



**Fire Quickly Extinguished**

Quick action by Shallotte and Civietown volunteer firefighters held damages to around \$500 at a fire last Thursday afternoon at the Twin Creek Plaza shopping center in Shallotte. Civietown Fire Chief Al Nord said an electrical shortage in a sign at a former shoe store set a wall on fire. "Shallotte got there pretty quick and knocked it down before it got out of control," said Nord.

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**Little River Woman Wants Rape Case Closed**

BY TERRY POPE

A woman who claims she was dragged from her car and raped by several men in the Pincrest community late Friday has asked that the investigation be dropped.

The Little River, S.C., woman told Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Long that she was slowly driving through the area around 10:30 p.m. when four males approached her car.

They pulled her from the car, she said. One man with gray hair walked away while she was held down and raped by the other men. Her car was also vandalized, she reported.

During an investigation Saturday, the woman stated she did not want to go through with the case and asked that it be closed, reported Detective Larry Joyner.

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

■The surf may be up, but not for a Starling Road resident south of Shallotte. Someone broke into a home there and took two surfboards, a wet suit and two surfboard bags, with an estimated value of \$1,700, Deputy Bob Hoagland reported. Also taken was a \$300 television, \$100 in linens and \$20 in soft drinks. Someone broke through a side window, causing \$70 in damage.

■Two men walked out of Tony's Quick Market in Calabash Sunday, each carrying two 12-packs of beer they had not paid for, reported Hoagland. The incident happened around 10:05 p.m. The beer was valued at \$31.

■An antique parking meter was taken from a Shell Point yard last Thursday, reported Sgt. Charlie Miller. The nickel-operated meter was

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used as a decoration and was valued at \$150.

■BBs shot from an air gun caused an estimated \$400 in damage to windows at Seaside Station, reported Deputy Darryl Marlow. Someone shot the BBs through a number of home window panes on Indigo Circle.

■Deputies responded to a shooting on Civietown Road Friday night. Deputy William Hewett said a woman was feeling upset around 11:08 p.m. so she shot herself in the left leg. No charges were filed.

■Someone took \$5 in change from the Kids Connection day care center in Shallotte last Wednesday, reported Detective Don Stovall. There was no sign of forcible entry; however, someone pried open a front and rear door to the toddler building on Friday. No items were taken.

■An estimated \$1,970 in tools and painting equipment was taken from the Phoenix Service Center north of Leland, reported Detective Ken Messer. A paint sprayer, air compressor and drills were said missing.

■A boat docked on the Lockwood Folly River was broken into between April 28 and May 12, reported Deputy Becky McDonald. Rods, reels and life jackets valued at \$2,630 were taken.

■A men's bicycle was reported stolen from a home at Fair Haven Mobile Home Park in Leland Friday, reported Deputy Steve Mason. It was valued at \$50.

■A Nintendo game valued at \$110 was reported missing from a home on Russ Road, reported Deputy

Shelton Caison. On Clemmons Road, a \$20 pocket knife was reported missing.

■Managers at Maxway in Leland reported they will file shoplifting charges against a woman who walked out of the store Saturday with two pairs of ladies underwear beneath her clothes, Mason reported.

■A .357-magnum pistol valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a vehicle parked at the Ocean Harbor Golf Links maintenance shop Sunday, reported Deputy George Stanley.

■A boat motor and trailer valued at \$3,000 was taken from a Seaside Station home last week, reported Marlow. Two life jackets, a spot light and battery were also missing.

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