

Suspect In Winnabow Shooting Indicted For Attempted Murder

The Winnabow man accused of shooting his estranged girlfriend in the back of the head with a rifle last month was indicted Monday on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Randy Clay Fadeley, 24, turned himself in to Brunswick County Sheriff's detectives Feb. 26 after a warrant was issued for his arrest in the shooting of 30-year-old Towanna Neal early that morning.

Fadeley allegedly fired a shot "from point blank range" at the back of Neal's head after he knocked her to the floor during an argument at her mobile home on George II Highway in Winnabow. Detective Steve Mason said after the arrest, Neal's 4-year-old daughter allegedly witnessed the shooting.

Neal narrowly escaped death when the .22-caliber bullet travelled around her head an exited near her eye instead of passing through her skull, Mason said.

Investigators believe the shooting

culminated a domestic dispute in which Fadeley went to Neal's trailer and confronted her about recent activities. During the dispute, Fadeley allegedly knocked Neal to the floor and kicked her before reaching a rifle that was standing nearby.

Twenty-nine true bills of indictment were handed down by a grand jury in Bolivia Monday. Also indicted were:

■Dewey Lee Miller, 22, of Willow Drive, Supply, on a charge of felonious hit and run. He is accused of leaving the scene of a Feb. 7 collision at the intersection of N.C. 130 and Mt. Pisgah Road (SR 1130) in Holden Beach that resulted in injury to Patsy M. Davis.

■Gwendolyn Tipton Payne, 30, of Ocean Trails II, Shallotte, on two charges of obtaining controlled substances by fraud or forgery and one count of conspiracy to obtain controlled substances by fraud. She is accused of twice calling a Shallotte pharmacy, claiming to work for a local doctor and asking that two drugs

be prescribed for a third person. The indictments say the drugs were picked up by Stephanie Tipton.

■Stephanie Cheek Tipton, 39, of Ocean Trails II, Shallotte, on two charges of obtaining controlled substances by fraud or forgery and one count of conspiracy with Gwendolyn Payne.

■Letha Tipton King, 21, of Sabbath Home Road, Shallotte, on two counts of obtaining controlled substances by fraud or forgery. She is accused of twice calling a Shallotte pharmacy and claiming to work for a local doctor in an effort to obtain prescriptions for drugs that she allegedly picked up herself.

■Fate Lenear Johnson, Jr., 25, of East Beach Drive, Long Beach, on four counts each of forgery and uttering forged paper and one charge each of breaking and entering and larceny. He is accused of breaking into an apartment on Mitchell Street, Southport and stealing \$2,890 worth of jewelry. Johnson also faces charges of cashing \$380 worth of

checks made out to himself after forging the account holder's signature.

■William Edward Taylor, 31, of Wilmington on one charge each of cocaine possession, misdemeanor possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and obstructing a public officer.

■Benjamin Keith Powers, 22, of 78th Street, Long Beach, on two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and one charge each of possession of drug paraphernalia and maintaining a dwelling to keep and sell controlled substances.

■Edward Earl Waddell, 24, of Chappell Loop Road, Leland, on charges of breaking and entering and larceny in the Feb. 25 theft of \$1,030 worth of cash, cigarettes, food stamps and other property from the Holiday Beverage convenience store in Belville.

■William Edward Taylor, 31, of Wilmington on charges of breaking and entering and larceny. He is ac-

cused in the Feb. 25 break-in with Waddell.

■James Howard Hayes, 39, of Wilmington on charges of breaking and entering and larceny in the Jan. 8 theft of \$1,161 worth of property from a trailer at the Leland Mobile Home Park. He is accused of taking a color television, a telephone, a "boom box" radio, a set of sterling silver dinnerware and assorted foodstuffs.

■Frank Timmons Strawn, 22, of 29th Street, Long Beach, on a charge of obtaining property by false pretense. He is accused of agreeing to sell a computer, printer, keyboard and modem to another man for \$568 and

failing to deliver the items after accepting a check for payment.

■Linda Tuttle Burton, 39, of East Long Beach Drive, Long Beach, on a charge of forgery of a security.

■Oma Jean Allen, 42, of Stuart Avenue, Southport, on a misdemeanor charge of possessing stolen goods. She was allegedly caught with a pair of "brass figural andirons" valued at \$125 while knowing that they had been stolen.

■Tina L. Allen, 21, of Stuart Avenue, Southport, on a misdemeanor charge of possessing stolen goods. She is accused in the same Nov. 20 offense as Oma Jean Allen.

February Was Warmer, Drier Than Norm: NWS

February was warmer and drier than normal, according to the monthly climatological report of the

National Weather Service Wilmington office. The monthly average temperature

was 50 degrees, 2.7 degrees above normal. Highest temperature for the month was 77 degrees on the 9th, tying the old record high set in 1921.

Coldest temperature in February was 23 degrees on the 3rd. There were eight days with lows 32 degrees or lower. The normal is 11 days.

Precipitation for the month totalled 3.26 inches, about a half-inch below normal. Greatest precipitation in a 24-hour period was 2.14 from the 23rd into the 24th. There were seven days with measurable precipitation, two days with one-half inch or more, and one day with one inch.

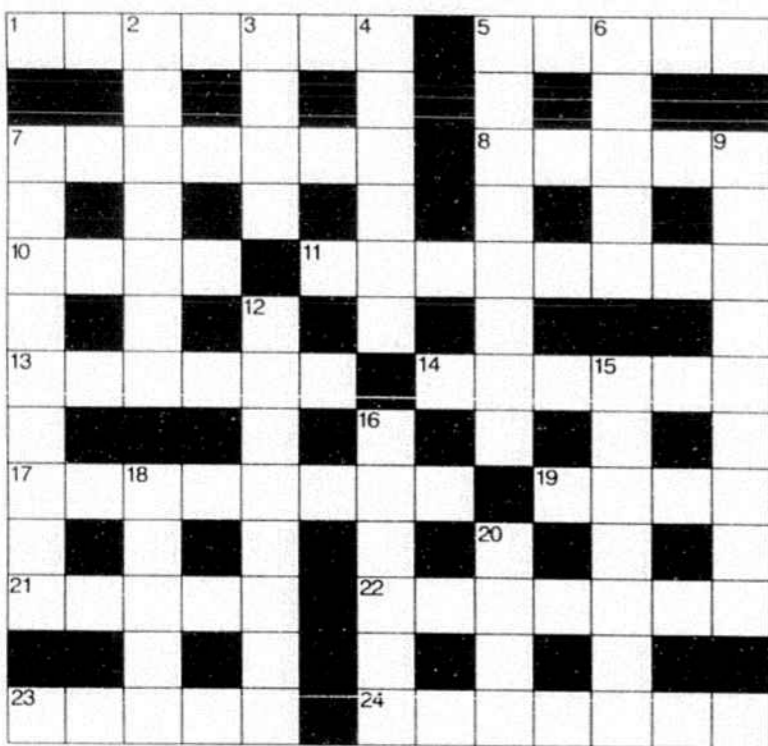
There were 11 clear days, four partly cloudy days and 13 cloudy days. Sunshine for the month totalled 69 percent of the possible.

Highest wind gust was 37 miles per hour from the southwest on the 24th. The fastest one-minute average wind speed was 25 mph from the northwest on the 26th.

There were two days with thunder reported, and three days of heavy fog.

The highest sea level pressure was 30.52 on the 28th, and the lowest was 29.63 inches on the 24th.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Happen again
5. Thick soup
8. Revoke
9. Tendency
10. Sufficient
11. Satire
12. Calorie controlled eating
15. Sheen
17. Nautical
18. Rout
20. Lofty
25. Burial place
26. Solemn promise
27. Suave
28. Twofold
29. Corroded
30. Roadside recess

CLUES DOWN

1. Impede
2. Invent
3. Wireless
4. Pry
5. Frolicsome
6. Reiterate
7. Appear
13. Frozen water
14. Headgear
15. Slack
16. Mat
17. Disobedient
18. Medico
19. Renowned
21. Disgrace
22. Barely
23. Custom
24. Insurgent

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