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Sheriff's deputies arrive at the Person County Law Enforcement Center Wednesday morning with Chad Raglin (center), a suspect in the Operation Peek-A-Boo undercover investigation.

Peek-A-Boo, the camera recorded you

Undercover drug probe nets 40 arrests as of Friday

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"If you're dealing drugs in Person County, you may be next." Those words of caution were uttered by Person County Sheriff Dewey Jones Friday morning as he discussed "Operation Peek-A-Boo," a five-month undercover investigation that neared culmination this week with the arrests of 40 people.

As of Friday afternoon, sheriff's officials were still seeking others in connection with the probe, which began in May and utilized video and audio equipment to help document illegal drug activity.

"We have always taken a very serious stance on drugs in Person County," Jones said. "It's been proven that the majority of all crimes are linked to drugs. Nearly all of your break-ins stem around

some sort of addiction to illegal drugs."

Jones said Operation Peek-A-Boo was successful thanks to the work of his officers, along with aid from local, state and federal authorities. He also praised the efforts of the District 9-A District Attorney's Office and District Attorney Wallace Bradsher.

"From the very beginning of the operation, with the cooperation of the DA's office, it appeared this was going to be a very successful operation," Jones said. "Several arrested will be at the habitual felon status and this op-

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'I think it is well within reason for them to give us a clear plan'

School board, commissioners to discuss Helena property during Monday morning meeting

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The old Helena School property will be discussed Monday when the Person Board of

County Commissioners and the Person Board of Education meet in joint session.

The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the board of education boardroom at the Person County Office Building.

Last month, commissioners unanimously passed a resolution requesting the board of education to transfer the former Helena School building

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Annual Roxboro Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17

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The annual Roxboro Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Roxboro Jaycees, is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17. The event will begin at 2 p.m.

The deadline for parade registration is Friday, Dec. 9. All units must be in place no later than noon on the day of the parade.

The theme for this year's Roxboro Christmas Parade is "The Angels of Christmas."

The parade will follow the traditional Main Street route that begins at the Carver Drive

intersection and ends at the Gordon Street intersection.

First, second and third-place awards will be given in the Amateur Division for floats. An award for the best religious theme will also be given. Float judging will take place at 12:30 p.m. on the day of the parade.

Bryan Westmoreland and Robby Jones are co-chairing this year's parade.

Parade entry application forms can be picked up from Westmoreland at Wesgate Properties at 163 Semora Rd. or Jones at Walker Insurance Agency at 801 N. Madison Blvd. Parade entries can also be obtained via e-mail by sending

requests to roxborochristmas-parade@hotmail.com.

The parade will again feature a Professional Float Division. Local businesses can rent floats for appearances in the parade for a rental fee of \$475 per unit.

The fee for business vehicles in the parade is \$150.

The entry fee for amateur floats, walking units, antique vehicles and other miscellaneous entries is \$10. No entry fee will be charged for marching bands or emergency vehicles.

For more information, contact Westmoreland at 599-6449 or Jones at 599-1751.



Sheriff's deputy Michael Currier applies arm restraints to Garnel Wade Franklin Wednesday morning after he was taken into custody and transferred to the Person County Law Enforcement Center.



Darkarai Bryant

'It is important to know yourself, know your people and know where you are going'

North End School's Darkarai Bryant named PCS Principal of the Year

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"He is a passionate leader who steps outside the box to provide teachers with the resources they

need to improve their craft."

Person County Schools (PCS) Supt. Dr. Larry W. Cartner spoke those words when referring to Darkarai Bryant, the 2011-2012 PCS Principal of the Year.

Bryant, principal of North

End Elementary, was named as the 2011-2012 Principal of the Year for PCS during a Thursday night meeting of the Person County Board of Education.

The Principal of the Year program is sponsored by the North

Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Wells Fargo.

"Individual recognition is always appreciated," Bryant said. "There's a sense of pride that ac-

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