



Fire Damages Home

Firefighters from several departments responded to a mobile home fire near Thomasboro Friday. A hot water heater is being blamed for the fire that damaged the home owned by Ronnie Clarida of Pea Landing Road, said Gladys Rutter, secretary for the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department. Units from Grissetown, Longwood, Calabash, Waccamaw and Sunset Beach responded to the 11:45 a.m. blaze. Damage was listed at \$1,200, Ms. Rutter said.

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Log House Built For Playing, But Lot Owner Isn't Laughing

BY TERRY POPE

A Carolina Shores property owner was surprised last Thursday to find that someone had been cutting down trees on his undeveloped lot.

He was even more surprised to find that someone had used the trees to build a small log house on lot number 30.

The Trinity resident said the incident occurred between Aug. 18 and April 18. The log home was apparently built by neighboring children as a play house, reported Deputy George Stanley.

The lot owner said he wanted to file a report, fearing that smaller children would get hurt while playing there.

No estimate was given on the amount of damage caused by the cut trees, Stanley reported.

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

■A safe containing an estimated \$2,000 in cash and checks was taken from the Old Fort Golf Course pro shop on N.C. 133 near Belville Sunday night.

The glass to a side door was broken to gain entry to the pro shop, according to Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy W.F. Moore.

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When Moore arrived, he found a money tray lying on the ground next to the broken glass. The tray contained rolls of change and approximately \$40 in bills.

He then discovered that a safe had been removed from the pro shop. An investigation is continuing.

■Shots were fired at a home and store on Mt. Misery Road near Leland early Saturday morning, but no one was injured. Sheriff's Sgt. Gene Browning said someone fired a shotgun and large caliber handgun at the Phoenix Mini-Mart building around 3 a.m. and then drove away.

Bird shot hit the front of the store and broke some windows. A bullet also hit the concrete wall, creating a hole the size of a 50-cent piece, Browning said. Damage was estimated at \$600.

A resident several miles away reported around 3:10 a.m. that his home was hit by bird shot. The man said he heard a gunshot in his front yard and saw a gray car speeding away toward Columbus County on Mt. Misery Road.

Browning said damage was esti-

mated at \$100 to a front door.

■A car taken Saturday from the parking lot of Half Time Sports Bar at Leland was found Sunday at Leland Industrial Park, reported Deputy Richard DuVall. The right side of the 1986 Ford Mustang was damaged and a tool box and cassette tapes had been taken.

■Someone broke into the Friendship Holiness Church in Bolivia Sunday by gaining entry through a kitchen door. A filing cabinet had been pried open and \$100 was missing, reported Deputy Becky McDonald. Damage to the cabinet was \$75.

■A depth recorder was taken from a boat at a home in Sea Trail Plantation Saturday, reported Stanley. Someone had unsnapped the tarp covering and removed the \$400 device.

■A Leland man says someone cashed his \$1,100 federal income tax refund check without permission and wants the person prosecuted. McDonald reported the man had recently moved from a Route 1 address to another Route 1 home. A suspect told the man she took the check from the mailbox, cashed it and refused to give him the money.

■A Route 2, Bolivia, man returned

home Friday to find his house had been burglarized, reported Deputy William Hewett. About \$4,900 in guns and jewelry had been stolen. Damage to a front door was estimated at \$50.

■A pry bar was used to break open the front door of a Route 1, Leland, home Friday evening, reported Deputy Brian Sanders. The rooms had been ransacked and a checkbook, necklace and earrings, all valued around \$195, were missing.

■The front door of a Leland home was forced open Friday, reported Deputy Charlie Crocker. Items missing included a \$500 television set, \$500 video recorder, \$400 gun and \$50 in cash. Damage to a door was estimated at \$200.

■Someone broke into a car at the Food Lion parking lot on Long Beach Road Friday and took a gun holster, flashlight and security guard's raincoat, Hewett reported. The items were valued at \$100.

■A boat motor valued at \$800 was reported missing from a Route 1, Ash, home Saturday, reported Stanley. Also, an \$1,800 boat motor was missing from a Hideaway Estates home Friday, reported Deputy Shelton Caison.

Mother Claims Negligence Caused Son's 1989 Death

The mother of a 13-year-old boy who was accidentally shot and killed in 1989 is suing the Southport family whose home is where the shooting occurred.

Bernetta Moore filed a lawsuit in Brunswick County Superior Court claiming negligence caused the death of her son, Warren Christopher Moore, on Nov. 15, 1989.

She is asking that a Brunswick County jury award her in excess of \$10,000 and other relief to help pay for funeral bills and medical bills incurred from the shooting.

According to the lawsuit, Moore was staying at the home of a friend, Garland Hankins, 17, of Jabbertown Road, Southport, when the accidental shooting occurred. Hankins and his parents, Carolyn and Harold Hankins, and another person who was staying at the home, Eugene Gore, have each been listed as defendants in the complaint filed by a Greensboro attorney, Lee Andrews.

The complaint states that Garland Hankins was "negligently cleaning or playing with his gun" when it accidentally fired, hitting Moore in the side.

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Department filed no charges in the shooting. According to the investi-

gating officer's report, Moore was hit by pellets from a 12-gauge shotgun around 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 15. The victim was found lying in a rear bedroom of the home and was dead at the scene when officers arrived.

The lawsuit claims Hankins was negligent by failing to keep proper care of and control of the gun and by operating and cleaning the gun in a careless and reckless manner.

It claims Carolyn Hankins, Harold Hankins and Eugene Gore were each negligent in not supervising Garland about safety, use and care when handling a gun. The complaint states that the Hankinses purchased the gun and ammunition for their son without providing instructions about care for the safety of others.

Moore was survived by his mother and father, Walter Bellamy, and three sisters, the complaint states. As a result of his death, the family has been deprived of their relationship with Moore and the income which he could have been expected to spend on his mother and parents, it continues.

The funeral bills and medical expenses are of an amount to be proved at the trial, according to the document.

Office Records 418 Deeds

In March, 418 deeds were recorded for revenues of \$3,628, the Brunswick County Register of Deeds office reported.

The office recorded 290 deeds of trust for \$3,296 in revenue and 566 irregular instruments, which includes filing of corporations, contracts, financial statements and cancellations of deeds of trust, for \$4,047 in revenue.

Other revenues include: 14 marriage licenses, \$280; miscellaneous, \$2,065.20; 20 plats, \$431; and real estate excise taxes, \$9,870, for total revenues of \$23,617.

Expenses include: per diem (advisory board), \$175; fringe benefits (retirees), \$574.71; telephone, \$366.14; postage, \$176.17; travel and training, \$268.93; equipment rental, \$150.75; departmental sup-

plies, \$1,913.27; contracted services, \$31.59; service maintenance contracts, \$2,663.75; and dues and subscriptions, \$213.38, for a total of \$6,533.69 excluding wages.

Correction

The Brunswick County Health Department's inspection grade for a local food stand was reported incorrectly in the April 18 issue of *The Brunswick Beacon*.

Wimpy's of Shallotte received a grade of 98 percent for the month of March, instead of 90 percent as was reported.

The error was included in a computer print-out of grades from the health department's environmental health section.

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