

# CRIMEWATCH

## Chowan County Sheriff's Office

### Arrests

James Douglas Elliott III, of Mexico Road, Edenton, was arrested Feb. 3 on a charge of assault on a female.  
Billie Dee Smith, of Kilburn Circle, Henrico, Va., was arrested Feb. 5 on extradition warrants of malicious wounding and three charges of fail to appear.  
Curtis Ray Stanley, of Oakum Street,

Edenton, was arrested Feb. 7 on a charge of interfering with an electronic monitoring device.

David Terry Smith, Juniper Drive, Edenton, was arrested Feb. 8 on a charge of larceny/possession of stolen goods and property.

Monice Mizelle Capehart, County Line Road, Edenton, was arrested Feb. 9 on three charges of obtaining property under false pretense.

Curtis Ray Stanley, Oakum Street, Edenton, was arrested Feb. 11 on two charges

of breaking and entering, two charges of larceny after breaking and entering and two charges of possession of stolen goods.

## Edenton Police Department

### Incidents

A report of assault was made on Feb. 12. According to the report, the victim said he was struck with a closed fist at the Speedway, at 301 Virginia Road, Edenton. Investigating officer, Ptl. B.A. Adams.

A report of a hit and run was made on Feb. 12. According to the report, the suspect backed into the victim's vehicle and left the scene at Walgreens, 717 N. Broad St., Edenton. Investigating officer, Ptl. S.E. White.

A report of vandalism was made on Feb. 8. According to the report, the victim's vehicle was scratched with an unknown sharp object while it was parked on East Carteret Street, Edenton. About \$500 in damage was done to the vehicle. Investigating officer, Officer C.N. Skorupa.

# Murder suspect arrested in Greensboro

Charged in shooting death of Edenton's Rayshon Carter

BY THADD WHITE  
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GREENSBORO — The final suspect in the Jan. 6 homicide of Edenton resident Rayshon Carter is in custody.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said officers with the Greensboro Police Department took Jashawn De'Andre Brown,



BROWN

also known as Southside, into custody late last week. Brown had been on the lam for just over five weeks.

Carter was shot to death in the early morning hours of Jan. 6 at a birthday party held at the Merry Hill Community Building.

Officers with the Franklin (Va.) Police Department

arrested Tywan Jonshea' Outlaw, also known as Too-da-loo, a few days later. Outlaw was charged with Accessory After the Fact of murder.

With Outlaw in custody, officers searched north-eastern North Carolina and southern Virginia to find Brown.

"The Down East Drug Task Force agents investigated each tip and searched numerous locations," Holley said.

Tips led investigators to

contact the NC State Bureau of Investigation Fugitive Task Force and the Greensboro Police Department Violent Fugitive Apprehension Team.

It took just a few hours before the task force and the GPD team had Brown in custody.

He was turned over to Bertie County Sheriff's Office Lt. Matt Roebuck and Sgt. Martin Phelps, who took him back to Bertie County.

Brown appeared before

a magistrate where he was charged with murder and confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under no bond.

He will make his first appearance in Bertie County District Court today (Wednesday).

Holley offered his appreciation to the case investigators — Sgt. Harris Williams and Det. Ronald Rascoe — as well as the Drug Task Force, the SBI Fugitive team and the Greensboro Police Department.

"Our officers and those of the other departments worked well together and continued the search for Jashawn Brown until he was captured," Holley said. "I am thankful for everyone's help and cooperation in this matter."

The investigation into the incident is ongoing. Anyone with information about Carter's murder can contact the Bertie County Sheriff's Office at 252-794-5330.

# Edenton man faces drug and assault charges

Police: Fleming fought officers during his arrest

From Staff Reports

An Edenton man was recently charged with not only possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, but with assaulting police

officers as he was being arrested.

According to court documents, Nekel D. Fleming, 23, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, was arrested Jan. 30 at the intersection of Johnston and First streets. During his arrest, he allegedly got into a fight with Patrolman A. Wynn of

the Edenton Police Department.

As Fleming was being searched for drugs and weapons, he allegedly struck the right side of Wynn's face with his elbow. Also, Fleming allegedly refused to put his hands behind his back, attempted to stand up and kicked toward

Wynn. When Fleming was searched, police discovered .08 ounces of marijuana, .54 ounces of cocaine and a digital scale.

Later, as Fleming was being taken to the Chowan County jail, he allegedly spat at EPD Sgt. D. A. Smith.

Fleming was charged

with felony possession of cocaine, possession with intent to deliver marijuana, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance while in custody, malicious conduct by a prisoner, resisting arrest, and assault on a government official, according to court documents.

A secured bond was set at \$34,000, and he has been released from Chowan County Jail. Prior to Fleming's arrest, he was on probation for a simple assault case from June 2017 and he has a criminal record dating back to 2012.

# Lock Up Hunger nets 12,045 lb. of food for nonprofit

D.F. Walker collected 6,466 lbs. for annual food drive

BY MILES LAYTON  
Staff Writer

Under the leadership of Chowan County Sheriff Deputy Heather Matthews, resource officer at Chowan Middle School and Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin, this year's Lock Up Hunger Food Drive, sponsored by the Chowan Sheriff's Office, resulted in a total donation of 12,045 pounds of food to the Edenton Chowan Food Pantry.

All four Chowan County public schools, plus the county's Central Services office and the sheriff's office, participated in the annual program.

"We deeply appreciate this effort by Officer Matthews and Sheriff Goodwin to involve the youth of our community in sharing what they have with others. Such concern throughout Chowan County is the energy that drives the food pantry and makes it possible for us to provide significant amounts of food to those in need. Thank you to all who participated," said Roger Coleman,



PHOTO BY MILES LAYTON

More than 12,000 pounds of food was donated this year to Lock Up Hunger which benefited the Edenton Chowan Food Pantry.

who recently retired as Food Pantry director.

Matthews added, "Yes, I do believe that the Lock Up Hunger Food Drive has a huge impact on our community! I've watched this Food Drive grow over the years from 2,500 pounds of food being donated to what it is today! I've seen the students of Chowan County no matter what their age have an oppor-

tunity to give back and help feed their neighbors, friends and even family members."

Matthews not only sang during the Bulldogs' fall concert, but she works hard in the school system, knows the kids and talks to them on a daily basis. She explained that the program instills the values of giving and contributing to the community.

"We are teaching these students what it is to have a heart and to help our neighbors when they are in need! I've heard countless stories of students that have either benefited from donations from the food pantry or that have felt led to give their own money right out of their very own piggy banks," she said.

Here are the group contributions:



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chowan County Sheriff's Detective John McArthur (left) helps kids to load boxes filled with canned food as part of the Sheriff's Lock up for Hunger food drive.

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| 1. D.F. Walker Elementary School — 6,466 pounds | 4. John A. Holmes High School — 180 pounds |
| 2. While Oak Elementary School — 2,311 pounds   | 5. Sheriff's Office — 800 pounds           |
| 3. Chowan Middle School — 1,781 pounds          | 6. Central Services — 507 pounds           |

## MAYOR

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Street has lived throughout the country and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, an ordained minister and teacher.

She has a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in sports management, which has helped her as a business owner.

Hardy-Lassiter said she is running for mayor to "restore, innovate and create opportunities for the beautiful people of this great town. I am running to disrupt degradation, inequality and inferiority for the betterment of



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us all. I'm running to give credence to the truth; it works better when we all do it."

Hardy-Lassiter's campaign slogan is "Charity starts at home." She noted that Edenton's greatest resource is its residents.

She noted that Edenton must create opportunities that bring younger families to town. She noted that technology and STEM (science, technology, engineer-

ing and mathematics) education can help create jobs with good salaries in Edenton, which will lead to a better community.

While Hardy-Lassiter does not have any political experience, she said she has done her research and knows what she's walking into. She has supported candidates and grassroot organizations that share her values.

"When God puts a calling in your life, you've gotta walk that path," she said. "Growing up, we always looked forward to going downtown on our own. I want every child to have

that chance.

Hardy-Lassiter said she believes that the community can be better if everyone works together.

"When we as a community cheer on each other, when you succeed, I succeed and so on. Edenton can be the small community we all love."

She will face current town councilor Jimmy Stallings in the non-partisan mayor's race.

William Hackney High Jr., also known as Hack, plans to run for Stallings' seat. The 1st Ward includes parts of downtown and West Queen Street.

him at 482-9890.

Witnesses also may email the Edenton Police Department at edentonpd.com.

During the past several

years, Coston had served time in prison for convictions stemming from various offenses ranging from failure to register as a sex offender; indecent lib-

erties with a child, possession of a firearm by a felon, drug possession and felony breaking and entering, according to court documents.

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