

Drug Charges Are Numerous In Operation

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The Warren County Sheriff's Department continues to make good on its promise to clamp down on drug dealers, users and others who willingly violate the law in the county, as the persons corralled last weekend in a massive "sting" can attest.

And while those persons who felt the long arm of the law last weekend may not appreciate the "interference" of the sheriff's staff, a number of Pines Apartments residents certainly do. "This is the first time I've been able to get to sleep by 2 a.m. because of so much 'hell raisin' at the Pines," many of them have told sheriff's personnel this week.

Sheriff Theodore Williams said Tuesday that the "sting" conducted here last weekend was similar to "Operation Move," a tactic used successfully in Raleigh to crack down on "drive-up" drug sales.

On Friday and Saturday of last week, Sheriff Williams' staff set up "checkpoints" on US 1 at the entrance to the Pines Apartments. From 7 each night until shortly after 2 a.m. the following morning, officers stopped vehicles as they entered the complex and checked the licenses of the drivers.

The "checkpoint" tactic was successful, resulting in numerous arrests and citations both at the Pines Apartments and nearby Roseland Disco:

- Marcus Nelroy Alston, Rt. 3, Warrenton—having no operator's license.
- Rosa Jiggetts Alston, Macon—possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Robert Lee Andrews, Rt. 1, Norlina—misdemeanor possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and simple possession of marijuana.
- Albert Bailey, Rt. 1, Warrenton—driving while license revoked.
- Deborah Jean Banks, Rt. 2, Macon—no operator's license.
- Timothy Clay Booth, Rt. 7, Henderson—possessing and consuming a spiritous liquor mixed beverage.
- Douglas E. Cooper, Rt. 7, Henderson—possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and maintaining a vehicle with intent to sell/deliver drugs.
- Calvin Davis, Rt. 4, Warrenton—consuming malt beverage.
- Ricky Dunston, South Hill, Va.—seat belt violation and no operator's license.
- Eddie Lewis Gilchrist, Rt. 1, Norlina—possession of drug paraphernalia.
- James Clanton Hargrove, Rt. 1, Manson—failure to wear seatbelt.
- Mallette Hargrove, Warrenton—consuming malt beverage.
- Diana Patricia Harris, Rt. 2, Warrenton—having no operator's license.
- Terry Charles Hughes, Rt. 2, Enfield—failure to wear safety belt.
- Bobby Lee Kearney, Warrenton—no seat belt and expired inspection sticker.
- William Roger Marrow, Rt. 6, Henderson—possession of malt beverage by person under 21.
- Charles Alvin McLendon, Suitland, Md.—driving a motor vehicle in a public area with a broken alcoholic beverage seal.
- Samuel Melvin, Durham—possession of drug paraphernalia and no operator's license.
- Jesus Mendez, Norlina—driving while impaired, driving while license revoked, and driving a motor vehicle while consuming a malt beverage.
- Carl Pearson, Richmond, Va.—possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to wear seatbelt.
- Anthony Tyrone Plummer, Rt. 1, Manson—simple possession of marijuana.

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Warren County Drug Enforcement Det. H. B. Askew (left) and Sgt. Lawrence Harrison (right) survey the assortment of drugs, goods, cash and other items confiscated Sunday morning at the Perrytown residence of Helen Merle "Bosco" Neal. The confiscated items—which included \$3,023.56 in cash and nine grams of cocaine—were found during a search of the Rt. 4, Warrenton home. Although jailed initially under a \$500,000 bond, Ms. Neal satisfied the conditions of her reduced \$100,000 bond and awaits her court appearance next month on multiple drug-related charges.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Multiple Charges Brought

Lawmen Seize Cash, Drug Paraphernalia

A resident of the Perrytown community—placed initially under bond of \$500,000 after being charged with multiple drug-related charges—has had that bond reduced to a level which permits her to remain unconfined until her November court date.

Helen Merle "Bosco" Neal, 29, of Rt. 4, Warrenton, was arrested around 4 a.m. on Sunday, following a search of her home in the Perrytown community.

According to Warren County Sheriff Theodore Williams, the search resulted in the confiscation of \$3,023.56 in cash, miscellaneous drug paraphernalia and a felony-level amount of cocaine.

Ms. Neal has been charged with felonious possession with intent to manufacture cocaine, felonious possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine, felonious

maintenance of a dwelling to keep controlled substances, simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Sunday, the suspect's bond was set at \$500,000 by County Magistrate C. S. Pridgen and Ms. Neal was confined in the Warren County Jail. On Monday morning, an order issued by Judge Anthony M. Brannon, of Durham, reduced Ms. Neal's bond to \$100,000. Judge Brannon was in Vance County for the day and was contacted by legal counsel representing Ms. Neal.

To satisfy the conditions required for her release until the scheduled Nov. 1 court date, Ms. Neal posted a \$100,000 bond—\$10,000 in cash and \$90,000 unsecured.

Cites Personal Reasons

Butch Meek Stepping Down As Head Of Planning Board

The resignation of Oscar L. "Butch" Meek, chairman of the Warren County Planning Board, will be among items discussed at the mid-monthly meeting of the Warren County Commissioners.

The meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7 p.m. at the county courthouse. Meek, who has served on the board for 13 years, gave his reasons for leaving as personal. He was appointed to serve on the board in 1976, replacing Jack Harris. After serving as secretary for a number of years, Meek was named chairman in 1986.

"I've seen changes in subdivision and zoning ordinances," Meek said of his tenure on the board, "and I hope some of the things we (the board) have done have provided for the betterment of orderly growth in the county."

Meek said he needed to take the time away from his position for

personal reasons, but added that he will miss the contact he has with the numerous developers surrounding the lake areas.

Meek said the county commissioners will appoint a new member to the board, and that the planning board will elect its own chairman.

Other items to be discussed during the commissioners meeting include an Agricultural Extension Service Payroll Proposal and ordinances focusing on the Warren County Medical Facility and Courthouse renovation projects.

Prior to the 7 p.m. meeting, two public hearings will be held to discuss: proposed applications for 1989 Housing Demonstration Grant Funds and 1989 Development Planning Grant Funds, 6:30 p.m.; and for review the application for Community Development Block Grant Economic Development funds, 6:45 p.m.

Of School Attendance Rules

Superintendent Promises Crackdown On Violators

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Students who have failed to enroll in the school to which they have been assigned will soon feel the "long arm of the Warren County Board of Education."

Dr. John Thompson, Warren County superintendent of schools, announced this week his plans to eradicate the attendance difficulties which have been rampant in several of the county's schools.

Warren County Board of Education policy dictates that students shall only enroll at the schools within their attendance districts.

Over the years, many parents have enrolled their students in schools outside of their assigned districts. "We're going to really 'clamp down' on this," Dr. Thompson said Monday.

Board policy also dictates that requests for transfer be presented to the board for approval. Quite often, when a request has been denied, parents have subsequently submitted lists of other students from their area who have enrolled in schools outside their district.

"We intend to be consistent and fair to everyone," Dr. Thompson said. "The rules regarding attendance districts, which apply to one individual, will apply to all individuals," he added.

According to Dr. Thompson, the problems have been most prevalent in the South Warren district. A number of parents, whose children should attend South Warren, have enrolled them instead at Mariam Boyd or schools in Vance County.

"But Vance County is not accepting this with 'open arms,'" Dr. Thompson said. "There is a growing school system and the influx of extra students puts a burden on the Vance County schools."

Dr. Thompson said the "crack down" will be coordinated by Warren, Vance and Halifax county's school officials. To date, some parents appear to have succeeded in enrolling their children in other than the assigned schools by listing a "guardian's address" within the unauthorized attendance district.

For tax purposes, only the true parent or legal guardian may claim the child as a dependent.

"We intend to pursue this with the Internal Revenue Service," Dr. Thompson said, "because both parties cannot claim the youth as a legal dependent." The address of the individual who claims the youth as a dependent will be used by the board to determine in which attendance district that child should be enrolled.

The superintendent also announced his plan to request that the board of education increase the tuition fee charged to out-of-state students who enroll in Warren County's schools. Currently, that fee is \$50.

"There have been a number of situations in which students from the northern or other areas of the country have enrolled in our schools, but have been unable to adjust behaviorally," the superintendent said. Dr. Thompson said his recommendations for change would be a part of the October agenda for the board of education.

According to Dr. Thompson, the state pays over \$2,000 per student for instruction. "It is not fair that our state funds be used to pay for the education of out-of-state students who should be elsewhere—especially if there are severe disciplinary problems involved," he said.

While the loss of out-of-state students, whose parents or guardians will not wish to pay the

higher tuition fee, might reduce enrollment at the county's schools, that reduction would be more than offset by the return of students from neighboring counties.

In future years, it is possible that the return of those Warren County students currently attending schools in Vance or other counties could result in an addi-

tional teacher for the county's schools. Teacher allotments are determined by the State Department of Public Instruction and are based on 10th-day enrollment figures. "We just want our fair share," Dr. Thompson said.

Dr. Thompson said there would be an on-going investigation of both types of attendance problems.

For Warren County

Investment Of \$5,000 May Soon Bear Fruit

Warren's \$5,000 investment in a regional solid waste study will soon begin to bear fruit as a Raleigh firm nears completion of its investigations.

Earlier this year, Warren—along with the Region K counties of Franklin, Vance and Granville—committed \$5,000 each to the study to examine alternatives for solid waste disposal. A contract was awarded by the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments (COG) to Camp, Dresser & McKee for a study of a disposal facility to serve the five-county region.

The firm was given a number of tasks. Included were: the development of solid waste quantity projections for the five counties; a review of existing systems and an assessment of remaining

landfill space; the evaluation of a multi-county landfill.

According to County Manager Charles Worth, who is a member of COG's Solid Waste Committee, the report is expected to examine the feasibility of a shared disposal facility, as well as alternatives, such as recycling.

Worth said the delay until October for the release of the report was caused by the recent ratification of Senate Bill 111, which concerns the impact on the environment of solid-waste landfills. "Some of the language of that Bill must be incorporated into the report," Worth said.

After reviewing the report, the Solid Waste Committee will make a recommendation to COG. "But the final decision regarding adoption will be left up to each individual county," Worth said.

Only 2 Bids Are Received For Major School Contract

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The receipt of only two bids for the general contracting and electrical work on the addition to Warren County High School has forced the extension of the bidding period, which had been slated to end last week.

The bidding period for the high school addition had already been extended from the original deadline of Aug. 31. The new deadline for bids for the general contracting and electrical work is 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 28. Slated originally to begin in November, construction on the high school addition will probably be delayed by six to eight weeks.

Warren County Schools officials and representatives from the architectural firm of Cogswell Hausler Associates met on Thursday of last week at the central office to open the bids received for the \$1.9 million high school addition.

Bids had been sought for four areas of construction: heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); plumbing; general contracting; and electrical.

Only the six HVAC and plumbing bids were opened last week. The opened bids for HVAC were: Southern Piping Company of Raleigh (\$287,191); Henry Baker Heating Inc. of Wilson (\$309,625); and D. L. Johnson Mechanical Company of Wilson (\$312,700).

Those opened for the plumbing work were: W. M. Wiggins and Company of Wilson (\$89,448); Braxton Britt Plumbing Company of Wilson (\$69,000); and Cecil Davis Plumbing Company of Raleigh (\$86,250).

Although the six bids were opened, none were accepted. That decision is expected to be made within the next 10 days, Asst. Supt. James Jordan said.

Bids for general contracting and electrical work were not opened because only two had been received. State law requires that bidding be re-opened, if fewer than three are received.

Unlike the first round of bidding, however, if at least three bids for each of the two contract areas have not been received in the second bidding cycle, state law will permit Warren County Schools to accept a bid—even if only one has been submitted. The companies which had submitted bids for the general and electrical work for the high school additions carried their bids with them at the end of the meeting, but are expected to resubmit them by Sept. 28.

Dr. John W. Thompson, superintendent of schools, said that current school construction projects, many of which are nearing completion, were probably a factor in the county's receipt of the low number of bids. "In a couple of weeks, the contractors may be asking, 'Where can I find some work?'" he said.

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Three Leather Coats Stolen By Shopper

Three leather coats valued at \$1,800 were stolen on Wednesday of last week from Weco's Ladies' Apparel, Warrenton Police Chief Freddie Robinson said this week.

According to the report taken last week by Chief Robinson and Officer Robbie Ayscue, the larceny occurred at about 12:30 p.m. Witnesses saw a woman enter the store, remove the three leather coats and leave the site by private car. The crime is still under investigation, Chief Robinson said.