

Shallotte Woman, 69, Reports Intruder Tried To Rape Her

CRIME REPORT

A 69-year-old Shallotte woman told police that someone broke into her mobile home, entered her bedroom and attempted to rape her early Sunday morning, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday.

The woman told Deputy Phil Bryant that she was awakened at about 1:30 by someone in her room who was rubbing her legs and feeling her breast.

Bryant's report quotes the intruder as saying to the woman, "You are so pretty. I need you and I got to have you."

The victim said she started screaming and "probably hit the assailant with a flashlight," Bryant reported. The man then ran out the door and left.

No arrest had been made Monday. An investigation is continuing.

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

■A Leland man said he was standing outside a local bar when someone hit him in the mouth and the back of the head, knocking him out Sunday night. The victim told Detective Charlie Miller that "he did not see the suspect hit him. All he remembers is waking up in New Hanover Hospital." The man said he had been talking to his attacker and did not think there were any problems. The victim told Miller that the other man had been drinking.

■Two men said someone fired a rifle at them while they were riding three-wheeled recreational vehicles in the Sandy Creek area Saturday afternoon, Deputy Cathy Hamilton reported. The men said they were riding near under the power lines off U.S. 74-76 when a woman stepped out of her mobile home and asked them to stop. As the two men approached the trailer, they said someone started shooting at them from a nearby field. The woman yelled a warning and the two rode off.

■Someone stole a \$3,000 gasoline-powered brick saw from the T.A. Loving Company on U.S. 17 Thursday night. An employee reported the theft to Deputy Randy Robinson Friday morning. No other information was given in the report.

■A man who claimed to be having a seizure, but was later determined to be drunk, was blamed for causing

reported finding two sets of footprints leading from the scene. It appeared that the mower had been pushed toward the road and loaded onto a vehicle.

■About \$1,350 worth of items were reported stolen in a break-in at the Sea Mist Campground in Brick Landing recently. Deputy Randy Robinson's report states that the thief or thieves appeared to have ripped the back door screen and broke a window to get inside. Found missing were two color televisions, two telephones, a toaster oven two sets of binoculars, a videocassette recorder, a radio alarm clock and assorted pieces of silverware.

■An 11-horsepower Yamaha generator, a set of bolt cutters and a length of chain were reported stolen from the back porch of a house in the Indian Creek subdivision near Leland Thursday night. Deputy Brian Sanders estimated the total value of stolen property at \$1,329.

■Deputy Malcolm Long investigated a break-in and larceny of a mobile home in Sunset Harbor Sunday evening. The victim said he returned to the trailer at about 7:30 to find that someone had stolen a video camcorder that had been left near the window. Its value was estimated at \$1,300.

■A full-blooded, orange and sable colored male pomeranian dog valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a mobile home on Clarendon Drive, Leland Friday night. Sanders' report said it appears that the subjects pried open the front door, entered and took the dog out the back door. The daughter of the dog's owner said she found it missing at about 9 a.m. Saturday.

■Another \$1,000 dog, this one a white registered chow, was reported stolen from a mobile home at the Sea Pines subdivision outside Southport Thursday night. The owner told Hamilton that he was awakened by his neighbor banging on the door to say that someone was taking the dog. He gave police a description of the thief.

■A resident of the Fairhaven mobile home park in Leland reported to Sanders that someone stole a half-carat diamond ring from her living room recently. She said she last saw the ring on Dec. 13 and discovered it missing when she went to put it on Sunday morning. It was valued at \$700.

■Someone removed a starter from a tractor parked about a quarter mile from U.S. 17 on N.C. 211 recently. An employee of Southport Supply, owners of the tractor, said it had been left for about a week when he discovered the theft Thursday afternoon. Deputy Joey Scoggins estimated the starter's value at about \$400.

■An employee at the Carolina Power and Light Brunswick Nuclear Plant reported the theft of about \$240 in small bills from a locked drawer in the kitchen of the TAC building Saturday afternoon. She told Hamilton that she noticed some change on the floor and opened the drawer to find the cash missing.

■A stereo and speakers valued at about \$140 were reported stolen from a mobile home on Farm Loop Path near Sunbelt Beach Saturday afternoon. The victim told Bryant that he came home at about 7 p.m. to find the items missing. It appeared

that someone had taken out the rear door glass and reached in to open the door.

■Two women, one of them pregnant, stole a leather coat from the Cato store at the Live Oak shopping center near Southport Friday morning. An employee told McDonald that the pregnant woman kept a cashier busy while the other one tried on clothes. "Suddenly both females fled the store, knocking past other customers," the report said. As they reached the street a witness saw the pregnant woman pull a full-length leather coat from beneath her clothes. The two drove off in a brown Buick. The coat was priced at \$219.

■Someone stole four Christmas presents valued at \$30 from a mobile home off Acreage Drive near Leland Sunday night. The victim told Deputy Shelton Caison that he had left the presents at the foot of the bed and came home at about 10:20 to find them missing.

■About \$24 worth of Christmas decorations were stolen from the front yard of a mobile home on Port Loop Road, Southport Saturday night. The owner told McDonald that she returned home at about 7:30 to find that a four-foot plywood Santa Claus and snowman had been removed from the yard.

■Several pieces of stereo equipment were reported missing after a break-in and larceny at a mobile home off Lewis Road, Leland, early Friday morning. A neighbor of the victim told Sanders she went to check on the home at about 7 a.m. and found that the front door had been pried open. Missing was a stereo turntable, a dual cassette player, two speakers and a stereo equalizer. No value was set on the items. The owner was out of town when the theft was discovered.

■Nothing was found missing in a break-in that caused an estimated \$500 damage to a home on Lewis Loop Road, Bolivia, Saturday evening. The owner told Deputy Malcolm Long that someone forced open the back door and also broke out the front door.

■Someone knocked down the gate to the parking lot at Supply Elementary School Thursday night. No damage estimate had been made at the time of Sgt. Charles Wilson's report.

■A pay telephone was stolen off the wall of a waiting area at The Brunswick Hospital Sunday morning. A hospital employee told McDonald that he used the phone at about 9 a.m. and returned about a half-hour later to find that someone had pried it off the wall, cut the

wires and carried the phone off. The value of the phone or the amount of change inside had not been determined.

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Officers Recognized

Five Shallotte police officers have recently received awards or certificates. In the photo above, Det. Carey Gaskins (left) and Chief Rodney Gause earned certificates for completing the police law course at the N.C. Justice Academy. In the photo below, Sgt. Rhea Altizer (center) holds awards for outstanding achievement in crime prevention. Also shown are Joe Chie (left) and Keith Croom, who recently completed the Emergency Medical Technician course.



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