

Brunswick Grand Jury Indicts Suspects In Local Theft Ring

BY TERRY POPE

Four men accused of operating a theft ring in the Shallotte area were indicted on various charges Monday by a Brunswick County Grand Jury.

Indicted were Johnny Watson Williams, 35, of Shallotte; Willie Mack McNeil, 31, of Route 7, Shallotte; Swindell Daniels, of Hickman's Crossroads; and Kurt Cotton, of the Pinecrest Subdivision near Calabash.

The charges stem from a string of break-ins in the Shallotte area in September, said Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Billy Hughes. Officers arrested the men after receiving an anonymous tip on where the property was located.

Williams was indicted on charges of four counts of felonious breaking and entering, six counts of felonious larceny, five counts of possession of stolen goods and three counts of larceny of a firearm.

According to the indictments, an estimated \$10,130 in items, including a motorcycle and generator, were stolen from a Green Bay Road home on Sept. 27. Taken during a break-in at Oceanway Auto Sales in Grissetown on Sept. 25 were two cars, 15 sets of keys, a dealer's license tag and three guns, the indictments state.

Also, the suspects allegedly took a television set from a Sea Village home and \$920 in tools from another home on Green Bay Road. Part of the property was recovered, Hughes said.

McNeil was indicted on charges of three counts of felonious breaking and entering, five counts of felonious larceny, five counts of possession of stolen goods and three counts of larceny of a firearm.

Daniels was indicted on charges of two counts of felonious breaking and entering, four counts of felonious larceny, four counts of possession of stolen goods and three counts of larceny of a firearm.

Also, Cotton was indicted on a charge of felonious larceny of an automobile and possession of stolen

goods.

The grand jury also returned the following true bills:

■Tonya Williams, 20, of Oakview Drive, Southport, on a charge of felony riot. She is accused of assembling 70 or more people on Lord Street, Southport, on Oct. 25 where Southport Police Officer Robert Willis was injured.

■James Hargrove III, 21, of W. 11th Street, Southport, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with a firearm or other deadly weapon against a law enforcement officer and felony riot. He is accused of hitting Officer Willis in the head with a 40-ounce beer bottle.

■Theron Victoria Ray, 20, of W. 11th Street; Claudine Reed, Anthony Darnell Reed, 21, and Robert W. Gore, 36, all of 1105 Caswell Ave., Southport; Curtis Gerald Frink, 21, and Thomas Frink, of N. Rhett Street, Southport; all on a charge of felony riot, for allegedly participating in the Oct. 25 incident in Southport.

■Larry Lampkins, 21, of Rt. 2, Leland, on a charge of first-degree burglary. He is accused of breaking into a home at Route 2, Leland Oct. 2.

■Lorenzo Smith, 25, of W. 9th Street, Southport; and Rasheen I. Rashad, of Caswell Ave., Southport, on a charge of robbery with a dangerous weapon for the alleged Sept. 16 armed robbery of the Handy Hugo store on N.C. 211 in Southport in which \$417 was taken.

■Terri Lea Shambley, 18, of Graham Road, Leland, on a charge of felonious larceny and possession of stolen goods. She is accused of taking \$1,192 in jewelry and goods from a Leland home, the indictment states.

■Stuart Kevin Sanders, 21, of Catawba Road, Boiling Spring Lakes, on charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. He is accused of hitting a man on the head Sept. 29 with a quart-sized beer bottle and of taking \$34 in cash from the victim.

■Germaine Hewett, 19, of Route 2, Supply, on a charge of maintaining a vehicle to use, store or sell a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance to manufacture, sell or deliver cocaine. Charges were filed Nov. 9 by Shallotte Police Officer G.J. Samck.

■Barry Eugene Haire, 42, of Indian Trail, on a charge of habitual impaired driving. He was convicted of driving while impaired in Monroe County on Feb. 25, 1985 and Oct. 14, 1987; and in Brunswick County on May 28, 1991, the indictment states.

■Felix Irvin Edge, 19, of Route 1, Winnabow, on a charge of second-degree rape for an alleged incident that happened at a Winnabow woman's home on Sept. 5.

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