slashed at a camper-trailer parked behind a residence on Boonesboro Street, off Seashore Road, Supply, sometime in the past two months. The Lexington man who owns the trailer discovered the damage Friday afternoon. Deputy Cathy Hamilton estimated the damage at \$325.

■Nearly \$400 worth of property was taken from a mobile home in the Seaside North subdivision on the night of Feb. 20. The owner told Deputy Joey Adams that his sister went by the trailer the next morning and discovered that someone had pried open the front door. Missing was a videocassette recorder, a pair of binoculars, a portable CB radio, a Swiss Army knife and a book on seamanship. There was about \$145 damage.

■A thief forced his way into a storage shed behind a Supply convenience store by prying the lock of the door, causing an estimated \$50 damage Saturday night. There was about \$250 worth of property missing.

■About \$3,000 worth of tools, an

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all-terrain bicycle and a birth certificate were stolen from a home and shed on Lewis Loop Road, Bolivia, Saturday night. Deputy Malcolm Long investigated.

■Someone broke into a car parked at towing company parking lot in Leland and stole a pocketbook Friday night. The woman who owns

the car told Deputy Richard Long that she and some friends were going camping nearby that night. She left the 1990 Geo Storm in the lot and caught a ride to the campsite with her boyfriend. When she returned early the next morning, she found that a passenger side window had been broken and her purse removed. Damage was estimated at \$250.

■Tires were slashed on two cars

parked at a home on Village Road in Leland Saturday night. The woman who owns one of the cars, which had three tires punctured, told Richard Long that she had been receiving harassing phone calls from someone with a female voice. The woman said "the female is making threats on her life and also her children's lives," according to Long's report. Another car parked in the driveway had a tire cut on the front

passenger side. Total damage was thought to be about \$235.

■Warrants for trespassing and injury to property were sworn out against a Bolivia man by a neighbor who said he forced his way into her mobile home with a knife and a baseball bat and caused \$120 damage Saturday night. She told Deputy Rebekah McDonald that she was in her home with two other people when the man beat on her door and

entered without permission at about 11 p.m. "The suspect pointed the knife at the three subjects and threatened to break out all (her) windows," the report said. After getting into a fight with one of the visitors, the man allegedly stuck the knife into the side of the trailer and struck it with a baseball bat, damaging a light switch and causing some porcelain figurines to fall off an interior wall and break.

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Two Arrested In Belville Store Break-in

One suspect was caught trying to jump off a roof and another was arrested a short time later, after an alarm alerted Brunswick County Sheriff's deputies to a break-in and larceny at a Belville convenience store early Friday morning.

Detective Steve Mason said deputies were already on the scene when he arrived at the Holiday Beverages store at about 2:45. It appeared that two men had broken into the business through a ventilator shaft on the roof of the building.

"It looked like one suspect had stayed below and handed items up to his accomplice," Mason said. "We found a VCR and some beer and cigarettes up there."

A cash register was also found cracked open in the alley outside, Mason said.

While detectives were processing the crime scene, deputies Rebekah McDonald and William Hewett caught a man trying to drop off the roof toward room 32 of the Holiday Lodge rooming house adjacent to the convenience store, Mason said. Arrested was Edward Earl Waddell, 24, of Chapell Loop Road, Leland.

Another tenant of the hotel told police that Waddell and the man who lived in room 32 had been trying to sell him cartons of cigarettes earlier that night, Mason said.

Acting on information gathered there and through interviews with Waddell, Mason said he obtained a warrant for the arrest of William Edward Taylor, 31, who was taken into custody when he returned to the room.

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