

Couple 'Booked' After Taking Encyclopedias

An Ash couple was arrested and charged with breaking and entering and second-degree trespassing after they were found removing encyclopedias from a mobile home belonging to their next-door neighbor.

Elizabeth Boyd and Steven Boyd were both charged by Detective Billy Hughes of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department last Thursday.

Det. Hughes said the couple was living next door to a mobile home owned by John DuBoise of N.C. 130 west of Shallotte. The home was unoccupied at the time, he said.

The couple had allegedly entered through the front door and told detectives that they were given permission to enter the home. DuBoise told Hughes that when he found the couple at the trailer, Ms. Boyd was removing the encyclopedias. He told detectives that no one had given the couple permission to take the books.

DuBoise held the couple at the scene until officers arrived around 12:30 p.m. The books were valued at \$365.

Hughes said the books have been returned to the owner. The mobile home is in front of a shop owned by DuBoise, Hughes said.

In other reports on file at the sheriff's department:

■ An Ash woman reported she was awakened Sunday around 3 a.m. and saw someone standing beside her bed. She told deputies that she thought it was a dream until the man walked into the kitchen and re-

turned wearing a nightgown. He then began rubbing her in the face until she called out for her father, who was in the house. The man then fled the home. He had entered through a back bedroom window, the report stated.

■ A Shallotte woman reported she was awakened around 4 a.m. Monday by someone who tried to break into her home. The woman told Deputy Shelton Caison that she was awakened when she heard footsteps on her back porch and heard a door opening. She locked herself into a bedroom and saw the man walking from her home into a yard next door. She then called the sheriff's department, the report states.

■ Someone broke into a house under construction at Old Towne near Leland and took \$440 in building supplies last Friday night. The burglars also caused an estimated \$200 in damage when they entered through a front window, Deputy Richard Long reported.

■ A washer and dryer valued at \$500 were taken from a mobile home at Walker Mobile Homes in Leland Friday night, Deputy Long reported. Someone broke the lock off a back door and caused an additional \$125 in damage.

■ A gas tank was taken from the Church of God in Bolivia Saturday night, reported Deputy Wendell Bennett. It is not known how much gas was in the 180- to 200-gallon tank, which was the property of R.D. White and Sons of Shallotte.

Holden Resigns BCC Position

Just a few months shy of six years' service, Kelly Holden has resigned from the Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees effective Feb. 15.

Holden was elected chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners in December.

As his reasons for resigning, he cited new responsibilities as well as business, professional and political obligations.



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Holden is involved in several businesses. He and a brother own and operate a vegetable farm and roadside market and he and his wife also own a tax return preparation service.

He was appointed to the BCC Board of Trustees by Gov. Jim Martin in June 1985 and had previously served as finance committee chairman. His term was to expire in June.

Martin will name Holden's successor.

Trustees accepted the letter of resignation last Wednesday night.

Holden Beach Eyes New Septic Program

The Holden Beach Planning and Zoning Board is gathering information on a program that could provide for the routine inspection and pumping of septic tanks on the island.

Holden Beach Commissioners and the planning board talked about setting up a septic tank "management entity" at a workshop last Tuesday night.

Sid Swarts, planning board vice chairman, said the only information the town has on the septic tank management program is an outdated article from the N.C. Institute of Government.

Swarts said town officials need more information so they know what would be required of the town if it decided to go ahead with the program.

"We want to go into that right away, as soon as the planning board recommends something on it," said Mayor John Tandy.

County Worker Gets Two Years On Cocaine Possession Charge

BY TERRY POPE

A Brunswick County Water Department employee arrested on drug charges last July has been sentenced to two years in jail.

Dolphus Lee Bryant, 40, of Route 3, Supply, pleaded no contest to simple possession of cocaine in Brunswick County Superior Court last week. He entered his plea after a jury had already been selected but before the trial actually started.

Bryant was employed by the county when the incident allegedly occurred July 15, 1990. A warrant states Bryant was alleged to have had in his possession six rocks of crack cocaine when he was arrested by Shallotte Police Officer G.J. Samek.

The defendant was suspended from his job without pay on July 19, according to Brunswick County Personnel Director Starie Grissett. Ms. Grissett said Monday that she had not received any additional information about Bryant's job status as a result of last week's trial.

Judge William C. Gore Jr. handed down the two-year active sentence and also recommended that Bryant not be eligible for work release. Bryant was also ordered to pay his attorney, Steve Yount, \$400 in fees.

Bryant had been charged with possession of cocaine and possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine. At the sentencing hearing last week, Officer Samek presented an envelope containing crack cocaine he said was seized from Bryant during the arrest.

Judge Gore ordered that the substance be destroyed by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

Bryant was hired by the county March 2, 1987, as a "B Well" water treatment plant operator and earned \$16,632 per year.

It took about an hour for Assistant District Attorney Thomas Hicks and the defense attorney to select a jury to try the case, but upon returning from a lunch break last Tuesday the defendant withdrew his not guilty plea.

Judge William C. Gore Jr. also heard the following cases in Superior Court last week:

■ Larry Oneal Register, 33, of Route 6, Whiteville, was sentenced to two years, six months in jail after

pleading guilty to possession of crack cocaine with intent to sell and deliver. Register was arrested by Shallotte Police Chief Rodney Gause on July 8 after 77 rocks of crack cocaine were found in a vehicle the defendant was driving. According to Gause's report, Register also had in his possession 13 marijuana cigarettes and \$2,439 in cash. Judge Gore ordered that the money be turned over to the Brunswick County Board of Education and that the defendant not be eligible for work release.

■ Bryan Thomas Jackson of Leland was given a three-year suspended sentence and also given an additional active sentence of 30 days in jail to be served in the Richmond County Jail. Jackson pleaded guilty to assault inflicting serious injury. He was also ordered to pay \$1,635 in restitution to Hotte Realty of Leland and \$230 to Phil Guyer of Seacoast Seafood. Judge Gore ordered that he be given credit for 18 days spent in jail and be given work release from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

■ Barry Dale Almond, 21, of Gastonia, was sentenced to two years in prison, to run consecutively with a sentence he is already serving. Almond pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a motor conveyance. He was charged with having in his posses-

sion a 1988 Harley Davidson motorcycle that was stolen from a Myrtle Beach, S.C., man on June 9, 1990.

■ Michael Green of Leland was given a three-year suspended sentence and placed on four years' supervised probation after pleading guilty to possession of stolen goods. He was also ordered to pay Jones Ford of Shallotte \$9,900 in restitution and not go on or about the car lot. Green must serve 72 hours of community service and pay \$500 in attorney fees.

■ Don Cordell Bryant of Supply was sentenced to four years in jail after pleading guilty to three counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine. Judge Gore consolidated the three charges for sentencing. Each carried a possible maximum of 10 years and a minimum of three years in prison. Bryant was also ordered to pay \$700 in attorney fees.

Clarification

The Mary Jane C. Hewett charged with speeding 44 mph in a 35 mph zone, as listed in the published court docket of the Feb. 7 issue of *The Brunswick Beacon*, is not the Mary Jane Caison Hewett of Route 1, Supply (Holden Beach area).

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Man Held In Stabbing Of Wife

A Columbus County man was arrested last Thursday and charged with the stabbing of his wife at her father's home in Ash.

Wilbert Leroy Hufton, who lives in the town of Brunswick, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and first-degree burglary, said Lt. Donnell Marlow of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

It is believed that Vickie Hufton was stabbed twice, once in the chest and once in the stomach area, Marlow said.

"An officer on the scene gave me information that she was stabbed twice," Lt. Marlow said. "There was a knife used."

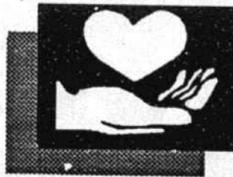
Marlow said the weapon was a "regular kitchen knife."

She was transported to the Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville. Earlier in the day, officers were withholding the location of the victim until Hufton's arrest for safety precautions.

Mrs. Hufton was staying with her father, Jessie Long, of Route 2, Ash, when the attacker allegedly broke into the home last Thursday morning. It is believed the stabbing stemmed from previous arguments between the two.

Hufton was arrested Thursday evening in Columbus County and transported to the Brunswick County Jail where he was still being held Friday morning under \$46,000 bond.

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