

# Shallotte Man Reports Robbery At Seaside

BY TERRY POPE

A Shallotte man said he was robbed of \$200 at gunpoint late Friday near the Seaside community at Sunset Beach.

The victim told Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Phil Bryant that a man got into his car outside of Joyce's Grill around midnight and said, "Let's go party."

He then drove to the Seaside area where the passenger demanded that he stop the car. The suspect then pointed a gun at the victim's head, pulled the keys from the ignition and demanded his wallet, Bryant reported.

The suspect took the keys, \$200 inside the wallet and fled on foot, the report states.

The case remains under investigation.

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

■ Two 11-year-old boys were referred to juvenile services after a Wilson's Supermarket store manager in Leland caught them shoplifting Sunday morning. The suspects placed shopping bags in a cart, gathered items from the shelves and left without paying for them, a manager told Deputy Steve Mason.

The parents of one youth, who lives in Leland, were called, Mason said. The other boy was visiting their home. The Leland youth's stepfather retained custody of both boys.

## CRIME REPORT

Neither had a history of behavioral problems, said Mason.

■ Warrants were filed against a Route 4, Supply, man accused of breaking into a home at Fisherman's Village, where a man was shot in both hands and a leg during a domestic dispute Sunday night.

Detective Donnell Marlowe filed warrants for first-degree burglary, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, communicating threats and two counts of assault against a suspect whose name has been withheld pending an arrest.

The man allegedly fired a .22-caliber handgun several times at the victim and then beat his girlfriend in the face with his fists, Deputy J.R. Earp Jr. reported.

A neighbor drove the victims to the Holden Beach Police Department. Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad transported the man to The Brunswick Hospital for treatment.

■ Two vending machines were torched open at Nucon Inc. on U.S. 74-76 in Leland Sunday, reported Mason. He discovered two doors open at the plant around 12:15 a.m. Money boxes on the machines, each containing an undetermined amount of coins, were stolen.

■ An estimated \$1,939 in guns, saws and tools were taken from a work shed at a home in the Oscar Long

Subdivision at Leland between Dec. 26 and 28, reported Mason. A door had been forced open.

■ Two televisions, a microwave and telephone were stolen from a Sparrow Lane home at Shell Point between Dec. 2 and 29, reported Earp. Damage was \$40 to a broken window.

■ Tools and auto parts worth \$2,810 were stolen from DuBoise's Garage on N.C. 130 west of Shallotte Saturday, reported Bryant.

■ Damage was estimated at \$135 to a mailbox and yard lights at a Sea Breeze Estates home between Nov. 29 and Dec. 28, reported Earp. Vandals had also sprayed paint on a storage building.

■ Vandals ransacked a home in Sea Aire Estates on Seashore Road, but took no items once breaking inside, reported Earp. Damage was listed at \$100 to a door that had been pried open.

■ A newspaper stand owned by the Wilmington Star News was taken from the County Line Quik Stop on U.S. 74-76 near Delco, reported Deputy William Hewett. The box is valued at \$250.

■ Someone drove a vehicle onto the putting green at Bricklanding Plantation, causing \$1,000 in damage Friday, reported Deputy J.M. Adams. The car made circles on the 13th hole adjacent to N.C. 179.

■ Vehicles were used to rip open a utility trailer door at a construction

site at the Leland Industrial Park Friday, reported Hewett. Stolen from Miller Building Corp. were \$1,500 in tools and wiring. Damage was \$2,000.

■ Vandals took golf carts from a shed at St. James Plantation on N.C. 211 and damaged a putting green Friday, reported Deputy Cathy Hamilton. Damage was listed at \$2,000 to the carts.

■ Someone shot through a window in the Pinecliff subdivision on N.C. 87 at Winnabow last Thursday, Dec. 26, causing \$150 in damage, reported Hewett.

■ A car parked at Josh's Car Wash on Holden Beach Road (N.C. 130) had a window broken Friday, causing \$250 in damage, reported Ms. Hamilton.

■ Thieves tried to break into a car parked at a home on Long Beach Road Dec. 24, causing \$300 in damage to a electric window motor, Ms. Hamilton reported. The car was also scratched and some window molding damaged.

■ Someone stole \$2,600 in stereo equipment from a car parked on the shoulder of U.S. 74-76 near Belville Saturday, Mason reported. Both side windows had been broken, causing \$825 in damage.

■ A video recorder was stolen from a Seaside Road home between Nov. 9 and Dec. 27, reported Deputy Darryl Marlow. Damage was listed at \$175 to a door frame.



A Quiet Afternoon

Shut out from the noise of the world, Phillip Alexander of Shallotte spent Christmas Eve walking along Ocean Isle Beach with his metal detector, a hobby he finds very exciting. During the summer Alexander said he is often asked to locate sunbathers' lost jewelry. Last Tuesday, however, he had only come up with a few coins.

## Candidate Won't Appeal Elections Board Ruling

A Southport woman says she will not file an appeal with the state Board of Elections over a ballot dispute that stems from the Nov. 5 Doshier Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees race.

Evelyn "Teal" Butler lost her seat on the board and her bid for a new election last week when the Brunswick County Board of Elections dismissed her complaint.

She claimed the ballot was irregular and may have affected the outcome of the race.

Attorney Robert Serra informed the elections board Friday that Ms. Butler had decided not to appeal the ruling. She was faced with an 11

a.m. Friday deadline for filing an appeal but decided against incurring the legal expenses involved in carrying the case to Raleigh.

An incumbent, Ms. Butler lost her seat on the board to newcomer Gib Barbee, who won a seat along with Eugene B. Tomlinson Jr. and incumbent Chairman Charles B. Johnson.

Tomlinson, who was appointed by Brunswick County Commissioners to replace Doug Ledgett, was the only candidate to file for an unexpired four-year term on the board. His race was separated on the ballot from one involving four candidates vying for two six-year seats.

The races had never been separat-

ed on the ballot before, giving an unfair advantage to Tomlinson, argued Ms. Butler, who said she would have filed for the four-year term had someone told her the race would be separate.

A decision handed down by the elections board last Monday listed 42 findings of fact and a conclusion of law that stated Ms. Butler's complaint was dismissed "because there is not substantial evidence of a violation of the election law or other irregularity or misconduct."

Saying she was surprised when she saw the ballot, Ms. Butler notified the elections board on Nov. 5 that she planned to protest the race

before results were in.

Elections Board Attorney David Clegg said the Nov. 5 ballot was printed in accordance with the guidelines set under state law. A 1985 ballot for the trustee board contained an unexpired term but was not separated on the ballot.

But the form for that ballot was "inconsistent" with the provisions of the state statutes, the board's findings state.

A 1987 notice from the State Attorney General's office had recommended that candidates for unexpired terms be separated on the ballot from candidates seeking full terms, said Clegg.

## Regional Forum Offers Chance To Speak On Education Issues

Brunswick County residents will have a chance to express their views on educational funding priorities and other education issues at a regional community meeting Jan. 28 at East Bladen High School in Elizabethtown.

Hours are 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Representatives of the Brunswick County Board of Education plan to attend, said Chairman Donna Baxter, and others concerned parents, educators, students and community leaders are encouraged to attend.

The session is one of 12 regional meetings scheduled statewide in December and January by the state board and Superintendent Bob Etheridge.

The purpose of the meetings is to give individuals an opportunity to express their views on the length of the school day and school, interrup-

tions of the school day, and other issues that directly affect the time available for teaching and learning.

Also, speakers are invited to voice opinions on school budget priorities for the upcoming short session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Summaries of comments made at the 12 meetings will be presented to the State Board of Education this spring. The board, which sets policies regarding the state's public schools, has been considering several issues related to time to teach, including lengthening the instructional day to six hours.

The meetings will help gauge public concerns on the proposal and to gather ideas on how to best use the time already available in the school day.

## State Officials Awaiting Rivergate Erosion Plan

State officials are still waiting for a local development company accused of violating environmental rules to submit an erosion-control plan that was due three months ago.

Brunswick County Superior Court Judge William C. Gore last month ordered that the overdue plan be submitted to the state office by Jan. 10.

If the plan isn't turned in by then, all of the stockholders of Rivergate Estates Inc. will have to attend a Jan. 13 court hearing, according to Robert Floyd, attorney for the corporation.

Developers of Rivergate Estates on the Waccamaw River have yet to

turn in the plan that was due Oct. 3, said Dan Sams, regional director of the N.C. Land Quality Section in Wilmington.

Rivergate Estates, Inc., the company developing the 100-acre-plus subdivision off N.C. 904, had promised to submit the plan in a consent judgment filed in September.

The consent judgment and recent court order are results of a state effort to get developers Jimmy Gore and Dale Gore to comply with the N.C. Sedimentation and Pollution Control Act of 1973.

State land quality officials cited

the developers for six violations of the act at their property on the Brunswick-Columbus county line in September and November 1990.

Initial violations included failing to submit an erosion-control plan prior to beginning development and failing to install devices to control erosion at the site.

North Carolina officials later charged the owners with failure to take measures to keep sediment on site, failing to have a buffer zone between the development and river, grading slopes near the river too steep and failure to provide ground cover on exposed slopes.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a "cease and desist" order last fall to prevent the developers from filling any more wetlands along the river.

In March, the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources filed a civil suit seeking an injunction ordering the development company to halt all land-disturbing activity at the site.

The consent judgment filed Sept. 23 in Brunswick County Superior Court was designed to "amicably resolve" the matter. It noted that the corporation wanted to take action to correct the problems.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Lawson Completes Basic Training At Orlando

U.S. Navy Seaman Recruit Terry W. Lawson recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

He was taught general military subjects that prepared him for additional training in one of the Navy's 88 occupational fields.

A 1992 graduate of Orrum High School in Orrum, he is the son of Morris Lawson of Shallotte. He joined the Navy in September 1991.

#### Finishes Studies

Navy Hospitalman Recruit Corey T. Fields, son of Robert Grady of Leland, recently graduated from Field Medical Service School.

During the course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, Fields was prepared for duty with Marine Corps combat units as either a Navy hospital corpsman or dental technician.

To graduate, students are required

to demonstrate basic proficiency in emergency medical techniques, casualty evacuation, field sanitation and preventive medicine procedures.

#### Didn't Make Cut

Brunswick County's two candidates for Morehead Scholarship Awards to the University of North Carolina were eliminated in regional competition earlier this month.

Of the six finalists chosen from the Southeast Region, one is from Whiteville, two from Kinston, two from Wilmington and one from Faison.

Pamela Detrie of West Brunswick High School and James Lee Simon Jr. of South Brunswick High School were among 21 nominees interviewed from across the region. Finalists will be considered for all-expenses-paid undergraduate education at UNC by the Morehead Foundation's Central Selection

Committee.

#### Returns Home

Navy Fireman Apprentice Johnathan R. LeCroy, son of Mary Selph of Leland, recently returned from a six-month deployment aboard the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. Dahlgren following a multi-national naval exercise known as UNITAS.

Conducted each year since 1960, UNITAS operations join ships, aircraft and Navy ground forces of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet with units from

South America for six months of combined naval warfare exercises.

While participating in the project, LeCroy visited ports in Peru, Chile, Argentina, Colombia, Brazil and Ecuador.

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