

Man Is Charged With Shooting At Driver Who Hit His Car

A 50-year-old Leland man faces a charge of assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly firing a .22-caliber pistol at the driver of a car he supposedly collided with Friday night, according to court records and a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

Shortly before midnight, Deputy Mark Snowden was dispatched to the post office in Leland to take a report from a 43-year-old man who said he had been shot at by another motorist.

The man said he was driving down the road when a car passed him in a no-passing zone. "When it came back into the right lane, the complainant's vehicle hit the suspect's vehicle," Snowden reported. Both cars stopped in the Leland area. Then the "suspect vehicle" sped off with the victim following.

While they were stopped, the report states that the victim heard two gunshots. When the two vehicles stopped again at the post office, the victim said he heard two more shots. Snowden's report said the victim told him a bullet went through the passenger door of his 1990 Ford Bronco.

The suspect then drove across the street and parked at a house where he was later located by sheriff's Detective Tom Hunter, the report said.

Hunter arrested Richard James "Ricky" Sullivan of Main Street on the assault charge, which was described on the warrant as firing a .22-caliber revolver "at and near Charles Jones."

In other crime reports:

■ An estimated \$13,746 worth of jewelry and other items were reported stolen from a home located off Stanley Road, Supply, Saturday night. The 34-year-old woman who lives there told Deputy Lewis Ward that she had gone out to a Shallotte restaurant and returned shortly after 11 p.m. to find the front door of her home kicked in. A further search of the property revealed that a camper trailer on the property also had been broken into. Two jewelry boxes were taken from the home. A television, a videocassette recorder and a 35 mm camera were among the more than \$500 worth of items stolen from the camper. William Raymond Kratzer, 24, of Supply has been charged with felonious breaking and entering in the case.

■ Four shotguns and a pistol valued at a total of more than \$1,000 were stolen during a break-in at a home on Shell Point Road Friday night. Deputy W.C. Dunn was told that the homeowner was at a nephew's house and returned to find that the weapons had been removed from a gun case. It appeared that the thief took the guns into the bathroom, popped open a screen and placed them outside the window, the report said.

■ A 39-year-old man who lives on U.S. 17 south near Pleasant Grove reported to Deputy Robert Long that someone stole a .45-caliber pistol from the glove box of his car Saturday night. The man's 1983 Chrysler LaBaron had been parked with the passenger side door unlocked, the report said. The stolen weapon was valued at \$140.

■ A rifle, a pistol and a shotgun were among the items reported stolen from the home of a man who lives on Avondale Road, off Mount Misery Road in Leland late last week. The owner told Deputy Snowden that he left for work Thursday and returned Saturday night to find that someone had pried open a window in his back bathroom. Missing were a Browning automatic 12-gauge shotgun, a 9mm Ruger pistol, a .270-caliber rifle, a hunting bow, a VCR, three gold chains and a hunting knife valued at \$2,975.

■ Deputy Sheldon Caison took a report from a 77-year-old Ocean Isle Beach retiree who said he was cheated out of nearly \$2,000 by two men who offered to pave his driveway on Channel II Drive in Sea Village. The victim said he and the two men agreed on a price of \$1,980 for the job. But when it was finished,

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ished, he was billed \$3,800 and gave the two men a check. They left the area in a truck with Virginia license plates, the report said.

■ Nearly \$2,200 worth of sporting equipment was stolen from a house on Boones Neck Road in Supply sometime in the past two weeks. The 61-year-old man who owns the home told Deputy Joey Gray that he is not sure when the items were taken from an unlocked storage room. Missing were a golf bag, three sets of irons, four drivers, a No. 5 wood, two putters and two surf fishing rods.

■ A break-in and larceny that occurred in April was reported to Deputy Gray by a 54-year-old Lumberton man Saturday. The man said a 10,000 BTU air conditioner, a television, a camping stove, eight rods and reels, two tackle boxes, a camping lantern and an LP gas tank were removed from his trailer on Woodthrush Lane in Shell Point. The value of stolen goods was estimated to be about \$1,300.

■ There was about \$200 damage reported in the theft of a \$300 television during a break-in that occurred at a vacation mobile home in Shell Point Acres sometime in the past month. Deputy Malcolm Long reported that the thief or thieves apparently came in through the back door.

■ Deputy Richard Long recovered a stolen .380-caliber pistol from a man at the scene of a fire off Town Creek road early Wednesday morning. Responding to a car fire on Forest Way at about 2 a.m., Long reported that a firefighter pointed out a man who might have been involved in the incident. When he called the suspect over for questioning, Long said he saw the man reach into his pocket and throw something on the ground that turned out to be a gun. Investigating Detective Steve Mason discovered that the pistol had been reported from the car of a tourist visiting the Ft. Fisher area of New

Hanover County last August.

■ Someone stole a push lawn mower, a grass trimmer and three fishing rods from a storage shed at a home on Hollis Street in Holiday Acres last week. The Robeson County teacher who owns the home showed Deputy Lewis Ward where the thieves cut a lock to get inside the shed. The stolen goods were valued at \$550.

■ A man on a bicycle is believed to have stripped the cash register at a Holden Beach driving range Friday morning. The business owner told Deputy Gray that he was cutting grass on a riding mower at about 8 a.m. when he saw a man park a bicycle outside the office, walk inside and then ride off toward Shallotte. When the owner returned to the office, he found about \$40 missing from the cash drawer.

■ Vandals caused an undetermined amount of damage to a \$150,000 road grader that was found turned over in a ditch in the Shingle-tree area off U.S. 17 Friday morning. A representative of the Lumberton Construction company that owns the equipment told Deputy Richard Long that he also found damage to another vehicle.

■ An employee at a Southport convenience store told Deputy Ward that a customer came to the counter and paid for his gasoline, then left without mentioning that he had caused an estimated \$150 damage to the pump Saturday afternoon. The suspect left the store on N.C. 211 driving a light green Chevrolet automobile.

Correction

Last week's crime report incorrectly reported that Earlie Junior Sharp, 45, of Pea Landing Road, Shallotte was arrested June 10 on a charge of felonious possession of stolen goods.

Court records indicate that a warrant was issued for Sharp's arrest June 10. However, the paper was not served until June 20, when he was formally charged with the offense. The *Beacon* regrets the error.

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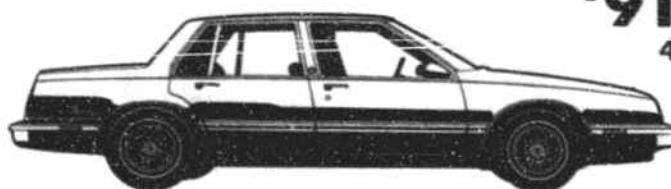
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