Man Says Wife Traded Car For Crack Cocaine

Detectives are investigating a Wilmington man's claim that his wife drove his car to Navassa and exchanged it for crack cocaine last week, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday,

The man allegedly told Deputy Lewis Ward "that his wife (street name 'Snow Queen') went to Ballard's Mobile Home Park to get some crack." The man said she agreed to trade his 1987 Dodge Daytona, valued at \$2,800, to a resident of the trailer park for an undisclosed quantity of the drug.

According to Ward's report, the man said he later picked up his 30-year-old wife at a Navassa convenience store and tried to question her about the incident, but she was "too high to get any information at the time.

The sheriff's department narcotics squad has been asked to look into the case.

In other crime reports:

The owner of a company on Royster Road in Leland Told Deputy Ward that he was the victim of corporate espionage by his former girlfriend and business partner last week. The man said the 30-year-old Wilmington woman broke into his office and removed the deed to the business property, corporate shareholder papers and a "tape of her plotting to take the business." No value was estimated for the stolen items.

A 41-year-old Grissettown woman told Deputy Phil Bryant that a man hit her in the head with his fist after giving her a ride toward the south end of the county Saturday. She said she was hitchhiking when a white male about 41 years old picked her up in a greenish blue Datsun automobile and "told her she could not go home." He then became very angry and hit her "because of her boyfriend's race," the report said. The woman told Bryant she ran away after being assaulted.

More than \$3,600 worth of cash and property were stolen from a mobile home on Crest Lane in the Forest Hill subdivision of Supply last week. Deputy Malcolm Long reported that the thieves spray-painted obscenities on the walls, stabbed a pair of scissors into a kitchen wall and generally ransacked the house, causing an estimated \$450 damage. They made off with a .30-06 rifle with scope, \$475 cash, a half-gallon jug of pennies, \$300 worth of old coins, a half-carat diamond ring, a gold necklace, a telephone and assorted silver jewelry. The intruders apparently got inside by forcing open a rear window.

A 15-horsepower Evinrude outboard motor was stolen from a storage building outside a home on Bayshore Drive, off Sunset Harbor Road, recently. The Clinton woman who owns the home told Deputy Rebekah McDonald that she noticed the shed lock had been cut when she arrived at the home Friday morning.

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The thieves may also have made off with a gas tank for the engine, which was valued at about \$2,000.

About \$1,250 worth of property, including a microwave oven, a videocassette recorder, a .22-caliber pistol and a jar of money was stolen from a mobile home in North Ridge, off Seashore Road, last week. A 45-year-old Dallas man told Deputy Long that a neighbor who lives near their summer residence called his mother Sunday to report that the trailer had been broken into. It appeared that the intruders forced their way in by prying open a rear door, causing an estimated \$160 dam-

A large horse trailer valued at about \$1,200 was stolen from a stable on Hickman Road sometime in the past month. The 34-year-old Supply woman who owns the trailer told Deputy Keithan Horne that the stable owner told her it had been gone for "two to three weeks." The owner apparently thought the trailer had been removed by the owner, the report said. It was described as a white two-room horse trailer with attached tack room, bearing Virginia registration.

Two lawn mowers were stolen from a mobile home in the Dolphin View subdivision off Taft Road recently. The 61-year-old Columbia, S.C., man who uses the trailer as a summer residence told Deputy Long that a push mower and a self-propelled mower were removed from under the home, where they had been stored beneath a sheet of plastic. The machines were valued at \$678.

Another lawn mower and a grass trimmer were stolen out of a storage shed outside a home on Meadowlark Lane in Shell Point Acres sometime in the past two weeks. Deputy Ward determined that the thief or thieves entered the shed by cutting through a screen over the shed's back window, then left by prying open the shed door. He valued the stolen items at \$193.

Someone pried open the side door of a mobile home on Evans Circle, in the Pine Haven subdivision near Shallotte, and stole a microwave oven valued at about \$200. Deputy Long estimated that the thieves caused about \$175 damage during the break-in.

Four rods and reels, a grass trimmer and three lawn chairs were stolen from a storage shed outside a home in the Holiday Ranch subdivision off N.C. 130 recently. The Burlington man who owns the home told Deputy Ward that bolt cutters had been used to cut the lock off the shed door. The value of stolen items was estimated to be about \$555.

"Dive Into A Book" will be the "Sunfish." Children ages 6 to 9 sand dollar for every five

theme for this year's summer reading program offered by the West Brunswick Branch Library, temporarily housed at Resort Plaza in Shallotte.

The program is open to children of all ages and will begin Thursday, July 14, and continue through Aug. 18. Children may register at any time during the program.

Kids ages 6 and under will be placed in the listener group called will be in the easy-reader "Dolphin" group. Boys and girls 10 and over will be in the "Sharks" group.

The groups will meet every Thursday with the Sunfish meeting at 10 a.m., the Dolphin at 2 p.m. and the Sharks at 3 p.m. Each day's program will last approximately 45 minutes.

Each member of the Sunfish and Dolphin groups will receive one

sand dollar for every five books he or she listens to or reads. Each Shark will receive a sand dollar for every 20 pages read.

The sand dollars may be used to purchase prize and games at a Pirate Party that will be held Thursday, Aug. 18.

The "Big Fish Awards" will be given at that time for the top readers in each group. Each child that participates will receive a certificate signed by the governor.



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