

Photos Of Nude Boys Seized In Arrest Of Shell Point Man

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Nude photographs of children, pornographic literature, X-rated videotapes and numerous sexual devices were among the evidence seized in the arrest of a 49-year-old Shell Point Acres man accused of taking indecent liberties with neighborhood boys.



WINDHAM

Herbert Clifton Windham of Wren Place, S.W., was arrested Sunday and charged with three counts of taking indecent liberties with two boys, ages 13 and 14, according to Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Nancy Simpson.

Additional charges involving other young victims are expected as detectives examine the contents of four photo albums and 47 videotapes confiscated in a search of Windham's home Sunday night, Simpson said.

Simpson said Windham, who is disabled and unemployed, frequently invited the boys to his home during the day while his wife was at work. The number of victims and the list of charges that might be brought against Windham have not been determined, Simpson said. Nor has she been able to tell how long the alleged offenses have been occurring.

One arrest warrant lists the dates of the offenses as between Feb. 2 and May 5, 1992. The

others indicate the alleged crimes took place on June 15 and June 25 of this year.

More interviews with boys pictured in the photo album were being conducted Tuesday, Simpson said.

"I've just started looking through what we've got, but I feel certain there will be other charges and other victims," Simpson said Monday. "It's going to take a lot of digging," Simpson said. "He's been moving around a lot."

An address book seized in the search suggests that Windham previously resided in Anderson, S.C., Florence, S.C., and Virginia Beach, Va. Simpson said she plans to contact authorities in those cities to see if some of the boys in the photographs might live elsewhere.

Detectives obtained a warrant to search Windham's mobile home after his wife reported finding an album in a living room closet containing sexually explicit photographs of young boys. One photo showed a 14-year-old boy who was identified and brought to the sheriff's department for an interview.

The boy allegedly told Simpson that Windham gave him a Polaroid camera and asked him to take nude photographs of himself and give the pictures to Windham. The boy said Windham showed him sexual devices and nude photographs of other young males.

The 14-year-old also told investigators that on about seven different occasions, Windham gave him a condom and asked him to watch X-rated videotapes, Simpson said.

A 12-year-old boy told Simpson that Windham had taken nude photographs of him and had also asked the boy to pull his pants down in front of him.

Another boy, age 13, told Det. Gene Caison that he had visited Windham's home and was allegedly shown sexual devices that Windham kept locked in a living room closet. The boy also said that on one occasion he observed Windham take five or six pills and pass out on a living room recliner.

In addition to the confiscated photo albums and illicit tapes, detectives also seized four bags of books, a Polaroid camera, photo film, a bag containing sexual devices, a pill crusher, an address book, a diary and a bag containing a bra, panties, new videotapes and condoms.

Windham made a first appearance in Brunswick County District Court Monday, where he was denied a court-appointed attorney after filling out a form on which he listed \$31,000 in assets, a monthly household income of \$1,120 and total monthly expenses of \$307.

A probable cause hearing was scheduled for July 27. Simpson expects to have additional charges prepared against Windham in time for the hearing.

Windham was freed on payment of a \$20,000 secured bond Monday afternoon. As a condition of release, the magistrate ordered Windham to stay away from prosecuting witnesses, Simpson said.

Brunswick Grand Jury Indicts Three Men On Sex Charges

Two men were indicted by a Brunswick County Grand Jury last week on charges of taking indecent liberties with children, while a third was charged with raping a woman and forcing her to engage in a sexual act.

John Henry Duboise Jr., 49, of Shallotte, has been charged with taking immoral, improper and indecent liberties on a girl under the age of 16. The offense is alleged to have occurred on or about Oct. 15, 1992.

Marcus James Scott, 23, of Calabash is accused of taking indecent liberties with a girl younger than 16 on Nov. 26, 1991.

Ricky Wayne Scott, 30, of Rockingham was indicted on one count each of second-degree rape and second-degree sexual offense. The incident is alleged to have occurred April 23.

The grand jury, which was selected last Monday (July 12), found sufficient evidence to prosecute the following defendants in Brunswick County Superior Court:

■Aaron Thomas "Petey" Swain, 23, of North Lord Street, Southport, on a charge of robbery with a dangerous weapon. He is accused of stealing \$291 from a convenience store by threatening the clerk with a handgun on June 21.

■Samuel Shephard Hooper, 27, of Wilmington on a charge of armed robbery for allegedly stealing \$77 from a Belville convenience store while threatening a store employee with a butcher knife on June 17.

■Chadwick Lambert, 23, of Route

2, Leland on a charge of first-degree burglary for allegedly breaking into a trailer at the Old Mill mobile home park, Leland, while it was occupied by three people. The incident is said to have occurred on the night of May 8.

■Tara Walker, 22, of Navassa on three charges of defrauding public assistance agencies. She is accused of obtaining \$2,154 worth of food stamps, \$2,110 in Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits and \$612 in medical assistance by claiming that her daughter was a resident of her household. The offenses are alleged to have occurred between November, 1990, and March, 1993.

■Mary Elizabeth Williams, 26, of Route 1, Longwood on one charge each of cocaine possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was arrested July 2.

Clarification

Bert Royal Johnson's case was dismissed in Brunswick County District Court last week because he was falsely charged with driving while impaired by alcohol (DWI). Another man was arrested while using Johnson's drivers license, according to the district attorney.

Burnice Loston Johnson, 67, of Route 3, Shallotte, has been charged with providing a false name and address to a law enforcement officer, DWI and driving while his license was permanently revoked, court records show.

Leland Man Reports His Pistol Stolen Twice In Two Weeks

A Leland man had his pistol stolen on the same day it was returned after being stolen less than two weeks earlier, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday.

The owner told Deputy Joseph Scoggins that he had reported his .357-magnum revolver stolen July 7 and that it was returned to him Sunday morning at around 7 a.m.

About 10 minutes later, a friend told him she saw the someone coming out of his home with the gun in the same bag it had been returned in, Scoggins reported.

The victim also said whoever stole the gun "left dirt inside the residence in his bedroom," the report said.

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

■More than \$1,100 worth of household items were found missing after a break-in at a vacation home in

CRIME REPORT

Quail Haven last week. A friend of the owner told Deputy Malcolm Long that she discovered the theft Sunday afternoon. Among the items missing was a microwave oven, \$400 worth of bathroom accessories, 40 towels and wash cloths, three trash cans, two lamps and 15 dishes.

■Someone broke into the Shallotte Skating Rink on Main Street last weekend and apparently tried to steal two pairs of skates and eight skate wheels. According to Sgt. Charles Wilson's report, the thief or thieves dropped the items on their way out of the building. Entry was gained by prying open a side window with a tire tool, the report said.

■About \$275 damage was reported in the second-degree burglary of a home in Pickett Ridge subdivision, Leland, sometime in the past two

weeks. The only items found missing were a jar of assorted coins and a package of pants valued at \$5. Deputy William Hewett noted that the suspects "appeared to have used the residence for a place of dwelling." He noticed cigarette burns and butts inside.

■There was about \$100 damage, but nothing found missing, in a breaking and entering of a mobile home in Sea Pines subdivision Friday night. The intruders apparently entered the trailer by breaking through a rear door.

■Two televisions and a microwave oven were reported stolen in a break-in at a mobile home in Oakwood Friday evening. The thief or thieves evidently used a pry bar to open the back door of the trailer,

causing about \$300 damage. Deputy Anthony Key valued the stolen goods at about \$575.

■A woman who lives on Wesley Trail, Supply, reported a break-in and the theft of a license tag from her truck last week. She told Long that the intruders came in through a bathroom window of her home and appeared to have slept inside. She said her water pump and air conditioner were damaged by the suspects.

■A North Carolina license tag, number EZL-4079, was reported stolen from a pickup truck parked on Pickett Road, Leland, sometime between Wednesday and Sunday of last week. The owner told Scoggins that he noticed the tag missing as he was loading his truck Sunday.

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Construction In Brunswick Tops \$1.7 Million During Month Of May

Permits were issued for more than \$1.7 million worth of new construction in the unincorporated areas of Brunswick County during May. A total of 77 permits were issued for mobile homes and 17 for other single-family dwellings built at an estimated cost of \$1.4 million.

According to figures compiled by the county planning department, the level of new construction was down slightly from the \$1.8 million permitted in April. The value of single family home starts in May showed an increase over April's total of \$877,218.

Two permits were issued in May for commercial construction valued at \$142,100 along with seven permits for \$67,569 worth of additions, eight permits for garages valued at \$86,360 and three for decks or porches valued at \$25,240.

There were 375 permits issued by the department during May, including 171 for building, 123 electrical, 39 plumbing and 42 mechanical.

During the first five months of 1993, there were 1,745 permits is-

sued, including 341 for mobile homes and 64 for single family homes valued at a total of \$4.6 million. The average value of the homes permitted this year is \$71,913.

Elections Board Sworn Into Office

A new Brunswick County Board of Elections was sworn into office Tuesday, July 20, at the Government Center in Bolivia, reported Glenda Walker, who retired this week as board member and chairman.

Democrat Orie Gore of Southport and Republican Billy A. Benton of Grissetown were reappointed. Democrat Marion Davis of Varnamtown was appointed to replace Republican Glenda Walker of Leland, who had served as chairman of the board.

By law the three-member board is composed of two representatives of the political party in office, and one of the other party.



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