Break-Ins, Thefts Found At Local Vacation Residences

At least five out-of-county residents discovered break-ins and thefts Friday at their local vacation homes, as they returned to the Shallotte area for the Easter weekend.

According to reports on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, the five incidents were reported at summer dwellings in Shell Point Recreational Village, Shell Point Acres II and Coastal Retreat subdivisions, and at two homes off Gray Bridge Road.

Health Clinic Dates Outlined

Clinics scheduled at the Brunswick County Health Department during the week of April 3 include the only chest clinic offered during the coming month.

Services offered throughout the month include WIC, Women, Infant and Children's program, said Joanne Caldwell, health educator. This program offers supplemental foods for pregnant and post partum women, as well as infants and children up to 5 years of age. Interviews are by appointment only.

Services offered through the department's clinics follow this schedule:

·Monday, April 3-General. Primary Care, Pediatric and WIC; •Tuesday, April 4-Primary Care, Maternity, Family Planning and

·Wednesday, April 5-General, Primary, Adult Health and WIC;

•Thursday, April 6-Primary Care and Child Health Screening; and •Friday, April 7-General.

Primary Care, WIC and Chest. No appointment is required to be seen in general clinic. Anonymous or confidential HIV screening is available on a walk-in basis Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and

by appointment any day. All other clinics and services are by appointment only, on days scheduled.

Office and general clinic hours are 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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The property owners are full-time residents of Rock Hill, S.C., Walnut Cove, Durham, High Point and Charleston, W.Va., respectively. They had not visited their vacation homes for periods ranging from one week to four months.

Losses ranged from \$25 in property damage to \$364-worth of goods. The total amount of damages and theft losses in the five incidents amounted to \$1,139.

Other Larcenies

In other thefts reported to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department over the weekend, a Supply area man told officers that his car had been stolen from the front yard of his home off Lennon Road.

Tony Hewett said his 1979 Chevrolet Chevette was taken between 7 p.m. Saturday and 12:05 a.m. Sunday. Keys to the car were inside the vehicle at the time of the theft. The car's value was listed at \$1,000.

Also, Harold E. Hickman of Route 4, Shallotte, reported to the sheriff's department that a chain saw and power tools were removed from an unlocked storage building at his Landing Plantation, according to a residence near Hickman Crossroads. The theft happened between Dec. 23, 1988, and last Wednesday. The

stolen property was worth \$780. Vehicle Burns

A Shallotte area man's pickup truck was damaged Friday in what was reported to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department as a 'suspicious" fire.

Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department responded to the vehicle fire Friday at 12:05 a.m., outside a house under construction at Brick

sheriff's department report.

Owner of the 1979 Chevrolet pickup truck was listed as Exum Ovis Bailey Jr., of Brick Landing Plantation. The report indicated that the fire was confined to the passenger compartment, as the engine, bed and exterior of the vehicle were undamaged.

Shallotte Point VFD Chief Mike Potts told the investigating deputy that the blaze started on the driver's side of the front seat.

Cable Damaged Cable television service in the Oak estimated at \$800.

Island area was interrupted Sunday afternoon when a television line was damaged.

David C. Robbins, an employee of Vision Cable of North Carolina Inc., reported to the sheriff's department that someone apparently shot the cable running under the Oak Island Bridge Sunday around 4 p.m. The line was damaged under the island side of the bridge.

Robbins reported the incident Sunday at 10 p.m., after the break was repaired. Damage to the cable was

Be On The Lookout For Southern Pine Beetles

With the arrival of spring and At times, outbreaks have erupted warmer weather, activity of the potentially-damaging Southern Pine Beetle is likely to increase.

To minimize any damage caused by these beetles, local forestry officials are asking landowners to notify them of any beetle problems before they get out of hand.

Brunswick County forest service personnel will perform a free examination of trees and will advise property owners on which control measures should be taken.

Southern Pine Beetle attacks have been minimal over the past 10 years. according to the N.C. Division of Forest Resources, and local Ranger Miller Caison said he doesn't expect problems this year.

However, if history is an indication, the beetles can strike at any time and can cause widespread tree damage

In the last 100 years, Southern Pine Beetles have destroyed millions of acres of pine species in the Southeast, a news release indicated.

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simultaneously in several states and caused massive tree mortality.

While other species of pine beetle such as the Ips and Black Turpentine can do just as much damage as the Southern Pine Beetle, these species have not been known to cause widespread damage in a short period

Although hard to distinguish from other pine beetles and difficult to detect, Southern Pine Beetles typically cause balls of pitch to protrude from the trunk and body of the tree. The beetles also cause pine needles to turn yellow or reddish brown.

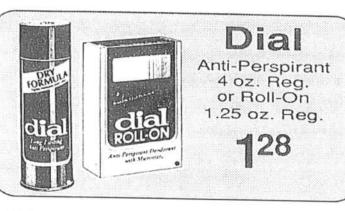
Homeowners can defend aganist beetle attacks by keeping trees healthy and preventing damage to the stem and root system. Painting all scarred sections with tree paint will also help.

For more information, or to report a beetle problem, call the local Forest Service office in Bolivia at



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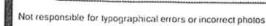
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