

Arrest

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footage from a local business which helped them identify the suspect.

Multiple officers from the department were called in to assist the search for the suspect, and at approximately 2 p.m. Cpl. Jason Thomas of the Windsor Police Department located the suspect vehicle at a residence on Ghent Street.

A team of Windsor officers responded to the residence, where Cpl. Frank Ratzlaff was able to place the suspect under arrest.

"The suspect was still wearing the exact clothes he wore during the robbery, and the weapon was on the front seat of his vehicle," Chief Lane reported. "The victim's purse was located in a trash can located against the residence."

In addition, when officers entered the residence, the suspect - identified as 61-year-old James Rudolph Allen Jr. - was preparing to smoke what appeared to be crack cocaine.

Allen, of 9902 South King St. in Windsor, was charged with armed robbery, possession of stolen property and communicating threats. He was placed under a \$75,000 secured bond and confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail. His first appearance in Bertie County District Court is scheduled for today (Wednesday).

Chief Lane reported Allen had been arrested previously for attempted armed robbery of Duck Thru No. 9 in Windsor Square, but the magistrate released him after finding no probable cause.

"I can't say enough about the good work the officers did to make an arrest in this case," Chief Lane said. "Officers came in to work on their days off and everyone contributed. I also appreciate the work of the deputies with the Bertie County Sheriff's Office."

The chief said his heart went out to the victim.

"I feel for the victim. She was scared to death, threatened and will have to relive this incident several times over during the criminal justice process," he added. "I really wonder if this incident would have occurred if the suspect had been held accountable for his actions in the past."



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Many citizens of Powellsville gathered at the community building for the town's Christmas social.

Powellsville celebrates Christmas

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POWELLSVILLE - Powellsville celebrates Christmas as a community.

The town of Powellsville Commissioners hosted its Christmas Social from 4 until 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 at the Powellsville Community Building.

It is an event the town began hosting last year as a way for the citizens to celebrate the holiday season together.

Citizens, town officials and county officials gathered at the community building for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The event had been planned over the last several months and was scheduled this year at a later time, so those getting off work could stop by for the fun.

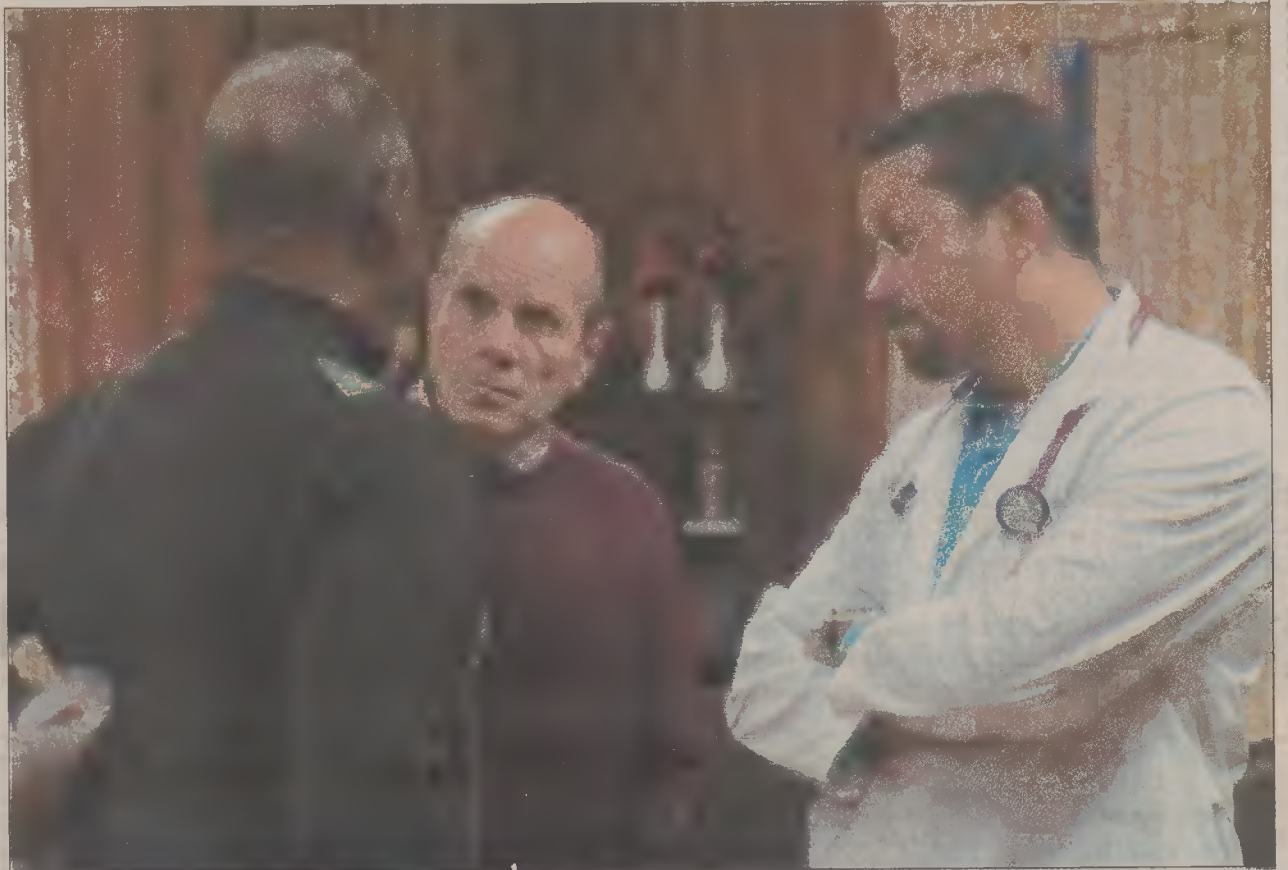
Refreshments included cake, fruit and vegetable trays, meat dishes and punch.

During the social newly-elected Powellsville Mayor James Peele and newly-elected Commissioner Hattie Askew received their new plaques for their roles.

Bertie County Commissioner Tammy Lee was present to celebrate with the citizens of Powellsville.

It was an event started to bring the citizens together for a time of fellowship and to celebrate the Christmas season and to thank everyone for supporting the town throughout the year.

While enjoying re-

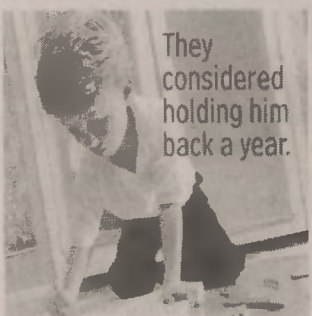


Powellsville Mayor James Peele, Commissioner Carlyle Hoggard and Dr. Steven Ferguson enjoy a time of fellowship.



Linda Peele, Mayor James Peele and Patricia Ferguson enjoyed refreshment at the social.

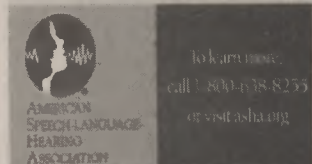
freshments, guests moved around, talking to neighbors and others guests. Powellsville Commissioners hope to continue the tradition as a time for citizens to celebrate the holiday season and hope the event will continue to grow in years to come.



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