

Grand Jury Indicts Nine In Area Larcenies

A total of 27 felony charges were brought against nine local young people in two recent larcenies Monday as the Brunswick County Grand Jury handed down 54 true bills of indictment.

None of the bills presented to the grand jury were found to have insufficient evidence to warrant trial on the charges alleged.

Four people were indicted in a May 23 break-in of a home in Holden Beach from which \$1,400 worth of property were stolen including a typewriter, a videocassette recorder and a VHF marine radio. Each of the four were charged with felonious breaking and entering, felonious larceny and felonious possession of stolen goods.

Indicted in the case were Ronnie Cassara, 19, of Shallotte; Larry Helm Jr., 17, of Holden Beach; Crystal McKeithan, 18 of Supply; and Johnny Silver, 17, of Shallotte.

In an unrelated case, four young men were indicted on the same charges in connection with a May 6 break-in and larceny at Brunswick Farm Supply in Longwood. An estimated \$1,760 worth of fertilizer, pesticide and other chemicals were reported missing.

Indicted in the second case were John Wayne Lee, 20, and William Shane Rhodes, 20, both of Nakina and David Whaley, 18, and William Whaley, 20, both of Longwood.

Harry Tyndall Willetts, 29, of Bolivia was indicted on three counts of taking indecent liberties with children and indecent exposure in an incident alleged to have occurred with three girls under the age of 16 on March 4, 1991.

William Delbert Garrell, 50, of Southport and Sylvia Reynolds Garrell, 47, of Winnabow were indicted on charges of unlawfully burning a house in Winnabow on June 13 and later presenting a false damage claim to the Hampshire Insurance Group.

Anthony Canty, 21, of Navassa was indicted on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill for allegedly shooting Torrance Burns three times with a pistol May 9. Derrick Andrews, 18, of Navassa was indicted as an accessory after the fact in the case for allegedly assisting Burns in escaping arrest.

Jack L. Phillips, age unavailable, of Wilmington was indicted for allegedly writing a \$2,800 check on a closed account last December.

Curtis Gerald Frink, 21, of Southport was indicted for allegedly possessing a stolen 10mm semiautomatic pistol.

John Edward Clarida Jr., 24, of Southport was charged in an indictment with the common law robbery of \$170 in cash from a Leland woman.

David Leroy Moore, 19, of Southport was indicted for an alleged common law robbery of \$50.

An indictment charged Leonard Capone, 41, of Shallotte with felonious breaking and entering with the intent to commit larceny.

Frank Ayala, 29, of Elizabeth, N.J., was charged in an indictment with felonious breaking and entering of a home in Shallotte March 15 with the intent to commit larceny.

Shannon Lucas, 30, of Wilmington was indicted on a charge of felonious larceny in the Oct. 21, 1991, theft of a 1989 Toyota valued at \$13,500.

Robert Barringer, 46, of Sunset Beach was indicted on charges of possession with the intent to sell and deliver 52.9 grams of marijuana, possession with intent to sell and deliver 7.5 grams of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of keeping controlled substances and possession of a weapon of mass destruction, a semi-automatic rifle converted to full automatic.

Ruth E. Waters, 31, of Sunset Beach was indicted for allegedly possessing 52.9 grams of marijuana and 7.5 grams of cocaine with the intent to sell and deliver the drugs. She was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Teresa Ann Bordeaux, 30, of Leland was indicted on one count of cocaine possession, one for marijuana possession and on a third for allegedly possessing 2.7 grams cocaine with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver the drug.

Sherwood James Gore, 65, of Southport was indicted on one count each of possessing marijuana with intent to sell and deliver, selling and delivering marijuana and conspiracy to sell the drug.

William Gore, 39, of Southport was indicted on charges of possession with intent to manufacture 90.6 grams of marijuana, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, selling marijuana and conspiracy to sell marijuana.

Laduan Fields, 20, of Leland was indicted on one charge each of cocaine possession, one of marijuana possession and one of possessing 2.7 grams of cocaine with the intent to sell and deliver it.

Indictments charged Floyd Frink, 45, of Longwood

with two counts each of cocaine possession with the intent to sell and deliver and two counts each of selling and delivering cocaine.

Samuel Timothy Jarose, 25, of Leland was indicted for allegedly possessing 11.6 grams of marijuana with the intent to sell and deliver the drug.

Craig Andrea Johnson, 25, of Southport was charged in an indictment with conspiracy to sell cocaine.

Lillie May Robinson, 48, of Winnabow was indicted on charges of possessing 2.1 grams of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver, with selling marijuana and with maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of selling a controlled substance.

Jarbari Robinson, 16, of Leland was indicted on one count each of possessing cocaine, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and possession with the intent to sell and deliver 2.7 grams of cocaine.

Cajita G. Smith, 17, of Bolivia was charged in an indictment with embezzlement and larceny by an employee.

William Harold Stallings, 31, of Leland was indicted on felony charges of breaking and entering, larceny and possessing stolen goods valued at \$325.

Wilhelm Oscar Vanlandingham, 55, of Fayetteville was charged in an indictment with assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to commit serious injury in an April 5 shooting.

A man identified only as "Scoot" of Southport was indicted for allegedly possessing one gram of cocaine with the intent to sell and deliver and with one count of selling the drug.

Widening Of One U.S. 17 Stretch Behind Schedule

The portion of U.S. 17 between its intersection with N.C. 87 and the Bolivia by-pass is six months behind schedule, according to Allen Pope, project engineer with the N.C. Department of Transportation. A spell of rainy weather, complicated by difficulty in procuring suitable fill dirt, stalled the project that was to have been finished December 1, 1991, Pope said.

"We hope that by the end of July it will all be finished," he said. "The rest of that highway work is either on schedule or ahead of it."

The bypass of Bolivia is well ahead of its timetable and Pope hopes traffic can be traveling it by the end of July. The only work remaining is spreading on an inch of asphalt as a top layer, painting lines and completing tie-ins to existing roads.

This bypass is an \$8.8 million project that will carry traffic speedily around the one-mile highway through town, where the speed limit is 35 mph. Access from this new highway to the county complex and the community college will be at Randolphville and Galloway roads.

The 4.3-mile portion of U.S. 17 that lags behind schedule has a \$3.9 million price tag. Its contractor, Dickerson Carolina, was docked for the slow progress, according to Pope.

The entire project that is widening U.S. 17 to four lanes throughout Brunswick County will cost \$38.5 million. The remainder of the construction is on schedule, and by next summer the highway should be four lanes from Wilmington to Shallotte. By June 1994, the entire length of U.S. 17 through Brunswick County will be a four-lane highway.

Four Injured In Collision Near Sunset Beach Early Saturday Morning

One man was charged and a total of four were injured in a head-on collision on U.S. 17 near Sunset Beach early Saturday morning, according to police.

Mario Cerrito of Frytte, Ala., was charged with driving while impaired, leaving the scene of an accident and operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license or registration by R.L. Murray of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Murray reported that Cerrito was driving north in his 1978 Mercury at about 3:45 when he went across the center line of U.S. 17 and crashed into a 1984 Nissan driven by Eric Michael Swartz, 21, of New River.

Swartz, a U.S. Marine, sustained Class A injuries, as did his passenger and fellow Marine Bob Taggart, 20, of Jacksonville. Also suffering Class A injuries was a passenger in Cerrito's car, Bennie Smith Jr., 19,

of Tabor City. Cerrito sustained Class C injuries.

All were taken to The Brunswick Hospital, where they were treated in the emergency room and released, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday.

Murray estimated the damage at \$4,000 to the Nissan and \$300 to the Mercury.

With the help of a barking dog, police foiled a theft in progress at North Brunswick High School Saturday night, capturing two students at the scene and a third the next day.

More arrests are expected in an investigation that may solve a number of break-ins at the school and elsewhere in the county, police said.

Arrested at the school Saturday night were Michael Shawn Lovell and Meredith Andrew Skipper, both 19 of Leland, according to Leland Police Officer Charles Cliff. They were charged with felony breaking and entering and property damage.

A 15-year-old juvenile who fled the scene has turned himself in and was to have been formally charged Wednesday, Cliff said. A fourth person involved in recent break-ins at North Brunswick "also intends to turn himself in, he said.

All the suspects are students at the high school, according to Cliff.

The arrests came after Cliff was dispatched to investigate an alarm at the school at around 9 p.m. Saturday. After checking several doors, Cliff said he parked a short distance away with his lights turned off.

He saw a young male come out of a school building carrying a movie projector and other items. Cliff said he followed the suspect on foot across a field to a building where he apparently planned to hide the stolen goods. Cliff apprehended Lovell

AT NORTH BRUNSWICK HIGH

Theft Foiled By Barking Dog

there and left him handcuffed in the patrol car.

Ignoring Lovell's claim that he was acting alone, Cliff said he and four sheriff's deputies surrounded the cafeteria building and eventually saw two other subjects loading frozen food into trash cans and wheeling them toward the door.

The youths apparently spotted the police and one, later identified as the juvenile, ran past the deputy at the door and into the woods, Cliff said. The third suspect, Skipper, appeared to be hiding above the hung ceiling and refused to come down, so the officers called for Marco, a dog assigned to the highway patrol's K-9 unit.

"We warned him we were going to turn the dog loose on him," Cliff said. "We stuck the dog's head in the door and he gave about three barks. He (Skipper) fell through the ceiling trying to get out."

Cliff said there was extensive damage to the school, especially to the ceiling, where the youths had walked from room to room to gain entry. Among the items stolen were frozen pizzas, milk, ice cream and other foods.

"You name it, they took it," Cliff

said. A complete estimate of the stolen and damaged items has not been made.

Further investigation led police to the 15-year-old boy and to another student who Cliff said has admitted

taking part in four other break-ins at the school and at least one other in the county.

If convicted on the felony charges, the students could be given a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, Cliff said.



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