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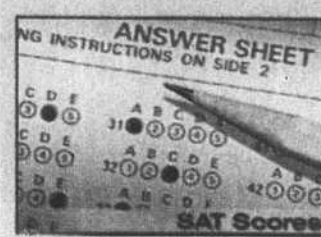
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Bootwright says charge a mistake

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald



Bootwright A former Edenton realtor whose clients include Country music stars in Tennessee has been charged with stealing items from a client's residence.

Geddes Bootwright, 36, was charged last month with felony theft, having allegedly taken lamps, pillows and furniture from a Williamson County home.

Bootwright told *The Chowan Herald* that the charges have no merit. "It was so ridiculous," he said. "The media attention has been unreal."

Bootwright, a former prominent realtor in Edenton and a resident of Tyner, was charged with stealing more than \$500 and less than \$1,000 of items from a client's residence in Williamson County. The incident occurred in July.

Bootwright's clients were trying to sell a home valued at about \$1.2 million. Bootwright said he put \$6,800 worth of furniture and furnishings in the house to help it sell.

When it didn't sell quickly, Bootwright said, the owners apparently became upset.

He was accused of taking \$580 in furnishings from the home. His next court date is Sept. 25.

"It's such a minimal amount," he said, "it's almost a joke. It will all be cleared."

His attorney agreed. "I'm sure he'll enter a plea of not guilty on the matter," Jack Lowery Sr. said. "This could have been a misunderstanding."

"I'm not going to lose my license," Bootwright said.

Bootwright, currently an agent with Crye-Leike Realtors, said his celebrity clients have continued to support him. In fact, he said, the attention from the charges have not damaged his reputation.

"It's been something that has helped me, believe it or not," he said.

He said that his former clients include Alan Jackson, The Judds, and Tanya Tucker.

And The Fun Ad Winner Is....



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Sound Feet Shoes manager Mickey Willard sports one of his display shoes, a size 19 1/2 Reebok Shaq, named for basketball great Shaquille O'Neal. Measuring 15 1/4 inches long, the shoe was the longest submitted in the Golden Corral-sponsored Fun Ad Contest running now in the *Chowan Herald*. Willard's closest competition came from Edward Montgomery, who brought in a 13 1/4 inch shoe, and Joe Brucia, with a 12 7/8 inch shoe. For this week's contest see page D1. For more information see ad on C7.

Mother, son face murder-related charges

Coach says Aces starting fullback well-liked by team

BY SEAN JACKSON
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Authorities now say a Camden County man allegedly assaulted the mother of a local teenager charged with murder in the man's death. The teen is a senior at John A. Holmes.

Scott Daniel, 17, of 507 W. Queen St., Edenton, is charged with murder. He is confined at Albemarle District Jail in Elizabeth City under a \$400,000 secured bond.

His mother, Elizabeth King, 52, of the same address, has been charged with accessory to murder. She is being held at ADJ under a \$100,000 bond.

Camden Sheriff Tony Perry said last week that Daniel and King were tied to the April murder of Robert Durwood Mansfield, of Camden.

Prior to his arrest, Daniel had been a member of the Holmes football team. He rushed for 54 yards in an Aces victory of Williamston last month. He rushed for 41 yards in a season-opening win against Perquimans County.

Aces head football coach Bob Turner said Daniel had always been a hard-working player who had improved enough in his senior year to become the team's starting fullback, as well as a defensive lineman.

"He was a pleasure to be around and never had any trouble on the field for us," Turner said. "He has always been really quiet and you very rarely heard much come out of his mouth during practice or a game."

Turner said Daniel was well-liked by his teammates and coaches.

"He will be very much missed on our team and our prayers go out to him and his family," he said. "It is very unfortunate that this has occurred and it is hard on the team, his friends, family members and all involved."

A call to the family's home, listed under the name of Leo Katkaveck, was not returned.

Edenton attorney Sambo Dixon is representing Daniel. Dixon said his client has "no significant criminal record."

Dixon declined to discuss the charges against his client.

Perry declined last week to discuss the circumstances of the charges. "I cannot elaborate on the contents of the investigation," Perry said last week. "except to say evidence was processed and interviews were conducted that led to obtaining arrest warrants



Daniel



King

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Sewage washes into Edenton Bay

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Edenton's wastewater collection system was overwhelmed during Tropical Storm Ernesto, sending about 15,000 gallons of sewage into Edenton Bay.

Town manager Anne-Marie Knighton said the spill resulted from rainwaters filling four sewer manholes. The town had as much as seven inches of rain.

"Normally it's not a big deal," Knighton said. "But when you have seven inches of rain, it's a big deal."

Much of the area was inundated by eight to 10 inches of rain during the storm, which made landfall near Wilmington late Thursday then rushed toward the Virginia state line.

The spills happened at East Water and Granville streets, as well as the Paradise and Badham roads. Knighton said there is no danger to swimmers, boaters or aquatic life in the bay.

Wayne Bryant, an environmental specialist with the state Division of Water Quality, said town public works official Jimmy Patterson

called his office just hours after Ernesto had rumbled up the coast.

Bryant also said the heavy rains brought both good and bad to the region's wastewater systems.

"Any time a sewer spill happens, that's not a good thing, obviously," Bryant said of the downside to Ernesto's downpours.

The upside, Bryant added, was that the runoff into the bay diluted the sewage spill rapidly.

"The dilution factor helped in this situation," he said.

Bryant didn't anticipate the state

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Lunch 11:00 - 2:00 **CHOWAN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB** **Masonic Lodge**
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