

Suspect is charged with murder of Edenton man

BY BEN DECK Cox NC Publications

A Hertford man has been charged with first degree murder in connection with a fatal shooting in Edenton.

Jermaine Porter, 18, is accused of gunning down 35year-old Albert Young in the 200 block of East Albemarle Street shortly after noon Friday, Edenton Police Chief Greg

Bonner said.

'There had been a confrontation between the two men in Hertford a while back," Bonner said.

The earlier argument apparently prompted Porter to drive to Edenton and shoot Young, Bonner said.

Officers were called to the scene at 12:45 p.m., and Young was found on a wheelchair ramp leading to a nearby



Jermaine Porter

house, Bonner said. Young apparently had been shot twice but had been able to run about 70 feet to the ramp before collapsing.

Young was taken to Chowan Hospital, but he died of his wounds shortly after arriving, Bonner said.

At the crime scene, witnesses to the shooting saw Porter drive away in a 1999 Mercury Mystique and were able to get the tag number.

Area law enforcement agencies were immediately notified to be on the lookout for the car, and Perquimans sheriff's deputies, who were familiar with Porter, recognized the description, Bonner said.

Porter was arrested at Wynefory Court apartments in Hertford and charged with one count of first degree murder. At presstime, he was scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday. According to Chief Bonner,

a passenger in Porter's car at the time of the shooting has been released pending further investigation.

The Edenton Police Department, the Chowan Sheriff's Office and the State Bureau of Investigations were all involved with the work at the scene.

Partnership excited about new conferencing possibilities

BY FRAN ARRINGTON Cox NC Publications

EDENTON - Ever since they added video teleconferencing capabilities to their list of tools for promoting economic development and tourism in the northeastern part of the state, North Carolina's Northeast Partnership has seen the world as its stage.

After a year and a half of planning and about 30 days of actually having all the equipment in place, Partnership members spoke last week from their boardroom in Edenton to a company in Frankfurt, Germany about the prospect of doing business here.

"That was the first time we reed it to talk to another continent," said Bob Spivey, president of the Northeast Partnership and Mayor of Windsor.

"We think it opens up a new world of opportunity in being



North Carolina's Northeast Partnership held its first televideoconference last Wednesday in Edenton, chatting with their European counterparts in Vienna, Austria. Televideoconferences, officials say, will become an essential, more efficient tool for the Partnership's future business negotiations. Participants in the conference included (standing) Kay Mitchell, Arthur Lee Wiggins (at left) and Bob Spivey (at right). (Staff photo by David Crawley)

"You could see the clarity somebody a building or whatthat we have," Spivey said of ever. With this equipment we the teleconferencing viewing are able to do the same thing

that we would do if they came here to see the site."

"But it saves a lot of money on both sides," he continued. "It also gives us an opportunity to present what we have to people once we know what their needs are."

"Now we can do it through telecommunications and don't have to make that trip across the water.'

Videoconferences were also conducted that day with a representative of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Travel & Tourism in Raleigh and with a West Virginia company specializing in individual privacy protection technology.

Officials of Privaris, the West Virginia company, said they are very close to locating a branch of their business in the Economic Development Telecenter in Williamston.

In addition to demonstrating its new video conferencing equipment, the Partnership also two new

Guild plans Kids' Halloween Parade

BY MARK LINEBERGER AND HELEN OUTLAND Cox NC Publications

Beware! Downtown Edenton is about to be invaded by ghost, goblins, a host of creepy creatures, and probably some Fairy princesses to boot.

So, who ya gonna call? The Edenton Market Place Guild would be your best bet, because they're sponsoring this year's Halloween Costume Parade and contest, where folks will put on their best dis-

Trick or treat tips given

When local children and adults head out for Halloween festivities next Thursday night law enforcement officials are hoping that safety will be as much on the minds of Trick or Treaters as are those collections of sweets.

The Chowan County Sheriff's Office and the Edenton Police Department are joining forces remind everyone that guises and march down Broad Street to see who pulls off Halloween with the most style.

It's going to be a safe and fun environment for the kids," said Frank Lea, President of the Market Place Guild and Chairperson for the parade event. Lea said Monday that by adding the element of the prizes for best costumes encourages some very entertaining use of imagination. "One family, in a similar event in Lake Placid,

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children.

The two agencies are requesting that citizens and parents cooperate by limiting the hours of "TRICK OR TREAT" from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Halloween night. They are also asking those children, more that 12 years of age, not participate in "TRICK or TREAT".

"We would like to remind everyone that some home-owners choose not to participate in

able to communicate with people all over the world."

screen. "You could really show

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public cooperating is necessary to ensure a safe and happy Halloween for all the county's

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Selected by her fellow artists for the Artists' Choice Award, Cathy Tucker of Georgetown, SC, receives the award from local potter and Cupola House gardener Frances Inglis (right). (Herald photo by Bud Weagly)

Edenton Art Walk successful, growing

With more than three times the number of artists than last year, this year's annual Edenton ART WALK drew potters, painters, weavers, woodworkers, and other artists

from eight different states. Not even the heavy rains from "Kyle" could dampen the enthusiasm that surrounded the

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Christmas Candlelight Tour coming to Edenton

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

As the weather grows cooler, and days grow shorter, local residents begin to think about one of the most exciting seasons of the year -Christmas - and to eagerly anticipate one of this community's prettiest events, the annual Christmas Candlelight Tour.

Now in its 21st year, the tour gives locals and visitors from across North Carolina and other states the opportunity to view many of Edenton's homes and historic sites at their most beautiful.

The tour is sponsored by the Edenton Historical Commission and proceeds are used to benefit historic preservation projects.

"It is our mission to do what we can to ensure that our area's history is as alive today as it was 200 years ago," says Ben Rose, commission chairman.

Homeowners who have generously agreed to open their residences for viewing by tourgoers this year are: Ms. April Lane, Mr. and Mrs.



Planners of this year's Christmas Candlelight Tour smile as they reminisce while looking at a copy of last year's Albemarle magazine which featured the tour. They are (seated, I-r) Susan Creighton, Peggy Anne Vaughan, Beverly Kirchmier; (standing, I-r) Nancy Nicholls and Ben Rose. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

Bill Vogedes, Mr. and Mrs. Livy Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Downum, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Willsey, Mrs. C.B. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Boehling, Miss Geordie Robison, Ms. Sue Clark, and Ms. Nancy Hagan.

Also scheduled to be on the tour is the Edenton Baptist Church.

In keeping with bringing alive the sights and sounds of the holiday season, there are also a number of companion events planned in conjunction

with the tour, including perennial favorites such as the Wassail Bowl and the Groaning Board.

Be sure to watch future editions of The Chowan Herald for details on the tour and related information.

