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Canine Rocco of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department looks on as deputies attempt to crack a small safe found at a Southport home controlled by David Ingram. Rocco reacted to the safe after deputies found it in a storage shed adjacent to the home on Owens Street.

Tip delivers drug dealer to the law

By Richard Nübel
News Editor

In what law enforcement called "one of the largest" marijuana confiscations ever made in the City of Southport, Brunswick County sheriff's deputies teamed with city police, New Hanover County sheriff's detectives and United Parcel Service employees Monday to seize 18 pounds of high-quality pot from a city man.

"I definitely consider it a major pop," said an ebullient sheriff Ronald E. Hewett, as his deputies continued their search of the home on Southport's west side.

David Ingram, 38, of 412 West Owens Street was arrested at his home approximately 2 p.m. that day after a Brunswick County sheriff's deputy disguised as a UPS delivery man conned his way to Ingram's doorstep. The deputy-come-UPS man delivered to Ingram an 18-inch cubical package containing 11.2 pounds of marijuana.

Ingram signed for the package addressed to "Judy Marshall" and was served with a warrant by

'By the time someone has the means to deal in this way, he can be considered a major dealer in the area.'

Sheriff Ronald Hewett

the same deputy, Judy Marshall does not exist, authorities said.

"He brought more than a package, he brought a search warrant," sheriff Hewett said of the county deputy dressed in the familiar brown, short-pants UPS uniform.

The sheriff referred to Ingram's arrest as a "reverse sting."

Searching Ingram's modest Owens Street home, deputies of

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Teens charged in brutal death

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

Two 16-year-old Southport boys were charged with first-degree murder Monday for the killing of a part-time city resident found beaten, stabbed and strangled in a cottage near downtown.

Freeman Scott Ireland and Steven Sauls, both of whom claimed 313 Herring Drive as their residence, were also charged with one count of armed robbery. Southport police chief Bob Gray said the Herring Drive address is the family home of Ireland and Sauls had recently begun to live there.

Gray said police were led to the boys when they visited a city

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Department response: Prison labor ideas in need of correction

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

If any safety concerns linger, the coordinator of the Community Work Program for the New Hanover County state prison unit has offered to come to Long Beach to assuage them.

Sgt. Robert Barnhill, responding to councilor Helen Cashwell's concerns of last week, said in a Friday letter to Long Beach mayor Joan Altman the benefits to communities of inmate labor far outweigh the risk of misbehavior by those who are incarcerated at minimum custody levels. Long Beach has reaped the benefit of inmate labor in the past and the inmate work program has benefited also, he said.

"To get this far, it was necessary for government agencies to participate," Barnhill wrote. "Without reluctance, Long Beach stepped forward and offered us the chance to prove ourselves."

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Inmates attached to the Community Work Program have performed 17,824 man-hours of work for Long Beach in the three years of the program's existence.

As town council discussed "conditions at Middleton Park" at councilor Cashwell's request September 16, she asserted she had received at least three

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Dosher hospital Settlement near for beds appeal

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

A proposal to settle an appeal filed by Magnolia Health Care against the state's decision to grant Doshier Memorial Hospital certification to operate 60 skilled nursing beds is expected to be approved by the state this week, hospital administrator Edgar Haywood told his board of trustees Monday.

Magnolia Health Care also applied for the bed allocation, proposing to include them in a larger retirement community at Supply.

In anticipation of state approval of the settlement, the hospital has directed Coldwell Banker Southport-Oak Island Realty to take necessary steps to vacate residents from Cape Harbor Apartments by November 1, Haywood added.

The apartment building will be demolished by early 1998 to make room for a parking lot. The skilled nursing facility would be constructed where

the current parking facility is located.

If the state approves the settlement proposal this week, Haywood said the hospital would be ready to begin construction of the \$4-million nursing home in six months and would have a functional facility by August, 1999.

In the proposed settlement, Doshier agrees to give Magnolia ten of the 60 skilled nursing beds it received from the state and to drop its application filed last month for state certification to operate an additional ten skilled nursing beds.

In return, Magnolia agrees to drop its appeal and to pay Doshier \$25,000 to cover legal costs associated with fighting the appeal, as well as additional costs associated with preparing the settlement document. Magnolia also will pay Doshier \$3,500 to cover costs associated with applying last month for ten additional beds, the settlement reads.

Doshier originally planned to construct a facility including 60 skilled nursing beds and four home for the aged beds, which require a lower level of medical care.

If the settlement is approved by the state and Doshier gives Magnolia ten of the beds, Haywood said Doshier will construct a facility housing 50

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U.S. Open next week Anglers just want to have fun

This year the U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament is going to be fun.

Oh, the tournament was fun... well, sorta, maybe, last year. But when the 1997 U. S. Open begins with a captain's meeting and party with refreshments and disc jockey at Southport Marina next Thursday, October 2, the emphasis will turn squarely to fishing and fun.

"What we really need is a little more fun in this year's tournament," said Karen Sphar, executive vice-president of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce. The U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament was begun in 1979 as the major annual fund-raising event for the chamber. It has grown from

its modest beginnings to become the oldest and most respected saltwater fishing tournament in the Carolinas.

The 1997 U. S. Open registration tent will open for business October 2 at 10 a.m. Registration will continue through midnight.

The real fun begins at 7 a.m. next Friday when the scores of fishing boats race to outside waters from Cape Fear, Lockwood Folly and Masonboro inlets.

Last year at this time, U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament officials were busy battling rumors of the U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament's cancellation for bad weather. No fun at all, that was.

Foul weather and Hurricane Fran three weeks earlier had forced the cancellation of scheduled king mackerel tournaments in Atlantic Beach and Wrightsville Beach as the U. S. Open committee made final arrangements for Southport's fall classic.

But through some difficult weather conditions, the U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament of 1996 was held with 418 boats and crews vying to take home a share of the tournament's \$100,000 cash purse.

Despite tosy and turny conditions, Charlie Wilson of Yaupon Beach had fun at the 1996 U. S. Open. He and the Wilson fam-

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