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## 2 charged in robbery

Deputies with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office have arrested two people and are searching for a third suspect in an armed robbery at the 211 Food Mart.

Investigators arrested Teyon Ellerbee, 24, of the 200 block of Dockery Road in Raeford and Arlin Raul Mikell-Cirinius, 38, no address listed, on charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.



Ellerbee

Authorities called to an armed robbery October 3 at the (See ROBBERY, page 4A)

## Estranged husband charged in assault

Authorities have arrested a man wanted for allegedly kidnapping and sexually assaulting his estranged wife.

Deputies with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested Daniel Ray Nelson, 33, of the 100 block of Overton Road in Raeford on one charge of second-degree kidnapping, three charges of second-degree sexual assault by force against an adult and one charge of assault on a female by a male.



Nelson

Investigators were called to a home on the 100 block of Overton Road November 20, where the alleged victim (See ASSAULT, page 6A)

## Man caught mid-break-in, house 'was ransacked'

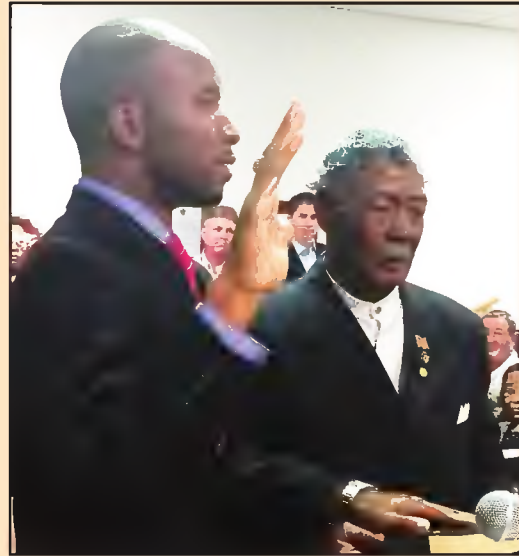
Deputies with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested one person and are seeking two other suspects in a breaking and entering that happened last week.

Investigators arrested Calvin Jaquan Smith, 18, of the 100 block of Pepper Tree Lane in Raeford on charges of breaking and entering, felony larceny and felony conspiracy to commit breaking and entering. He was held under a \$20,000 secured bond.



Smith

Smith is accused of being one of several suspects who (See BREAK-IN, page 6A)



Taking the oath: From left, Allen Thomas with grandfather Clyde Thomas Sr. at his side, Tony Hunt, Harry Southerland. (Catharin Shepard photos)

## Leach reelected chairman Thomas is vice chair, commissioners take oaths

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer

Two newly-elected Hoke County commissioners and one returning commissioner took the oath of office, and departing board members Ellen McNeill and Jean Powell stepped down from their seats Monday night at the first meeting of the 2015 county governing board.

Commissioner Harry Southerland

and Commissioner Allen Thomas joined incumbent Commissioner Tony Hunt in reciting the oath of office before a crowd of family, friends and community members. Thomas was later chosen to serve as the board's vice chairman.

Hoke County Clerk of Superior Court Evelyn McLeod performed the swearing-in ceremony for Hunt and Southerland, while Spring Lake Mayor Chris Rey performed the swearing-

in for Thomas. Thomas thanked his supporters, and thanked Commission Chairman James Leach for his leadership of the board. The commissioner said he is looking forward to working with his fellow board members.

"We look forward to a wonderful year of working together as a full board. Thank you to those who I had the privilege of running with, Commissioner Harry Southerland and (See TAKING OFFICE, page 6A)

## Peterkin begins fourth term as sheriff

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer

Hoke County Sheriff Hubert Peterkin was sworn in Monday to begin

his fourth consecutive term in office, and the sheriff's staff including high-ranking officers, deputies, and detention center and civilian staff members were also sworn in during

the ceremony.

Peterkin has served as sheriff since 2002. This year, he won the election after running unopposed. (See SHERIFF, page 3A)



Hoke Sheriff's deputies in swearing-in ceremony at the Rouse Center. At right, Sheriff Hubert Peterkin and his wife.



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## New gun ordinance not helping, resident says

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer

Hoke resident Tyrone Ingram, who has previously addressed the Hoke County Board of Commissioners concerning nuisance gunfire in his neighborhood, returned Monday to

report that the problem has only gotten worse in the six months since the county passed its firearm ordinance.

"I know the ordinance for gunfire was just amended in June this year and I commend you on the work that you did on that—I appreciate

it because you did get right on top of it, and I give you all the blessings and thanks I can for that, but since that time, it's gotten a little worse," he said.

The county passed the firearm ordinance in response to receiving multiple complaints about nuisance

gunfire that reportedly left bullet holes in some houses and created a noise problem for some residents, particularly in communities in the eastern part of the county. In May 2013, Ingram told commissioners that a stray bullet nearly hit him while he was standing in his own

yard off of Pinehaven Drive.

"I have become almost a casualty in my backyard. On the 31st of December, a big bullet passed my head in my backyard," he told commissioners in 2013. "It could have taken my life. I've been calling the sheriff's office, (See GUNS, page 6A)



**Helping out**  
Don Steed Elementary students—with Sydney McIntosh and Parks Britt in the foreground—show gloves, scarves, hats and socks the school was collecting Tuesday to mark "#Giving Tuesday." Early in the day, four bins were full, and collection was to take place all day. The special day was celebrated around the world. (Ken MacDonald photo)



Yeah, it looks easy; moments before exasperation.

### OTHER STUFF

BY KEN MACDONALD  
Almost a year later, the injury and insult had worn off from our youth group's first attempt at a challenge course, and we were back last weekend at camp to try again. We'd accomplished but two of the 10 events last year in the several allotted hours, but it had made us wiser and, yes, older—I know I aged—and we hoped to breeze through the remainder of the course, throw up a few high-fives, and be back for pizza by lunch. (See STUFF, page 4A)

