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MOST WANTED

Edenton's Top 10



Bonner



Harrell

Archer



Moore

Lanier



Worrell

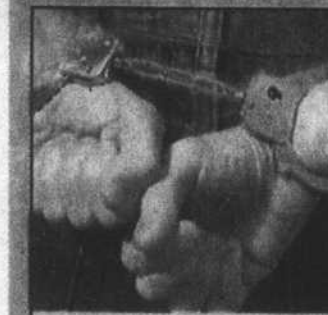
Twine



Leary

Simpson

Picture not available for Cassandra Banks.



If you see any of these people on the street, do not approach them.

Call the police department or sheriff's office immediately.

Anyone wishing to make an anonymous tip may do so by calling 482-5147.

BY EARLINE WHITE
Staff Writer

They are wanted on a variety of felony charges — anything from passing a bad check to possession of narcotics.

The majority of them are men in their 20s and 30s who are from Edenton. The few who are not native are on the list for crimes committed locally.

Some of them are repeat offenders. And a few of them have been under investigation for several years.

Police chief Greg Bonner said that there are no real common threads linking the persons on Edenton's most wanted list other than that — they are at large and wanted.

This is the first publically-released wanted list from the police department in many years.

Typically a generic list of those locally-wanted persons is posted in local law enforcement offices.

But Bonner hopes that by releasing the information that residents will help lead police to those on the list.

Jan Maurice Bonner, 26, 129 Thick Neck Road, is currently Edenton's most wanted man.

He was indicted by a grand jury recently on charges of felony inciting to riot, possession of a stolen firearm, possession of cocaine, carrying a concealed gun, resisting a police officer and assault on a police officer.

The following persons are ranked by police officials according to the severity of their crimes, beginning with Edenton's second most wanted.

Derrick Darnell Harrell, 29, is wanted on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious body injury and discharging a firearm into occupied property. Shakir Laquan Archer, 16, 1023 B Badham Road, is wanted on a charge of felony inciting to riot.

Napoleon Moore, 31, 1212 N. Oakum St., is wanted on a charge of felony inciting to riot.

Randy Stephen Lanier, 50, 1491 U.S. 70 Hwy, Garner, is wanted for an obtaining property by false pretenses charge.

David Bryan Worrell, 27, 408 A St., Goldsboro, is wanted for a larceny of a motor vehicle charge.

Thomas Ray Twine, 24, 103 E. Carteret St., was wanted on charges of common law robbery. He was apprehended Monday and made his first appearance in court yesterday.

Thelma Leary, 24, is wanted on a charge of obtaining property by false pretenses.

Travis Lee Simpson, 26, 202 Drummond's Point Road, is wanted on a charge of forgery and uttering.

Cassandra Banks, not pictured, 24, 202 Edenton Road St., is wanted on charges of forgery and uttering (passing a bad check).

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Edenton springs into color



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As signs of warmer weather emerge along with the crocuses in the Cupola House gardens, residents gear up for a Spring calendar full of events, including the biennial Pilgrimage set for mid-April.

Parents contacted about large number of flu outbreaks in school

BY EARLINE WHITE
Staff Writer

Talk that a flu epidemic was sweeping through the local elementary schools last week was exaggerated, but not entirely baseless.

Nearly 80 students, or eight percent of the elementary school population, many suffering from flu-like symptoms, did not show up for class on Thursday.

The numbers had been fluctuating for a few days prior, between 50 - 60 per day, school representatives said. By Monday the numbers were back down in the 60s.

According to school nurse Angie Layton, several of the children were reported to have influenza B, in addition to a variety of other illnesses.

Typically student absences range from 7 - 30.

This year's absences re-

main quite low compared to five years ago when there were a large amount of flu and bronchitis cases in the elementary schools, Layton noted.

Pasquotank and Perquimans counties also saw a large number of students, mainly in the lower grades, calling in sick last week, due to flu-like symptoms, officials with the local health system said. But officials denied any sort of "outbreak" in the area.

"The bad thing about this is that a lot of kids don't get the flu shot," Layton said.

"Vaccinations are recommended for asthmatics, diabetics, and seniors, not for healthy kids. And because the flu is a respiratory virus spread through the air, it spreads quickly."

For those students left in Chowan elementary schools, many of them enjoyed videos featuring "Dr. Coughs A Lot" and his

quick-witted messages of health safety — coughing into the elbow and washing one's hands often.

The teachers also took precautions to ensure the health of their students by disinfecting the classrooms.

Letters were also sent home to parents.

The rise in local absences happened one day after an outbreak in Hyde County that closed three of the county's schools after 20 per-

cent of their students fell ill.

National reports said last year, 47 children under age 18 died from influenza around the country. In 2003-2004, the worst recent flu season, 153 children died.

According to the Center for Disease Control approximately 36,000 people die from the flu each year.

But so far federal health officials have considered this year a mild one.

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Rocky Hock Community Center

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