

# Kidnap

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to drive north on Old U.S. 17. The business owner was quick on her feet and was able to tell the suspect she had money in her home, which she would give him. "She did this knowing her husband would be waiting up for her to return home from work," Chief Lane said. Once arriving at the victim's residence, she was forced into her home, where her husband was waiting in

the living room. The suspect then ordered the husband to the ground. "Once the suspect released the merchant from his grasp, her husband was able to reach his handgun and fire several rounds at the suspect," Chief Lane said. "The suspect immediately fled from the house on foot." Windsor Police Cpl. Frank Ratzlaff and Officer A.J. Lanier responded to the residence, and immediately began searching for the sus-

pect after getting a description. The Martin County Sheriff's Office was contacted for assistance, and dispatched K-9 Officer Snyder to assist in the search. Chief Lane said the officers continued the search, but were unable to locate him until a tip came in at approximately 5:30 a.m. "The tip led officers to search a vacant mobile home on Tims Street in Windsor," Chief Lane said. "A search of the vacant home revealed

a male subject, who matched the description of the suspect, hiding inside. The officers took the suspect into custody." The officers charged Avery Lamark Holley of Edenton with first degree kidnapping, common law robbery, felony breaking and entering, felony larceny and other related charges. He was placed in the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under a \$1 million bond. In addition, he faces charges in Chowan County for

common law robbery and assault on a female. "I can't say enough about the work of the police officers handling this case," Chief Lane said. "They never gave up searching for the suspect, and were able to use contacts within the community for tips that led to a peaceful resolution in this case. "The victim in this case did a great job of not panicking and was able to control the suspect and de-escalate the situation," he add-

ed. Chief Lane also expressed his appreciation to the Bertie and Martin county sheriffs' offices for their assistance. "While there is no immediate or known threat to local businesses, I encourage all business owners who may be working late to contact the police department in advance so patrol officers can check on them throughout the late night or early morning hours," Chief Lane closed.

# Prison

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Bertie Hospital before being airlifted to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville. The victim underwent more than 20 surgeries, and was hospitalized for more than

four months. The Bertie County Sheriff's Office arrested Gould after talking to the victim and witnesses at the scene. Resident Superior Court Judge Cy A. Grant sentenced Gould after his conviction last

week. Gould will serve 238-298 months for attempted first degree murder, 88-118 months for the assault charge and 19-32 months for possession of a firearm by a felon. Those sentences were set to run consecutively, for a total of 345-448 months in prison. Under North Carolina's sentencing statute, Gould will serve a minimum of 28.75 years in prison, and a maximum of 37.3 years. "I want to commend Assistant District Attor-

ney Lisa Coltrain and Victim Service Coordinator Kalen Smallwood for their hard work on preparing this case for trial," DA Asbell said. "I also want to thank Det. Naomi Mizelle, Sheriff John Holley and the Bertie County Sheriff's

Office for their hard work on the investigation. "My staff is dedicated to seeking lengthy active sentences for violent offenders," she added. "This is another step toward that goal."

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# Spooktacular

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There are also team trophies for the 5K race as well as the one mile walk/fun run. Another draw on race day is the Fall Jamboree

and Health Fair held behind the Windsor Town Hall. The Jamboree has become a favorite family affair with its bouncy house, horse drawn carriage rides, costume

contest, music, vendors selling food and crafts, face painting and health education/community health fair. Vendors are still needed. Contact Susie Remkes for more infor-

mation about being a vendor at 801-920-3773. To register, runners can go online to [runneast.com](http://runneast.com) and look under the calendar. The Spooktacular will be listed under Oct. 28.

The Town of Windsor and the Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce have embraced the Bertie Spooktacular 5K as a drawing card for the area and they provide enormous support for

the event. For more information, call the Windsor/Bertie County Chamber of Commerce at 252-794-4277. Check out the race website at [site.spooktacular5k.com](http://site.spooktacular5k.com).

# Vote

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for a third term. Three candidates are vying for two four-year terms on the Windsor Board of Commissioners. Incumbents David Overton and Jon Powell are seeking another term in office, while political newcomer Randy "Coach" Whitaker is making his first bid for public office. The other seat on the ballot will be for the two years remaining on the term of the late Bob Brown. Commissioner Amy Williford, who was appointed to Brown's seat, is not seeking election. Two people filed for the seat. Jason "Heavy"

White and Randy Walston are seeking to fulfill the remainder of

Brown's term. Those who do not wish to or who cannot

vote early will be able to cast a ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Citizens in all other municipalities will vote on Election Day,

as early voting was not approved by those towns.

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