

CRIMEWATCH

Chowan County Sheriff's Office Arrests

Alice Simpson, of Coffield Road, was arrested Jan. 25 on a charge of false report of theft of a motor vehicle.
 Keith Wilder, of Park Avenue, was arrested Jan. 25 on charge of false report of theft of a motor vehicle.
 Matthew Riddick, of Ryland Road, was arrested Jan. 28 on charges of larceny/possession of stolen goods and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Windi Parker, of Yeopim Trail, was arrested on Jan. 30 on a charge of assault on a disabled person.
 Donald Allen "Bubba" Jones, of Blackbeard Road, was arrested on Jan. 31 on a

charge of possession of a controlled substance in a jail facility.

Edenton Police Department Arrests

Quantae Rashun Jernigan, 36, of East Albemarle Street, Edenton, was arrested on Jan. 31, on misdemeanor charges of assault on a female, communicating threats, resisting a public officer and driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set. Arresting officer, Officer A.M. Wynn, assisted by Officer C.N. Skorupa.
 Shanya Denise Twine, 21, of Newport News, Virginia, was arrested Jan. 26, on a misdemeanor charge of larceny. She is accused of taking \$268 out of a wallet that was left on a bench near the Dairy Queen,

706 N. Broad St., Edenton. Arresting officer, Officer C.N. Skorupa.

Ashley Simone DaShiell, 33, of Waterford Place, Edenton, was arrested on Jan. 20 on a felony charge of obtaining property by false pretense. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set. According to the report, DaShiell is accused of using someone else's EBT card for groceries at Food Lion, 300 Virginia Road, Edenton. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set. Arresting officer, Ptl. D.L. Turner.

Kenan Avery White, 31, Old Merry Hill Road, Edenton, was arrested Jan. 21, on a misdemeanor charge of larceny. An unsecured bond of \$1,500 was set. Arresting officer, Officer A.M. Wynn. According to the report, White is accused of concealing items in his pant and leaving the Dollar General, West Queen Street, without paying for them.

Citations

Shane Alan Devone, 26, of Sharpsburg, NC, was cited Jan. 21 on a misdemeanor charges of possession of less than .5 ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia during a traffic stop on Virginia Road.

Luis Tomas Garcia Lopez, 31, of Johnston Street, Edenton, was cited on Jan. 20 on charged of driving while under the influence and no operator's license. Investigating officer, Cpl. R.J. Michael Jr.

Incidents

Walgreens, North Broad Street, Edenton, reported on Jan. 24 that \$11.73 in wine was shoplifted from the store when the suspect walked toward the exit with concealed goods.

Edenton man adds drug charge to prior case

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John Lee-Allen Gay, of County Club Drive, Edenton, was arrested Jan. 31 after a Chowan County grand jury indicted him on a felony drug charge.

The grand jury handed down its indictment on Jan. 28 in Chowan County Superior Court. Gay, 56, was

charged with possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver a Schedule II controlled substance.

According to the report, Gay was arrested and was taken to the Chowan County jail.

He was released on a \$5,000 secured bond. Court records note that his release was contingent on his

not using or possessing any illegal drugs or controlled substances unless they have been prescribed by a licensed physician.

The charges stem from a Nov. 19, 2018, incident, according to court documents.

According to Superior Court clerk Michael McArthur, Gay will head back to

Superior Court for a plea hearing on either April 1 or July 8, when the court next meets.

Gay already has a case pending before the court. He was charged with possession with intent to distribute of a controlled substance — a gram of cocaine — and driving while impaired after being ar-

rested in January 2017 in the parking lot of a Virginia Road business.

Also, he is charged with second degree exploitation of a minor, third degree sexual exploitation of a minor and soliciting a child by computer to commit a sexual act when he was arrested in March 2017 in Edenton. The drug and sex

crime charges stem from a North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation undercover investigation initiated in January 2017.

His original case was scheduled to be heard on Feb. 25. McArthur said it was likely that the new charges would be combined with the existing cases.

Boy replaces missing library toy

From Submitted Reports

Collins Williams, son of Jenny Blount and Paul Williams of Edenton, recently helped the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library

Collins attends Library Story-

Time for Toddlers each Wednesday at 11 a.m. Following a recent program, Collins wanted to check out a bin containing all sorts of cars and trucks. The one item he especially wanted to play with was missing. When Collins went to Peebles he no-

ticed that the "Car Carrier" was for sale there.

He bought one for himself. But, he also bought one to replace the missing one from the library. Thank you Collins for your generosity and thoughtfulness!

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programs," he said. "But I'm so happy and proud to see how they turned into beautiful and successful young ladies they are today. I've always tried to instill in them that hard work pays off and they have proven that all their hard work is paying off."

Bass recognized the past fire chiefs and those firefighters who told him to continue training and always try to be a better firefighter.

"I tried to live those words each and every day, and I hope to make them proud of all the lessons I taken from each one of them," he said.

"The fire service is a big family. No matter where you go you can go into any city, anytime and go to any fire station and we connect with one another. We always talk about fire calls, training and equipment. So guys, thank you for being my other family, and I hope that I can continue to have your support."

Bass said he plans make sure the fire department has the proper equipment and training to keep its firefighters safe. He also wants to build stronger relationship with the community to help reduce fires.

"It's my goal to work more in the schools to promote more fire prevention programs. I also hope to work

closely with our local high school to build a junior firefighter program for high school students ages 16-18," he said. "I feel this is a necessary part for building our next and future firefighters."

Retired fire department captain Gary Swanner was among those who helped Bass start his career as a firefighter.

"He likes to communicate, which makes him a good chief," Swanner said. "He has always strived to do better. ... I'm proud that he's made it. I'm proud of the fact that he was made the training officer after I left."

"I know he will try to make that department the best it can be."

Mayor Roland Vaughan echoed much of what Swanner said, calling Bass an asset to Edenton.

"I admire Billy. He often saw the opportunity for his career to grow and he took the action necessary to achieve those ambitions," Vaughan said.

He noted that Bass' extensive training and education "brings a lot of comfort to all of us knowing that the department is trained in a manner in which it can be its best."

"The desire for this fire family who's all in here this afternoon to work together and get the job done and support each other is one of greatest things I've seen in my career as mayor," Vaughan said.

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adventure camp, so it is little wonder why more folks are taking advantage of the Rec Department's offerings. In 2015, 1,249 kids signed up for rec activities, whereas in 2018, 1,648 kids were doing fun things that didn't revolve around video games.

In other news, commissioners approved a \$57,000 contract with Groundwater Management Associates for water well monitoring required by the state. Company will test the groundwater to make sure it is safe to drink.

Commissioners signed off on \$83,000 worth of improvements that are being made at the Senior Center that was damaged by Hurricane Matthew. County will be reimbursed by its insurance provider and FEMA.

Worth noting, Commissioner Larry McLaughlin asked about expenditures associated with the molding placed at the base of walls at the Senior Center. An experienced carpenter, McLaughlin questioned why a premium price was paid for the work and materials. Howard said that the work is necessary as a preventative measure intended to protect

the Senior Center, which is susceptible to flooding.

Also, commissioners approved the demolition of the building that was damaged by a fire at the fishing pier in November. E.H. Johnstone was awarded the bid to do the work for around \$3,450. Commissioners will consider bids for reconstruction of the building at a later meeting.

And, commissioners appointed Harriet DeHart as a delegate to the Albemarle Commission. DeHart is an active member of the community who is well-versed on county affairs.

Also, commissioners

tabled a resolution for further research and inquiry regarding the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization Transportation Committee's continued support for the Safe Routes to Schools program. McLaughlin questioned the utility of the program that seems more pre-disposed toward providing funding for urban schools rather than rural schools. McLaughlin also noted that the funding sources may be drying up for this program. As such, he said he would look into the matter further and report his findings before the commission decides to take any action on the matter.

SUBMITTED PHOTO
 N.C. African American Heritage Commission Acting Executive Director Angela Thorpe explains the Africa to Carolina initiative during a meeting at the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton on Thursday.



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charge to do so from staff at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, in alignment with similar efforts that are taking place across the nation.

Community lies at the center of "Africa to Carolina." The meeting also sought explore local connections to the slave trade and enslaved peoples' disembarkation, and engage in a meaningful discussion about the legacies of, and commemoration around, U.S. slavery in North Caro-

lina. The meeting was led by Janeen Bryant of Facilitate Movement, LLC, and included a presentation by N.C. African American Heritage Commission Acting Executive Director Angela Thorpe.

The meeting was well attended by members of the community and there was a great discussion had by all.

For information about this project, visit <https://aahc.nc.gov/programs/africa-carolina>.

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AUGUST	
15.....	Parent Night (FLOAT) 4:00 - 7:00 pm
19-23.....	Teacher Workdays
26.....	First Day of School
SEPTEMBER	
2.....	Labor Day Holiday
25.....	Early Release at 12:30 (K-12)
OCTOBER	
28.....	End of Grading Period
NOVEMBER	
1.....	Teacher Workday (K-12)
11.....	Veteran's Day Holiday
27-29.....	Thanksgiving Holidays
DECEMBER	
20.....	Early Release at 12:30 (K-12)
23-31.....	Winter Break
JANUARY	
1-2.....	Winter Break
3.....	Teacher Workday (K-12)
20.....	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
21.....	End of Grading Period
22.....	Early Release at 1:30 (9-12)
23-24.....	Teacher Workday (9-12)
FEBRUARY	
6-7.....	Teacher Workday (K-8)
MARCH	
6.....	Teacher Workday (K-12)
25.....	Early Release at 12:30 (K-12)
27.....	End of Grading Period
APRIL	
10-16.....	Spring Break
17.....	Teacher Workday (K-12)
MAY	
25.....	Memorial Day Holiday
JUNE	
9.....	Early Release at 12:30 (K-12) Last Day of School
10-12.....	Teacher Workdays
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* Approved by Board of Education in early January.	
OPEN HOUSE DATES	
White Oak & DF Walker.....	August 22, 2019 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Chowan Middle School.....	August 22, 2019 5:00 - 7:00 pm
John A. Holmes.....	August 22, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm
John A. Holmes.....	January 30, 2020 4:00 - 6:00 pm

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