

Thief Snatches Money From Cash Register In Southport

Someone slipped into a discount department store in Southport before it opened Sunday morning and snatched a handful of bills from the cash register, according to an incident report filed with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

The manager of the Maxway store at Live Oak Shopping Center told Deputy Rebekah McDonald that she arrived to open the store at about 9:45 a.m. She put \$50 in one cash register and \$10 each in two others. Then she went upstairs to the office at the back of the store, the report said.

The manager told McDonald she had left the exit door open for other employees to enter the store.

At about 10:45 a.m. a cashier arrived. When she opened one of the registers, she found \$50 worth of \$5 and \$10 bills missing. The change had been left behind.

McDonald's report said the thief apparently used the register's trip switch to open the cash drawer.

CRIME REPORT

In other law enforcement reports filed this week:

■A 1990 Hyundai Sonata was stolen from a home behind the old Mintz Chevrolet dealership in Bolivia sometime Saturday night or Sunday, according to Deputy Charles Wilson. The car later was found in a ditch off Thomasboro Road. Wilson estimated the value of the vehicle at \$9,500.

■Deputy R.W. Long reported that an estimated \$685 worth of tools were stolen from a rental unit owned by T & T Development of Ocean Isle Beach. It appeared that someone had picked the lock of the unit, the report said.

■Someone stole a red Honda 250 four-wheel recreational vehicle from the yard of a mobile home on U.S. 74-76 in Leland late Thursday night or Friday morning, according to Deputy Brian L. Saunders. The homeowner said he last saw his

son's four-wheeler at about 9:30 p.m. When he got up to go fishing the next morning, the vehicle was gone, Saunders reported. The thief or thieves apparently pushed it to the road and loaded it onto another vehicle, the report said. The Honda was valued at \$700.

■Wilson reported that someone drove through a barricade on Gallop Road off U.S. 17 in Bolivia, causing an estimated \$4,000 to \$5,000 damage.

■A thief or thieves caused \$1,500 damage and stole \$40 worth of cassette tapes during a breaking and entering and larceny on McMilly Road, Shallotte, recently, Long reported. A woman told Long that someone came in through the back window of her mobile home and cut up her clothing and damaged the wires to her stereo and air conditioner. Fifteen cassette tapes were also reported missing.

■Long reported that a person or per-

sons recently smashed a window of a mobile home on Northwind Drive, Ocean Isle Beach, causing an estimated \$500 damage. The homeowner said someone apparently used a beer bottle from a nearby trash can to cause the damage.

■Deputy Cathy Hamilton filed a report that said a white 1988 Mercury Topaz was stolen from the parking lot of a Roses department store in Southport Friday night. No value estimate was listed.

■Police in Greenville, S.C., recently arrested a man believed to have stolen two credit cards from a residence on Star Cross Street, Route 6, Shallotte, sometime in the past eight months, Long reported. The homeowner told police he realized the cards were stolen after receiving a bill for \$437 in unauthorized purchases. The suspect was picked up after he reportedly tried to use one of the cards to charge a \$100 hotel room in Greenville.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

One Charged, Three Injured In Car Wreck At Shallotte

One driver was charged and three passengers in his car were injured in a two-vehicle wreck in Shallotte Tuesday afternoon.

Luke Allen Upchurch, 20, of Shallotte was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after crashing into the rear of a car driven by Manniel Wayne Evans, 44, of Supply, according to police.

Both men were driving west on N.C. 130 at about 5 p.m. when Evans stopped to make a left turn onto Gray Bridge Road. Upchurch was unable to stop in time to avoid skidding into the right rear fender of Evans' car, according to B.D. Barnhardt of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Angela Upchurch, 22, a passenger in the front seat of her husband's car, was taken to The Brunswick Hospital with Class B injuries, Barnhardt said.

Two other passengers in the Upchurch vehicle, Annette Simmons, age unavailable, and Jessica Upchurch, 4, sustained minor injuries. Another unidentified child, who was secured in a restraining seat, was unhurt in the wreck, Barnhardt said.

Evans was not injured, the trooper

said.

There was an estimated \$1,000 damage to Upchurch's 1981 Chevrolet Chevette, which was a total loss, Barnhardt said. He estimated \$800 to \$1,000 damage to Evans' 1978 Ford.

Calabash EMS Took 44 Calls

Calabash Volunteer Emergency Medical Services reported that the squad answered 44 calls during May, according to Chief Mark Christy.

Volunteers worked a total of 151 man hours and travelled 1,701 miles, Christy told the E.M.S. Board of Directors at its June 18 meeting.

Sixteen of the calls were from Calabash. Eight were from Sunset Beach and 20 were from elsewhere, Christy said.

The board voted to purchase an automatic blood pressure machine to be used when transporting patients.

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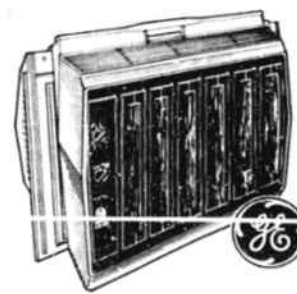
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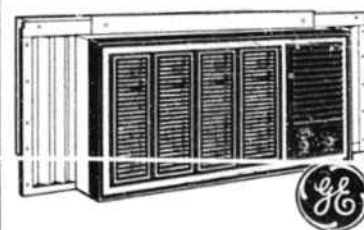
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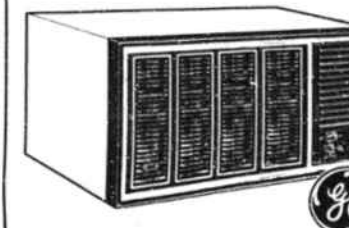
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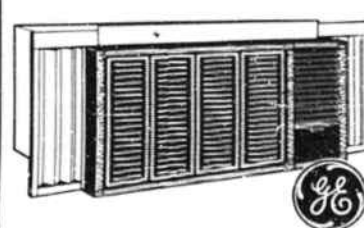
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