

# Woman Reports Dog Killed, Clothes Burned, Trailer Ransacked

A Richlands man was arrested on three felony charges Friday night after a Leland woman told police that her dog had been killed, her trailer ransacked and all her clothing set on fire, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's office Monday.

Louis Anthony Campanelli, 44, has been charged with second-degree burglary, larceny of a dog and felonious larceny, court record show.

Brunswick Deputy Richard Long reported that he was dispatched to investigate "some sort of disturbance" at a home at the Azalea Mobile Home Park on Old Fayetteville Road Friday morning.

When he arrived, Long said he observed what appeared to be clothing that "had been piled up and set on fire."

He spoke with a 34-year-old woman who said that a man had been living with her there for about two months until recently, when she "told him to move out and leave her alone." She said she had been staying with a friend in Wilmington for a few days.

Upon her return she found that someone had broken into the trailer through a bedroom window. Long

## CRIME REPORT

reported that the home was "totally destroyed on the inside," with chairs broken, windows and glassware shattered, food items thrown throughout the residence and fans pulled out of the ceiling.

The woman also said her German shepherd was missing. A neighbor reported finding the dog dead in front of the mobile home park that day.

According to the reports, several witnesses said they saw Campanelli in the park at about 4:30 Friday morning. A further investigation of the incident led Brunswick Detective Steve Mason to arrest Campanelli at about 8:10 p.m.

Total damage to the victim's trailer was estimated to be \$2,400. The arrest warrant set the value of her stolen clothing at \$1,000.

In other crime reports:

■ Someone got into a delivery truck and drove it through the front of a Holden Beach seafood dealership early Sunday morning, causing an undetermined amount of damage to the building and the 1984 Ford F-

700 truck. Deputy Lewis Ward's report said it appeared that someone either had a key to the truck or found a key inside the vehicle. Detective Larry Joyner arrived at the business on Holden Beach Road and found that the entire front glass and wall were pushed in and "the impact caused damage to the steel frame of the structure."

■ Detective Mason arrested a 29-year-old Wabash, Indiana, man last week on charges of stealing nearly \$10,000 worth of property from a home on Seago Lane in Supply July 5. The suspect, Douglas "Wild Thing" Hall was being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond on two counts each of felony larceny and possession of stolen goods. He is accused of stealing a 1989 Suzuki Sidekick, three gold rings and \$350 cash.

■ More than \$2,100 worth of appliances and marine electronics were stolen from a mobile home on Azalea Drive, off Kirby Road Thursday night. The owner told Deputy Jerry Gray that a suspect had been arrested in Fayetteville who was believed to have broken into her trailer. Missing were a color television, a microwave oven, an AM/FM radio, two marine VHF radios, a Loran C navigation receiver and a depth find-

er.

■ A 12-year-old Shallotte Middle School student reported the theft of a camera, a pair of shorts and a ring from the pool area of Bent Tree Plantation Saturday evening. She told Deputy R.W. Long that the items were stolen while she and her friends were walking on the dock. She described the thief as a man in his 50s, about 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighing about 200 pounds with short, curly, dark-brown hair and a mustache who left in a 1980s model blue Lincoln. The stolen property was valued at \$132.

■ Detective Donnell Marlowe is investigating a report of obtaining property by false pretense in the case of a White Plains, N.Y., man who allegedly used a personal check for \$12,500 as a down payment on a \$60,000 condominium in Ocean Isle Beach.

■ A push lawn mower was stolen recently from a storage shelter about 75 yards from the home of a 70-year-old retiree who lives near Hickman's Crossroads. Deputy Davis estimated the mower's value to be about \$300.

■ Someone stole a 9mm Ruger pistol from a mobile home on Long Beach Road recently. The owner

gave Deputy Malcolm Long a description of the man whom he believes took the gun out of his bedroom drawer. The theft was discovered Friday evening. The gun, valued at \$400, was last known to be secure on Sept. 6.

■ A 27-year-old woman reported the theft of a purse from the trunk of a car that was towed from a Wilmington bar to a home on Price Road early Sunday morning. She told Deputy Steven Trull that the car was towed from the "New Zoo" nightclub to her husband's house at about 4:50 a.m. When she arrived she said her friend's purse had been stolen. Inside were two diamond rings, a nugget ring and cash valued at a total of \$2,830.

■ A witness at a Calabash convenience store told Deputy Richard

Long that a man dressed in "Desert Storm" camouflage stole a case of beer Sunday night. One suspect allegedly got the attention of the clerk, while the other made off in the direction of South Carolina with the beer, which was valued at \$15.75. The clerk said she believes the same man came into the store earlier that day and bought some .22-caliber bullets.

■ Someone through "a big rock" through the window of a car parked on the shoulder of Clarendon Road in Leland Friday night. A Leland woman told Deputy Brian Sanders that she parked there at about 10:30 p.m. and returned shortly after 2 a.m. to find her left front window smashed. Damage to the 1990 Mazda was set at \$450. Nothing was reported stolen.

## NARC SQUAD ACTIVITIES

### Supply Suspect Thought To Be 'Writer' For Illegal Lottery Ring

BY ERIC CARLSON

A suspected middle man for an interstate gambling operation was arrested by Brunswick County narcotics officers recently with nearly \$1,000 worth of illegal betting proceeds and records of transactions totalling \$600 for one day, according to Detective Lt. David Crocker.

The suspect, Milton Earl Gore, 48, of Route 2, Supply was charged with one count of possession or barter of lottery tickets, Crocker said.

Gore was under observation for some time due to citizen complaints about him "operating a numbers racket," said Crocker. On Aug. 29, narcotics officers Doug Todd, Kevin Holden and Crocker stopped Gore's vehicle and seized \$978 in cash and a stack of payout sheets indicating his daily collections.

"It was obvious from the evidence we collected that Mr. Gore is what they call a writer for people who handle illegal bets on the New York and Illinois lotteries," Crocker said.

People who play the illegal numbers games place bets ranging from 10 cents to \$5 with a "runner," who passes on the bets and collections to the "writer," Crocker explained. The writers work for illegal gambling operations in Chicago

and New York City, keeping track of the bets and moving the collections and payoffs between the organizers and the runners.

The wagers are placed on the final three numbers in the out-of-state lotteries, Crocker said. Players can either bet on the number itself or on any combination of the three digits. The latter bet has a greater likelihood of winning but results in a lower payoff.

Crocker said such small-time numbers games exist "all-over the county," but admits that shutting them down is difficult. The first-time penalty for getting caught is only a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum of six months in jail. Subsequent arrests can result in more serious sentences.

"We need to start somewhere," Crocker said.

In January 1993, sheriff's detectives raided an illegal numbers operation in Leland where more than 10,000 lottery tickets and about \$37,000 in cash was confiscated. The operators were found guilty of misdemeanors and received suspended jail sentences.

Crocker said Gore may have connections with some of the people involved in the earlier crackdown.

In other recent narcotics squad activities, a highway interdiction checkpoint was set up last week in the Phoenix area with assistance from the N.C. Highway Patrol. Numerous traffic citations were issued, Crocker said.

Detective Gary Shay searched a residence on Bluff Road, Leland, and arrested Mark Allen Hewett, 30, on charges of misdemeanor possession of marijuana and maintaining a dwelling for keeping controlled substances. About \$860 cash, believed to be the proceeds of previous drug sales, was confiscated in the arrest, which resulted from a complaint by a concerned citizen, Crocker said.

Another arrest is expected as a result of an aerial search for illegal marijuana gardens conducted recently with assistance from the N.C. National Guard as part of a drug eradication program sponsored by the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Crocker said. A total of 11 marijuana plants were spotted over a two-day period.

Citizens who have information about illegal gambling or drug activity are encouraged to call the narcotics squad 24 hours a day at (910) 253-4797. All calls will be kept confidential.



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