

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ Dec. 3 - Earl Traquan Williams, 25, of Yeopim Road, was arrested on one count of failure to appear.
 ■ Dec. 1 - Robert Lee Williams Jr., 31, of North Oakum Street, was arrested on one felony count of possession of a firearm

by a felon and one misdemeanor count of discharging a firearm inside the town limits.
 ■ Dec. 1 - Daryl Eugene Barcliff, 30, of West Church Street, was arrested on one felony count of possession of a firearm by a felon and one misdemeanor count of discharging a firearm inside the town limits.

■ Nov. 29 - Nicholas Anton Bogues, 26, of Camden, NC, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault inflicting serious injury. Bogues was also issued a citation that same day for simple possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance.
INCIDENTS
 ■ Dec. 8 - Hit and run on

Virginia Road.
 ■ Dec. 7 - Larceny at Walgreens on North Broad Street.
 ■ Dec. 6 - Simple assault at Tyler Run 1.
 ■ Dec. 3 - Trespassing at Salon Phoenix on West Queen Street.
 ■ Dec. 2 - Hit and run on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.

■ Dec. 1 - Larceny on North Granville Street.
 ■ Nov. 25 - Injury to personal property in Edenton.
 ■ Nov. 18 - Larceny on East Carteret Street.
CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS
 ■ Dec. 8 - Franklin Martin Skittlethorpe, 60, of Sandy Ridge Road, was charged

with two misdemeanor counts of assault on a female and placed under a 48 hour domestic assault hold in the Chowan County Jail.
 ■ Dec. 7 - Eric Valentine, 32, of Reginald and Mary Avenue, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
INCIDENTS
 ■ None reported.

Sheriff offers tips for safe shopping during holidays

From staff reports
 "The holiday season is right around the corner and shoppers are crowding malls and discount stores," said Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin.
 According to Sheriff Goodwin, "This time of year attracts more shopping-related criminal activity because of the larger crowds and the extended store hours. These factors and the usual distraction of shopping creates a more favorable environment for

petty thieves and other offenders."
 The sheriff reminds all Chowan County residents to follow these safety tips:
Shopping Safety
 ■ A single shopper is the best target for theft. Always shop with a friend or relative
 ■ Shop during daylight hours. If you shop at night, park your vehicle in a well-lit area
 ■ Pay careful attention to your surroundings and avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is impor-

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Dwayne Goodwin
 Chowan county sheriff

■ Report suspicious activity.
 ■ According to Sheriff Goodwin, "During this time of year, busy holiday shoppers become careless and vulnerable to other crimes as well. Credit card fraud is on the rise. However, taking a few preventive measures can help."
Credit Card Fraud
 ■ Keep a close watch on your credit card every time you use it, and make sure you get it back as quickly as possible
 ■ Never write your PIN

number on your credit card
 ■ Shred anything with your credit card number written on it.
 ■ In light of these problems, Goodwin warns shoppers to be careful so that they don't become the victim of criminal activity.
 "Unfortunately, when shopping, people have a tendency to let their guard down," Goodwin said. "However, paying attention and taking precautions can help eliminate their chances of being victimized."

TRADE

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 FTZ expansion also gives the NCEast Alliance, a regional economic development agency, a tool to recruit businesses, he noted.
 Wayne Harris, director of the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Economic

Development Commission, welcomed the news last week. Being in an FTZ means big savings for companies whose manufacturing requires a lot of imports, he explained. In an FTZ, a "fairly typical manufacturer" with 50 employees and 250 customs entries a year could save over \$30,000 a year just in reduced report-

ing on shipments, he estimated. The FTZ expansion is also well-timed, Harris said, noting that Virginia has finally broken major traffic "bottlenecks" between Elizabeth City and the port. He cited the opening of the second span of Veterans Bridge and the opening of the overpass over Cedar Road. The improvements on U.S. Highway 17 give companies assurance they can locate in Pasquotank's Commerce Park and still only have a 45-minute drive to the port, he said.

Similarly, Camden County Economic Developer Charlie Bauman said the FTZ fits into a "convergence" of good news for the local economy. It's also another "tool in the toolbox" for Camden to recruit manufacturers, such as in the logistics and maritime sectors, he said. Bauman added Camden also has an abundance of available industrial land, including at its Eco-Industrial Park, which

is on U.S. 17, just south of the Virginia line.
 The FTZ expansion is an effort that started more than three years ago. State lawmakers and Gov. Pat McCrory enacted legislation in 2013 so the Port of Virginia, an out-of-state entity, could apply to add North Carolina counties to the zone. Virginia's attorney general also had to review whether the port had the legal authority to expand past the state line, and the U.S. Department of Commerce also spent about the last seven months reviewing the application.
 In an email to The Daily Advance, Port of Virginia FTZ Administrator Laura Godbolt said FTZ status helps companies of varying sizes. That means the region may appeal to companies supporting established manufacturers, she said.
 "Northeastern North Carolina may see success in targeting suppliers of existing North Carolina

and Virginia manufacturers," Godbolt said. Large manufacturers like their suppliers to be close to provide "just-in-time services," she added.
 Godbolt also said some of the biggest manufacturing sectors in the FTZ include petroleum refining, automobile manufacturing, electronics and pharmaceuticals.
 The Port of Virginia also estimates it generated \$60.3 billion in annual economic impact to Virginia alone, based on 2013 numbers.
 Godbolt said companies that want to participate in the FTZ must pay application fees and a yearly administration fee that's based on their square footage. Companies may also face costs for "inventory control, security upgrades and FTZ consultants." Notably, companies in an FTZ are still under Customs and Border Protection supervision.
 Companies interested in participating in the FTZ should contact her, she added. Her number is 757-683-2135 and her email is lgdbolt@portofvirginia.com.

SBA

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 low as 4 percent for a business and 2.75 percent for a nonprofit, he said.
 Homeowners can get a loan up to \$200,000 for damage to their primary residence, he said.
 In addition, homeowners and renters can get a loan up to \$40,000 for personal property damage, Choudhury said. "Thus far, we have approved \$62,084,100 in loans for 1,678 homes and businesses," Choudhury said in an email message to media outlets last week. "We look forward to helping even more homeowners, renters, nonprofits, and businesses that have been affected by this devastating hurricane with our low-interest, long-term disaster loans."

Businesses eligible for economic injury loans related to the hurricane have until July to apply for those loans, SBA spokesman Tamim Choudhury said.

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January	3rd	6:00pm	**Tuesday**
	17th	6:00pm	**Tuesday**
February	6th	6:00pm	
	20th	6:00pm	
March	6th	6:00pm	
	20th	6:00pm	
April	3rd	6:00pm	
	17th	6:00pm	
May	1st	6:00pm	
	15th	6:00pm	
June	5th	6:00pm	
	19th	6:00pm	
July	3rd	6:00pm	
	17th	6:00pm	
August	7th	6:00pm	
	21st	6:00pm	
September	5th	6:00pm	**TUESDAY**
	18th	6:00pm	
October	2nd	6:00pm	
	16th	6:00pm	
November	6th	6:00pm	
	20th	6:00pm	
December	4th	6:00pm	
	18th	6:00pm	

If meeting falls on holiday, the meeting was rescheduled for the next business day (Tuesday)

** Additional Special meetings may be scheduled as needed, to receive notification of special meetings, send your request to susanne_stallings@chowan.nc.gov **

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2017 Tourism Development Authority Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 24th
 Tuesday, Feb 28th
 Tuesday, April 25th
 Tuesday, June 27th
 Tuesday, August 22nd
 Tuesday, October 24th
 Tuesday, December 5th

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