

## Police reports

### Long Beach

•Officers issued four speeding citations in the reporting period and one citation each for no operator's license and operating a motor vehicle with an open container of alcohol after drinking.

•Ricky Blaine Cook, 39, of 158 NW 10th Street was arrested at 7 p.m. March 31 and charged with driving while impaired, hit and run, no insurance, reckless driving and driving after revocation. He was arrested after he allegedly drove his 1993 Honda into the fence surrounding Robin Schuster Park. He was confined to Brunswick County jail on \$1,500 bond. Trial is April 23.

•Three instances of property damage were reported to police in the period. Someone struck a mailbox in the 7400 block of East Yacht Drive Saturday night, causing \$25 damage. Another mailbox, valued at \$30, was damaged in the 400 block of West Yacht Drive that night. Someone shattered the window of a 1983 Toyota pickup truck parked in the 5200 block of East Oak Island Drive the night of March 29, causing \$300 damage.

•Someone took a pocketbook from a vehicle parked at a commercial building in the 5800 block of East Oak Island Drive Thursday afternoon. The victim was to provide police with an inventory of the pocketbook's contents.

•A Long Beach man March 30 said his parents' 1998 Dodge pickup truck, when he parked it outside an Oak Island Drive tavern around 7 p.m. He said \$150 cash was inside the truck. At 1:59 p.m. March 31, police were summoned when the same vehicle was abandoned and on fire on Yacht Drive at SE 70th Street. The driver of the vehicle had apparently left the area.

•Someone cut through a log-style steel chain and entered an oceanfront commercial property without the owner's permission Saturday night.

•A Long Beach woman reported she had received a threatening telephone call from another woman at 12:35 a.m. Sunday.

### Boiling Spring Lakes

•Stephine Lynn White of Boiling Spring Lakes was arrested March 28 and charged with driving while impaired. Her arrest came after officers were called to investigate a one-vehicle accident on Pine Shore Drive. No injuries resulted, but an estimated \$2,500 damage was done to the vehicle.

•A Pee Dee Road resident March 31 reported a 1000-watt Yamaha generator was taken from the front porch of his residence no more than one week prior. The generator was valued at \$600.

•In the reporting period, officers responded to seven animal control complaints and assisted other emergency services seven times.

### Yaupon Beach

•Sharon Delaine Hankins, 37, of Southport was cited for simple possession of marijuana Friday. Trial is April 13.

•A Long Beach man reported his 1983 Oldsmobile had been stolen from a Yaupon Beach nightclub parking lot Saturday night while he was inside the bar. The vehicle was recovered in unincorporated Brunswick County on Sunday. Several items had been removed from the car. The matter remains under investigation.

•A minor hit-and-run accident was reported in the 200 block of Barbee Boulevard Sunday. It appeared that a vehicle traveling northward on Barbee ran off the road and struck two mailboxes, knocking them to the ground. The vehicle then left the area.

•A sum of cash and other items were taken when someone broke into a Yaupon Beach business Sunday. The matter remains under investigation.

•Two acts of vandalism were reported in the period. Both involved damage done to mailboxes.

### U.S. Coast Guard Station Oak Island

•A flare sighting off Caswell Beach was reported at 4:05 p.m. March 28. The person reporting the sighting said he could see an 18-foot pleasure craft in distress. The station's 41-foot rescue craft took the distressed vessel in tow to Southport Marina.

•The master of a pleasure craft reported he had become disoriented about four miles off the Cape Fear River sea buoy at 4:02 p.m. March 29. The station's 41-foot rescue craft was launched to escort the vessel into the river.

•In the reporting period, station personnel performed 37 boardings, noted eight violations and issued four warnings.

### Southport

•A Burrington Avenue woman March 30 reported someone had taken her St. Bernard dog from the porch of her home in the 400 block. The dog -- worth \$400 -- was found by chief Bob Gray at a vacant home in the 600 block of Clarendon Avenue the next day.

•An officer was summoned to Brunswick Street just after 6 a.m. March 31 when a man was reported lying face-down in the roadway. The intoxicated man was taken to his place of employment.

•A 14-year-old Longwood boy was taken into custody at Brunswick Learning Center March 31 after he threatened to blow up a teacher's car. The student was suspended from school and taken before a magistrate. He was later released from Southport Police Department to the custody of his social worker.

•Joseph Wesley Pierce, 37, of 320 College Avenue was arrested at 10:47 p.m. April 1 and charged with driving while impaired. His vehicle was stopped on Howe Street for failure to use headlights. Blood-alcohol content measured .09 by Intoxilyzer. He was granted custody release from Brunswick County jail pending trial May 5.

•A Long Beach man April 2 said he was assaulted at the Bald Head Island Moore Street dock around 7:45 a.m. by a motorist he had tailgated earlier on N. C. 211. When the two stopped to argue, the man placed the victim in a headlock and ran his head into a dock railing. The police interview took place at Doshier Memorial Hospital emergency room.

•Nathaniel Pouncy, 38, of Bennettsville, SC, was arrested at 12:30 a.m. Friday and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police encountered him acting suspiciously at a public telephone located at a Howe Street convenience store that morning. When searching him for weapons, police found a glass tube containing a white, rock-like substance believed to be cocaine. After Pouncy was interviewed at Southport-Police Department, officers found two and a half zip bags containing an off-white substance on the police station floor near the place Pouncy was seated. The substances have been sent to the SBI laboratory in Raleigh for analysis. He was confined to Brunswick County jail on \$4,000 secured bond. No trial date has yet been set.

•A Brunswick Street man reported his \$25,000 Ford pickup truck had been taken from his yard between 2:30 and 4 p.m. Friday. The man later reported an unknown person returned the vehicle to his yard.

•Mark Christopher Tallent, 27, of 4312 Sea Pines Drive was arrested at 8:26 p.m. Friday and charged with DWI and transporting an open container of liquor after consuming. His vehicle was stopped on 13th Street after officers witnessed his attempt to evade a narcotics checkpoint on Howe Street which had been established by the city and a Brunswick County drug task force that night. He was confined to Brunswick County jail on \$250 secured bond. Trial is May 5.

•A Winnabow woman Friday reported \$15 cash was taken from her automobile while it was parked in the 100 block of East Moore Street between 8 and 10:19 p.m. that night. Another man reported \$20 was taken from his vehicle which was parked nearby in the same time-frame.

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