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'Glory hole' exposed at Ledford High

Former teacher allegedly offered to pay students for sex acts on campus

BY ELIOT DUKE
Staff Writer

A former Ledford High School science teacher charged with having sex with two of his students is accused of offering to pay for sex from a Thomasville teenager at a secret location on school grounds.

According to documents obtained from the Forsyth County Clerk of Courts Office, Scott Ring, 42, of 936 S. Ridge Court in Winston-Salem, allegedly posed as a 17-year-old girl named Jennifer from Winston-Salem in 2009, in an attempt to engage in sexual acts with a 17-year-old Thomas-

ville student who attended Ledford. The affidavit states that Ring, using an America Online Instant Messenger account named cheerernews@aim.com, began a series of electronic communications via texting to the teen over a period of several weeks on or about June 1, 2009.

While posing as the girl, Ring allegedly initiated



Ring

sexually explicit conversations and sent nude photographs to the boy, while also requesting the teen to do the same. According to court documents, Ring began offering the minor money in exchange for pictures of his genitals and any of his friends who would be willing to send photos as well. During the course of conversations, Ring

allegedly began offering the teen money to let him perform oral sex on the boy at a place called the "Glory Hole," which is described as a hole in the door of a building located on the Ledford High campus. The teen's mother discovered some of the messages on his phone and contacted Thomasville Police Department on Sept. 6, 2009. Sgt. Mike Howard handled the case and took the teen's phone in an effort to meet Ring

in person.

"[Ring] offered me to go to the Glory Hole," Howard said. "My main focus was to try to find out where this Glory Hole was. I knew right off the bat this was a guy not a gal. He was posing as a female. I knew in my heart that women don't have to pay men for that kind of stuff."

Over the course of a few weeks, Howard said

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Residents engage in dialogue on city's future

BY ERIN WILTGEN
Staff Writer

Thomasville has a tremendous history — every local kindergartner and a few beyond town limits could outline the Chair City's importance in the Civil War and one-time fame in furniture. Another well-known fact is that history has gone, leaving Thomasville in the wake of industries shipping overseas not to mention a national recession.

But the community has come together to find a way to move beyond that history and push on into the future through the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce's Community Vision and Strategic Plan.

Beginning with a Chair City survey, the vision and plan took its next steps forward through two community engagement sessions, held Tuesday and Wednesday.

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CHRISTMAS TREE SPECTACULAR

Hundreds of residents gathered at Thomasville Medical Center Tuesday night to watch as more than 50 Christmas trees were lit as the hospital began its annual 'Christmas Trees of Davidson County' display. Visitors can see the trees daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. through the new year.

Auction proceeds to support struggling families in Thomasville

BY LISA WALL
Editor

Fairgrove Family Resource Center will offer a perfect opportunity to scratch off names from this year's Christmas list as its annual auction returns to Fair Grove Elementary School gymnasium Saturday at 5 p.m.

Executive Director Terri Nelson said this year will bring some of the many favorite items for bid from years past, such as an 8 x 10-foot storage building, Wake Forest basketball tickets and HiToms season passes, along with a myriad of new choices.

"We have an enormous array of auction items that are sure to please any auction-goer," Nelson said. "There will be a Flora Harris oil painting, three Bob Timberlake paintings, a Steven Sebastian, furniture items, floral arrangements, gift baskets, a mandolin, an autographed hock-

WANT TO GO?

What: Fairgrove Family Resource Center auction
When: Saturday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fair Grove Elementary School gymnasium

ey puck from Justin Petters of the Carolina Hurricanes, as well as live Christmas trees.

"There are many items that would make great Christmas gifts," Nelson said. "It's possible to find something for everyone or every age on your list."

Nelson said the need to raise funds is higher than ever as residents struggle during a tough economy, many without jobs.

"This auction is critical due to the fact that we have had a tremendous increase in the number of people who need assistance

this year," Nelson said. "The food pantry has served 8,130 families this year and we will feed more than 1,000 people with food this month alone. This number does not reflect the 194 bookbags we pack for children in local schools each week. We have already assisted 632 families with \$54,479 in financial assistance in the first 10 months of the year. Forty-one percent of those families are new to the center, having never been served before."

As the unemployment rate remains high in the county, Nelson expects the number of families in need of assistance to continue to increase.

"The continued high unemployment numbers and the fact that those numbers don't really reflect those people who have fallen off unemployment and have yet to secure a job," Nelson said. "The unemployment rate

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3 charged in connection with recent robbery

BY ELIOT DUKE
Staff Writer

Thomasville Police Department has charged three people in connection to an armed robbery last month.

According to a TPD press release, Kevin Jarmal McLendon, 21, of Willowood Drive in High Point, Jeriel Lamond Cockrane, 34, of Market Street in Lexington, and Natoshia Nichole Washington, 28, of Gates Circle in Lexington, were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon for their roles in a Nov. 7 robbery at Pilot Food Mart, located at 4279 Old Highway 29. McLendon also is facing a felonious charge of sell and deliver of a controlled substance. Police have not yet arrested Washington.

"We received a tip on who one of them was," Lt. Kimberly Sebastian said. "We were able to bring that one in and get some information which led to the identities of the other two. We just worked the case as hard as we could trying to find out who they were because they wore bandanas on their faces."

On Nov. 7, two suspects entered the store with one armed with a taser and the other armed with a

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