

Bed Company Says Two Salesmen Are Frauds

BY TERRY POPE

A Winnabow resident says a Rest-A-Matic bed delivered to his home was damaged and he wants his \$1,692 back.

But the vice president of the company says the salesmen who visited the victim's home were not company employees and are out to defraud residents, Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Mason reported.

The victim says he answered a newspaper ad in September and agreed to buy a bed from two salesmen who visited his home. The mechanical bed was delivered to the Route 1 home in a U-Haul truck in October.

Bill Taylor, vice president of Rest-A-Matic, told the victim that several people had been defrauded by the suspects and that persons were lucky to get a bed from the phony contracts, Mason reported.

The resident paid \$900 by check in September and \$792 in cash upon delivery and were told they could get a refund if they were not pleased with the bed, the report states.

The victim had called the Better Business Bureau prior to receiving a telephone call from Taylor, who noted that the suspects are also under investigation in Harnett County, Mason reported.

The Brunswick County case re-

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mains under investigation.

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

■ Three sets of Christmas lights, valued at \$47, were stolen off a fence on Sunset Harbor Road last Thursday, Dec. 19, reported Deputy Cathy Hamilton.

■ A man has been charged for allegedly shoplifting a \$1.69 pack of batteries from Wilson's Supermarket in Leland. The suspect, Terry Vance Strickland, 26, of Mayfair Estates, was brought before a magistrate Friday and has a Jan. 23 court date, reported Mason.

■ A Shallotte area woman discovered last Thursday, Dec. 19, that someone had poured an unidentified chemical across her porch and over a car parked in her front yard, reported Deputy Phil Bryant.

■ A Highland Hills resident's 1989 Chevrolet Blazer, valued at \$9,000, was stolen Sunday from Clairmont Plaza shopping center in Leland, Mason reported. The keys were left inside and the doors unlocked.

■ Burglars took a \$825 stereo system from a car parked at Ward's Body Shop on N.C. 130 west of Shallotte between Dec. 9 and 18, re-

ported Deputy James Ingram.

■ An answering machine, speakers, stereo and television were stolen from an Old Mill Road home in Leland Dec. 18, reported Deputy William Hewett. Damage to a door was \$250.

■ Someone poured water into a fuel tank, causing damage to a furnace at a Shallotte Point home Dec. 18, reported Ingram.

■ Two chainsaws valued at \$569 were stolen from a building on N.C. 87 at Mill Creek between Dec. 11 and 15, reported Ms. Hamilton.

■ Damage was listed at \$200 to a Ridgewood Village home on N.C. 904, reported Deputy Patti Hewett. The suspect tried to pry open a door but did not gain entry.

■ Someone hit two cars with rocks, breaking the windshields, on N.C. 133 near Southport last Thursday, reported Mason. Damage was estimated at \$400 to each car, a 1985 Cadillac and a 1988 Ford.

■ Appliances worth \$700 were stolen from a home on Old Fayetteville Road in Leland Friday, reported Deputy Pete Moore. Framing on a front door had been broken.

■ Five shotguns, two televisions, a microwave and some Christmas gifts were stolen from a Mt. Misery Road home near Leland Friday,

Moore reported.

■ Someone broke into the former Innovations office at Calabash Plaza between Dec. 16 and 19, reported Bryant. A pry bar was used to break open a lock.

■ Five lamps, a television, jewelry and oil heater were stolen from a Gray Mobile Home residence between Dec. 14 and 20, reported Deputy Brian Sanders.

■ Four men entered Riverside Restaurant in Calabash Friday and told diners that someone had just stolen a mobile telephone from a car in the parking lot, Bryant reported. The victim was from Calabash, and detectives have a suspect.

■ The window of a school bus parked on Lanvale Road was shattered by BBs Sunday, reported Deputy Richard DuVall.

■ Someone entered a Benton Road home near Bolivia between Dec. 1 and 17 and took a shotgun valued at \$460, reported Deputy Charles Wilson.

■ A \$250 video recorder was stolen from a Leland home on Village Road between Dec. 14 and 21, reported Mason.

■ Items worth \$23,215 were stolen from a Carolina Shores home Friday, Ms. Hewett reported. Missing are a revolver, jewelry and coins.



Hog Snapper Landed

Gary Carr of Holden Beach landed this 18-pound hog snapper earlier this month aboard the Super Salty I. He was fishing about 55 miles offshore.

PLEAS ENTERED IN MURDERS

Lakes Teen Gets Probation

A Boiling Spring Lakes teen-ager who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the shooting death of his mother has been placed on intensive probation by a Brunswick County Superior Court judge.

In an unrelated case, a Wilmington man received two life sentences after he pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a Bolivia couple in March.

Lakes Murder

James Vickery, 15, of Boiling Spring Lakes will report to the Union County Mental Health Department for an initial evaluation by Jan. 9, Judge Narley Cashwell ordered.

The defendant has been held in the Juvenile Services Center at Castle Hayne since he was charged with the crime in May.

His mother, Virginia Anderson of Pierce Road, was found dead in her home by Boiling Spring Lakes police officers. She had been shot in the head and her body locked in a bedroom.

Vickery had apparently continued to live in the home about a week after the shooting occurred. Ms. Anderson's employers at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport grew suspicious when she failed to report

to work.

Cashwell sentenced Vickery to 15 years in prison, suspended the sentence and placed him on five years' intensive probation. Vickery's attorney, Michael Ramos, and the district attorney's office agreed to the sentence handed down Friday.

Vickery was also ordered to not use or possess any illegal drugs or controlled substances and to reside with Eddie Gardner, a relative, during the probationary period. Ramos introduced several letters from Gardner's employers and family in Union County stating that Gardner would offer a stable environment for the teen-ager.

Vickery must remain a full-time student or be gainfully employed, submit to warrantless searches and remain on curfew to be determined

by his Union County probation officer.

Bolivia Deaths

Erwin Lang Malpass, 20, of the Flemington community in New Hanover County, pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder in the shooting deaths of William Carl Willets and Vanessa Willets of Danford Road in Bolivia.

Cashwell sentenced Malpass to two consecutive life sentences, of which he must serve 40 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Malpass had been charged with two counts of first-degree murder for the shooting deaths but had those charges reduced in exchange for guilty pleas.

Mrs. Willets was found dead in the yard with a gunshot wound in her back. Willets was found on the

living room floor with a gunshot wound in the head. Malpass turned himself in on March 17 to Brunswick County sheriff's detectives.

Detectives believed the shooting stemmed from a domestic dispute.

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Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	26	11:56	—	5:37	6:09
Friday	27	12:36	12:51	6:36	7:05
Saturday	28	1:36	1:47	7:38	8:00
Sunday	29	2:34	2:44	8:40	8:57
Monday	30	3:34	3:42	9:40	9:51
Tuesday	31	4:28	4:37	10:37	10:42

ADJUSTMENTS
SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.

Shellfish Waters Are Closed Again

Shellfishermen had only five days to harvest clams and oysters in certain waters near Sunset Beach before the area was closed again early this week.

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries closed shellfishing in Jinks Creek, Cotter Creek and the Big Narrows east of the Sunset Beach causeway on Monday.

The state had temporarily opened the area to fishermen last Wednesday due to satisfactory shellfish and water samples.

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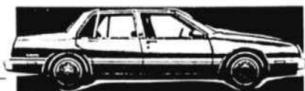
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5928-1	'91 Cavalier	\$9,997	-
5935-1	'91 Blazer Sport	\$17,995	\$21,803

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