

Vandals Destroy Ocean Isle Pear Trees For Fourth Time

Vandals knocked down 23 pear trees at the entrance to Tarheel Acres near Ocean Isle Beach Thursday night, causing an estimated \$1,500 damage, according to an incident report filed by Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Robinson.

The trees appeared to have been broken off by hand, the report said.

A resident of the subdivision said it was the fourth time the trees had been vandalized.

In other crime reports filed at the sheriff's office this week:

■ Deputy Cathy Hamilton reported that four shotguns, a semi-automatic rifle and a .22-caliber pistol were stolen from a house on Redbug Road in Shallotte sometime in the past two weeks. She estimated the value of the stolen goods at \$2,480.

■ A brown 1986 Chevrolet Blazer was stolen from the Affordable Cars lot on Main Street in Shallotte late Friday night, Robinson reported. The vehicle was valued at about \$6,200.

■ Two men emerged from the pro shop at Pearl Golf Links near Calabash Saturday morning to find their golf cart had been driven off, Robinson reported. The cart was later found in the parking lot with \$450 in cash, two bags of clubs, two pairs of golf shoes, a pair of prescription sunglasses and other items missing. In all about \$3,500 worth of property was stolen.

■ Holden Brothers Produce on U.S. 17 south of Shallotte was broken into Friday night. Deputy Charles Crocker reported that \$125 in change and \$15 worth of food and drinks were stolen. Entry was made by prying open two doors. There was an estimated \$30 damage to the sheet rock in the business office.

■ There was an estimated \$3,935 worth of items

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stolen during a recent break-in at a mobile home in Hurricane Haven on Seashore Road, Deputy Patti Hewett reported. Among the things taken were \$1,200 worth of baseball, football and basketball cards, a videocassette recorder, a Nintendo video game, a tool box and a fifth of Crown Royal whiskey. There was about \$575 damage done to the home.

■ A 3.5-ton heat pump was taken from a home on Sunfield Drive in the Carolina Shores section of Calabash recently. Robinson estimated the value of the stolen property at \$1,357.

■ A 25-horsepower Johnson outboard motor was stolen from a boat parked in the back yard of a house at Indian Creek in Leland Friday, Deputy W.F. Moore reported. Two push mowers were also taken. The total value of the stolen goods was not reported.

■ More than \$1100 worth of power tools and other items were stolen from a storage building on Route 1 in Supply recently, Crocker reported. Among the items missing were a drill, a power saw, a belt sander and a planer/joiner.

■ A 25-inch color television valued at \$600 was stolen from a mobile home on Richmond Street in Fisherman's Village last week. Hewett reported that a thief or thieves got into the home by prying out the window on the back door. Damage was estimated at \$350.

■ Someone ripped holes in the screen porch of a mobile home on Route 2 in China Grove recently, Crocker reported. There was an estimated \$350 damage.

■ An arson was reported at an old home site on N.C. 130 near Empire Road Sunday night, according to Deputy J.R. Earp Jr. There was no estimate of damage.

■ Nothing was reported missing after a recent break-in at a mobile home in the Maple Creek development off Stone Chimney Road. The owners told Deputy Richard Long that they returned to the home to find the front door had been forced open. There was an estimated \$75 damage.

■ A thief or thieves pried open the front door of a mobile home off Bayshore Drive in Supply Thursday night and stole more than \$300 worth of items including fishing equipment and a television, Crocker reported.

■ While on patrol in Calabash Sunday night, Deputy Keithan Horne said he noticed the front door of Derbster's Sports Bar had been broken in. After contacting the owner and searching the premises, they discovered that \$80 in change had been taken from a desk drawer in the office. Damage to the door was estimated at \$200.

■ A Leland man told Deputy Richard DuVal that while visiting a friend at Shady Grove mobile home park in Leland, he lent his moped to another man. The moped had not been returned several hours later. The missing vehicle was valued at \$700. A \$40 helmet was also stolen, the report said.

■ Someone cashed a stolen check for \$100 at the Wilson's food store in Southport Thursday, Crocker reported.

■ The door of a mobile home on Route 3 at Seaside was kicked in sometime last week, causing an estimated \$125 damage, Deputy Phil Bryant reported. Nothing was reported missing.

County Mosquito Control Spraying Full Time Now

Following recent heavy rainfall, the Brunswick County Mosquito Control Department goes to a full-time spraying schedule this week.

Julia Wallace, department secretary, said the department sprays on a regular basis in some areas and in response to specific complaints in other areas. Most frequently sprayed are those areas from which the department has received the most complaints.

"We assume the areas that have the worst problem as the ones who call the most," said Ms. Wallace.

The department also will honor requests that a particular location not be sprayed.

"Some people are allergic to the chemical, others have pets or other things outside they prefer not to have sprayed," said Ms. Wallace. "Some people simply don't want their property to be sprayed. We try to respect that."

Residents who do not want the control truck to spray in a specific location, as well as those who are having a problem with mosquitoes and want to make sure their area is sprayed can call the department at 253-4366 weekdays.

Spraying with malathion, an organophosphate, is just one of the approaches used by the county for mosquito control.

Along with being a nuisance, mosquitoes transmit diseases such as encephalitis, dengue, yellow fever, malaria and filariasis, and in dogs, heartworms.

Robbery Suspect Arrested

Wilmington police have arrested a man wanted in connection with a "snatch and grab" robbery at a convenience store in Leland Monday morning, according to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

Det. Capt. Phil Perry said the man was one of two who parked in front of McGee's Minit Mart on Village Road at about 8 o'clock. One of the men went inside and asked the clerk to exchange a large number of pennies for silver.

While the clerk was counting the pennies, the man reached across the counter and grabbed an undetermined amount of cash from the register, Perry said. The man then got in the waiting car and left.

A passing motorist saw the two men drive off and, thinking something was suspicious, followed the

car and wrote down the license tag number. Using this information and a description from the clerk, detectives determined the identity of the two men and obtained warrants for their arrest, Perry said.

"We know who both of them are," Perry said. "They both have criminal records."

One of the men was later apprehended in Wilmington in connection with a similar robbery that occurred there around 6 a.m. Monday, Perry said. He would not release the name of the suspect until a warrant has been served. Neither of the men is from Brunswick County.

Perry said there have been a number of similar "snatch and grab" robberies recently in the Wilmington area.

Man Acquitted Of Rape, Guilty Of Robbery

A Brunswick County Superior Court jury took less than two hours to find a Wilmington man not guilty of first-degree rape and robbery with a dangerous weapon last week, convicting him of common law robbery instead.

The defendant, Irving Coleman III, 30, will be sentenced later this month in Bladen County.

The trial began on the second day of a two-week session of superior court. Judge Giles R. Clark presided last week. Judge Joe Freeman Britt will hear cases this week.

In other cases heard last week:

■ Timothy Eugene Hollins, 21, of Wimbrow was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty to two counts of possessing stolen goods. An additional five-year sentence was suspended for three years on payment of \$1,180 in restitution and court appointed attorney fees. Hollins was placed on special supervised probation for three years.

■ James Dennis Allen, 28, of Yaupon Beach pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. He

was sentenced to three years in prison, suspended three years on payment of a \$200 fine, costs of court, attorney fees and \$394.80 in restitution to the victim. Allen was put under house arrest for 90 days and placed on special supervised probation for three years.

■ Carolyn Johnston, 33, of Long Beach pleaded guilty to trafficking in cocaine and maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of selling the drug. Judgment was continued until a time to be set by the district attorney.

■ Ellis Bordeaux, 58, of Delco pleaded guilty to two charges of possession with the intent to manufacture, sell and deliver marijuana, one count of selling marijuana and two counts of maintaining a vehicle for the sale of the drug. A prayer for judgment was continued until a date to be chosen by the state.

■ Larry Thomas Noe, 42, of Leland pleaded guilty to two counts of taking indecent liberties with children. A prayer for judgment was continued until July 13.

■ Brandi Lauren Soles, 19, of

Roanoke Rapids pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor charge of possessing less than one-half ounce of marijuana. She was fined \$100 and costs of court and ordered to pay \$200 in attorney fees.

■ Sheila Jester, 23, of Seaside pleaded guilty to a malt beverage violation. A prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$150 in attorney fees.

■ Sammy Osborne, 23, of Leland admitted violating the terms of her probation in one case but denied doing so in another. She was ordered to spend 24 hours in Brunswick County jail, to pay \$200 in attorney fees and to get a job within 14 days. She will remain on probation.

■ Linda Stanley, 30, of Longwood admitted violating her probation, which was revoked. Her sentence was reduced to five years, with work release recommended.

■ Probation was also revoked for Ronnie Lee Bell, 31, of Longwood, Darrell McCracken, 28, of Southport, Emma Pigott, 33, of Ocean Isle Beach, Jeffery M. Brown, 30, of Longwood, Keith

Bracey, 24, of Weaver, Ala., and William Terry Leonard, 25, of Yaupon Beach.

Free Workshop Set On Alcohol Abuse

Area residents interested in gaining insight on drug and alcohol abuse are invited to attend a free workshop Saturday, June 13.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Community Chapel Church located off N.C. 130 East (Holden Beach Road) near Shallotte.

The workshop will address the role of will power and other factors related to drug abuse. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Anthony Clemmons at 579-6765.

Driving While Impaired Charges Filed In Two Car Wrecks Last Week

Drinking and driving was blamed for two car wrecks last week that injured seven people and resulted in charges being filed against two Shallotte drivers.

Jacinto Zarate, 24, of Shallotte was charged with driving while impaired and a stop sign violation after a Sunday evening crash at the intersection of Hickman Road (S.R. 1303) and Shingletree Road (S.R. 1302), according to a report filed by W.H. Thompson of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

At about 5:30, Zarate was driving north on Hickman Road in a 1980 Pontiac when he failed to stop at a stop sign and hit a 1989 Ford driven by Johnnie McNeil Moore, 42, of Bolivia as it traveled west on Shin-

gletree Road, Thompson reported. Moore sustained class A injuries in the crash, as did Sylvia Moore, 37, a passenger in the front seat. Also hurt in the vehicle were Iris Moore, 13, who suffered class B injuries and Wesley Moore, 11, with class C injuries.

Zarate was uninjured but two passengers in his car, Clinton Zarate, 24, and Paul Payne, 24, both of Shallotte, sustained class A injuries.

Some of the victims were taken to The Brunswick Hospital, while others were transported to the Grand Strand Hospital in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Thompson's report said.

There was an estimated \$5,000 damage to the Moore vehicle and

\$800 damage to Zarate's car.

The second wreck happened shortly before 3 o'clock in the afternoon Wednesday, June 3.

Rhonda Lance Mooney, 27, of Shallotte was driving southeast on Stanley Road (S.R. 1119) when she went off the left side of the road in a curve and struck a tree, Trooper B.C. Jones reported.

Ms. Mooney was taken to The Brunswick Hospital with class A injuries.

Jones charged her with driving while impaired and driving while her license was revoked. There was an estimated \$1,500 damage to the 1981 Datsun Ms. Mooney was driving.



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