

3 face charges over toppling of Confederate statue

■ Steinburg: Misdemeanor charges 'insufficient'

By Staff and Wire Reports

Police filed charges Friday against three people accused of helping tear down a century-old Confederate statue during a protest this week at North Carolina's flagship university.

The University of North Carolina's campus police department filed warrants for the three on misdemeanor charges of rioting and defacing a public monument, according to a

news release. The release said the three aren't affiliated with the university.

The department said there could be more arrests. Another protester was charged earlier in the week with misdemeanor counts of resisting officers and wearing a mask shortly before the statue came down.

Several hundred protesters on UNC's campus in Chapel Hill used ropes Monday (Aug. 20) to bring down the statue known as "Silent Sam." The organized protesters took ad-

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vantage of a non-confrontational police response to topple the statue that stood since 1913 in a main

quad. University and legislative leaders have condemned the protesters'

actions as "mob rule," demanding a hard look at the police response and a full criminal investigation. The State Bureau of Investigation has been brought in to assist.

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Steinburg said the misdemeanor charges filed so far are insufficient.

"That's a relative slap on the hand based on what they have done," he said.

Steinburg said he's worried that weak prosecution of vandals will embolden further attacks on other Confederate monuments across the state. He called law enforcement responses to Silent Sam and another statue toppling in Durham "milquetoast."

The statue is in temporary storage, and its future is unclear.

EDENTON'S MOST WANTED

Editor's note: As promised, published below is a list of Edenton's Most Wanted suspects. Persons within this feature provided by the Edenton Police Department are innocent until proven guilty. Anyone with information about the people on this list is asked to call the Edenton Police Department at (252) 482-5144, or Chowan Central Communication at (252) 482-4444.

NIKALE EREON WALTON

- Charges: 3 counts of Felony Breaking and Entering.
- Height/weight: 5'9, 139.
- Age: 19.
- Hair/eye color: Black/brown.
- Race/sex: Black/male.



ROBERT KEITH BEASLEY

- Charges: Breaking and Entering to terrorize or cause injury, Assault on a female, and second degree Kidnapping.
- Height/weight: 5'9, 220.
- Age: 40.
- Hair/eye color: Black/brown.
- Race/sex: Black/male.



TYRONE CHRISTOPHER WILSON

- Charges: 2 counts of assault on a female, Battery on an unborn child, Interfering with Emergency Communications, resisting a public officer.
- Height/weight: 5'7, 135.
- Age: 19.
- Hair/eye color: Black/brown.
- Race/sex: Black/male.



DERRICK LAMONT PHILLIPS

- Charges: Robbery with a dangerous weapon.
- Height/weight: 6'1, 200.
- Age: 27.
- Hair/eye color: Black/brown.
- Race/sex: Black/male.



LINWARD BAILEY III

- Charges: Assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill.
- Height/weight: 5'9, 187.
- Age: 24.
- Hair/eye color: Black/brown.
- Race/sex: Black/male.



CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ Aug. 22 — Beatrice Staton Ali, 52, of Elliott Street, South Mills, NC, was arrested on two misdemeanor counts of failure to appear and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Aug. 21 — Robert Lee Copeland Jr., 42, of Bridgetown Avenue, was arrested after being issued a summons/citation on one felony count of failure to appear and one misdemeanor count of

failure to appear.

■ Aug. 17 — Deeandre Keithale, 19, of Badham Road, was charged with one misdemeanor count of consuming alcohol while underage.

■ Aug. 16 — Cordell Long, 32, of Coke Avenue, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

INCIDENTS

■ Aug. 21 — Hit and run on Virginia Road.

CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS

■ None reported.

INCIDENTS

■ Aug. 23 — Burglary/breaking and entering on Rocky Hock Creek Road.

■ Aug. 23 — Opening a Verizon account using a false name of a Yeopim Road resident.

■ Aug. 19 — Discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling on Dallie White Road.

■ Aug. 3 — Driving under the influence, possession of up to ½ ounce of marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia on Yeopim Trail.

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board in November, is the longtime owner of a local business, Northeast Guttering Company. He also serves as senior pastor for Potecasi Church in Northampton County. He and his wife Denise, who have been married 36 years, have three sons, all graduates of the Edenton-Chowan Schools. They have one grandson and a daughter-in-law who teaches kindergarten in the local school system.

"My passion to be an advocate for the students and staff of Edenton-Chowan Schools continues to grow," he said. "I believe we have the best school system in Northeast North Carolina and I enjoy and want to be a part of it."

Both candidates identified

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A joint committee comprised of county commissioners and school board members, including Browder, has been created to study whether to build a new high school or repair/renovate the existing high school. Building a new high school may be less expensive than repairs and improvements made at John A. Holmes. However, building a new high school, possibly including a new

middle school within the same compound, brings its own host of issues that will require much study and careful decision-making, the candidates said.

Browder pledged to keep an open mind when considering the facts surrounding to decision.

"There are pros and cons for both options, but I believe the most important factor is how it will affect the education of those students both in the short term while the process takes place and after it is completed," he said.

Bunch said in her opinion

Chowan County is at a "fork in the road" when it comes to discussing and weighing options relating to the Holmes facility project.

"While I believe that both paths at this 'fork in the road' have merit, it is of utmost importance to embrace input from all sectors of our community before taking either of these paths," she said. "This is not about what Jean Bunch wants, but rather what our community perceives as the best approach to take to provide the best educational environment for our students."

CRIME AND JUSTICE

CHAPEL HILL

Seven people were arrested Saturday at a rally calling for a century-old Confederate statue at the University of North Carolina to be returned after it was yanked down last week.

About a dozen people carrying Confederate flags were met by dozens of protesters that don't want the memorial known as "Silent Sam" to return to the campus in Chapel Hill.

Television footage and videos posted to social media showed several punches thrown and at least one man handcuffed after he tried to burn a Confederate flag taken from another man's hands.

None of the seven people arrested was affiliated with the school, Chancellor Carol Folt said.

Three were charged with assault, two were charged with assault, destruction of property and inciting a riot; one was charged with destruction of property and one was charged with resisting an officer, the university said in a statement. Officials did not release their names or say if they were protesting for or against the statue.

"Silent Sam," erected in 1913, was torn down Monday during a protest. It's now in temporary storage.

Folt said there have been at least 35 demonstrations about the statue in the past several years, and while she would prefer a safer, more secure location than a main campus quad, the university hasn't decided what to do with the monument. Police surrounded its empty pedestal with barricades Saturday.

The chancellor only promised a "sustainable, lawful solution" during a conference call with reporters, where she also acknowledged there were "very tense moments" during Saturday's demonstrations.

"I won't be rushed into that," Folt said of Silent Sam's fate.

COLUMBIA

A North Carolina woman has been arrested after authorities say they found 75 malnourished animals in her backyard.

The Virginian-Pilot reports 39-year-old Christy L. Edwards,

of Columbia, is charged with animal cruelty. Tyrrell County Sheriff Darryl Liverman says deputies visited the property Friday and Saturday after receiving a tip.

He says they found animals including chickens, donkeys, horses, goats, a pig and a turkey without food or water. He says that "when you see a pig with his ribs showing, that's pretty bad."

Liverman says the animals have since been checked by a veterinarian and taken to a Currituck County farm.

ELIZABETH CITY

The U.S. Coast Guard says five people who departed Elizabeth City in a seaplane on Saturday were rescued by a container ship after their aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing in the Atlantic Ocean.

According to a press release issued Sunday, the seaplane's front node was damaged by striking an object on takeoff, forcing the plane to land about 460 miles east southeast of Cape Hatteras on Saturday.

All five of the people aboard put on life jackets after the plane landed on the water, the Coast Guard said. The press release did not contain the names or addresses of those aboard the plane.

HERTFORD

Hertford Town Councilman Quentin Jackson's legal troubles continue.

The first-term councilor was arrested on Thursday, a day after he failed to show up in court on charges connected to a property dispute with his cousin.

Jackson was scheduled to appear in Perquimans District Court on Wednesday to face charges of breaking and entering and first degree trespassing.

The charges stem from a dispute between Jackson and a cousin, Catherine Flowers, over a house Flowers owns on Brace Avenue in Hertford.

Flowers, who says Jackson was living in the house, was seeking six months of rent from the councilman — a total of \$2,400 — and \$200 for damages she claims Jackson made to the property.

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