

Shallotte Mother Is Accused Of Allowing Sex With Daughter, 12

A Shallotte woman was indicted on three felony charges last week for allegedly allowing someone to have sexual intercourse with her 12-year-old daughter.

A Brunswick County Grand Jury agreed July 25 that investigators have enough evidence to prosecute Denise Cooper Minton, 37, of Oakwest Street, Green-bay Village, in superior court on three charges of felony child abuse.

The indictments allege that Minton "did allow a sexual act, sexual intercourse" upon a girl who was 12 years old.

"At the time the defendant committed the offense, she was the parent of the child," the indictments say.

The incidents are alleged to have occurred in May 1992, January 1993 and on March 21, 1994.

Also indicted by the grand jury last week were:

■ David Lyle Darst, 23, of Poplar Road, Southport, on two charges of first degree rape of a child under the age of 13. Both offenses, involving two young children, are alleged to have occurred on May 31 in Boiling Spring Lakes.

■ Lonnie Wayne Gordon, 20, of Barclay Road, Southport, on a charge of taking indecent liberties with

a child under the age of 16. The incident is alleged to have occurred on May 31 in Boiling Spring Lakes.

■ Robert Kent White, 33, of Charlotte on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. The indictment states that on June 7, White "did use a golf club, a deadly weapon, to assault and inflict serious injury upon Charles H. Perry by beating him about the head and body causing wounds requiring numerous stitches."

■ James Lee Cobb, 31, of North Lord Street, Southport, on one count each of robbery with a dangerous weapon, breaking and entering and larceny. He is accused of stealing less than \$70 cash from a Southport convenience store June 6 while threatening the use of a handgun.

■ Alex O'Hara King, 21, of Lads Road, Shallotte on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. He is accused of using a .380-caliber pistol to assault Joe Vereen "by shooting him in the buttocks" last February.

■ James Kevin Little, 22, of Wilmington on charges of burning a building used for trade, breaking and entering and larceny. He and another Wilmington man are accused of breaking into Jimmy's Marine re-

pair shop on Lee Drive, Leland, and stealing a motor scooter, marine batteries and miscellaneous tools valued at about \$3,000 on May 29. The two are also charged with setting fire to nearby Cooks Marina on Mount Misery Road, Leland, that night.

■ Henry Herbert Giles, 21, of Wilmington on one count each of breaking and entering, larceny and burning a building used for trade. He is accused in the same offenses as Little.

■ Gerald Lamar Yarbrough, also known as Douglas Dabbs, 39, of Kilbart Street, Ocean Isle Beach, on a charge of obtaining property by false pretense. He is accused of using a check drawn on a closed account to open a new account at a Shallotte Bank "with the intent to cheat and defraud" by attempting to obtain \$1,000 from the bank.

■ David Wayne Brown, 33, of Kure Beach, on a felony worthless check charge for allegedly writing a check for \$18,000 to a Shallotte lumber company, knowing that the account did not have enough funds to cover the check.

■ Gary Wade Robbins, 33, of Old Mill Creek Road, Winnabow, on one count each of cocaine possession, maintaining a dwelling to keep and sell controlled

substances and maintaining a vehicle to keep and sell controlled substances.

■ William Alfred Alston, 33, of Park Ave, Navassa on one count each of cocaine possession, sale and delivery of cocaine and possession with the intent to sell and deliver cocaine.

■ Rebecca Cobb Seal, 29, of Woodlawn Mobile Home Park, Leland, on one count each of welfare fraud, food stamp fraud and medical assistance recipient fraud. She is accused of knowingly giving false information on applications for benefits, saying her three children were living with her on Jan. 20, 1993, when in fact they had been admitted to an orphanage the previous October.

■ Claude David Cook, 37, of Castle Hayne on a charge of cocaine possession.

■ William David Anderson, 34, of Wimberly Road, Southport, on a charge of cocaine possession.

■ Robert Keith Cooper, 33, of Green Oak Camp-ground, Supply, on one count each of manufacturing marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is accused of "growing one marijuana plant in a pot" and possessing a bong, hemostats and rolling papers.

OIB Man Slashed, Another Arrested In Seaside Bar Fight

One Ocean Isle Beach man was slashed with a razor knife and a second was arrested after a disagreement between friends turned violent at a Seaside bar Friday night, according to a crime report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

The victim, 51-year-old Richard Paul Little of Sommersett Road, suffered a cut on his back that required 19 surgical staples to close, according to BCSD Detective Steve Mason, who investigated the case. Little also received a serious cut on his arm in the attack.

Deputy Cathy Hamilton reported being called to the bar and grill on N.C. 179 at about 9:30 p.m. In an interview with the victim, Little reportedly told her that he had received a threatening telephone call from his friend Otis Ray Stephens Jr. and agreed to meet him at the bar to talk. Once there, Little asked Stephens to step outside, the report said.

"When they started out the door, the suspect pulled out a box cutter

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and cut Mr. Little on the right shoulder blade and right arm," Hamilton reported.

Mason said his investigation of the incident revealed that the two men had been having a "serious on-going dispute over a business transaction" that led to the assault Friday night.

Stephens, 49, who lives on Waterloo Street in the Water Wonderland subdivision, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. He was jailed in lieu of a \$3,000 secured bond.

An investigation into the incident is continuing, Mason said.

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

■ A man and woman who live on Green Hill Road, Winnabow, were charged with arson of a mobile home on nearby Dogwood Street last week. Valerie Anne Burchetto, 25, and Richard Glen Kuhn, 29,

were arrested Thursday. They are accused of setting fire to a trailer occupied by a man, two women and a 7-month-old child. The two suspects were put in Brunswick County Jail under a \$10,000 secured bond each.

■ More than \$18,000 cash was reported stolen from a beach shop on Holden Beach Road, Supply, Wednesday afternoon (July 31). The store owner reportedly told Deputy Jerry Gray that he "had put his money in a drawer at the front desk in a cloth money bag with a lock." He believes that someone entered the business through a rear door, went into the office and took the bank bag sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Also missing was a battery, a charger and a package of Vantage cigarettes, the report said.

■ An \$11,000 1993 Ford Mustang was reported stolen from outside a Leland game room late Tuesday night. Deputy Mark Snowden met with the complainant, a 21-year-old Leland man, the next morning and was told that he went into

the store at the corner of Mt. Misery Road and Fletcher Drive at about 8 p.m. to play pool. When he came out at about 1:30 a.m., the car was gone. He told Snowden that the vehicle was unlocked but the keys were in his pocket.

■ More than \$1,300 worth of jewelry and other items were stolen during an apparent break-in on Warren Landing Road in Fisherman's Village sometime in the past six weeks. A 38-year-old construction worker told Deputy Lewis Ward that there didn't seem to be any sign of forced entry. Missing was an onyx ring, a 20-inch gold chain, 20 Susan B. Anthony dollars, a 1926 half-dollar, a "Gold's Gym" workout video and a tape of the movie "Dracula," the report said.

■ Two marine batteries were stolen from a storage shed adjacent to a home on Jolly Roger Drive in Buccaneer Hills last week. The Lumberman man who owns the trailer told Deputy Ward that he returned Friday night to discover that two locks had

been removed from the shed, probably with bolt cutters. Ward estimated the value of stolen property at \$135.

■ Someone stole a homemade 12-foot wooden skiff from a boat ramp off Shell Point Road recently. The owner, who lives off Seashore Road, told Deputy Ward that he was recently hospitalized for 11 days and returned home Friday to discover that his boat was missing. It was valued at about \$150.

■ A 70-year-old Calabash retiree reported the theft of 12 T-shirts from his home on Ocean Forest Drive last week. He told Deputy Richard Long that someone apparently came in through a kitchen window, took the shirts and went out through a side

door. The stolen property was valued at \$48. Damage was estimated to be \$150.

■ The owner of a mobile home in the Gator's Grant subdivision, Supply, was unsure if anything was taken in an apparent break-in that caused an estimated \$400 damage to his summer residence late last month. He told Deputy Hamilton that he arrived at the trailer Friday to find that someone had removed a sliding glass door from its frame. However, "he advises that his wife may have had this done," Hamilton reported. Although some items were missing, the report said the man "will let us know if he finds out that she didn't do this."

Suspects Charged With Stealing Coins From Car Wash

BY DOUG RUTTER

Shallotte Police have arrested four people who allegedly tied a laminated dollar bill to the end of a string in order to steal coins from the change machine at an automatic car wash.

Charged with one count each of breaking into a coin or currency machine are Lauri Jean Arrington, 18, of Supply; Jamie Marlowe, 19, of Supply; Dwayne Edward Freeman, 28, of Shallotte; and Frank Zebulun Ballew, 21, of Shallotte.

"They were all involved together," Police Chief Rodney Gause said. "One would be lookout, another would be getting the coins and the other two would be around the vehicle looking out."

Gause said an eyewitness saw the suspects taking money from the change machine at Shallotte Auto Spa on Holden Beach Road on July 12. The witness wrote down the license plate number and description of the vehicle.

"We had an eyewitness that saw them do this," Gause said. "If it hadn't been for this person we would still be looking for them."

Gause said the suspects later told police they had been stealing from coin machines elsewhere in the county and state, also in Georgia and Florida.

"They were bragging about doing

it until the light came on. That meant the machine was empty," Gause said. "Sometimes they would get up to \$300. This is something that was going on not just in Shallotte but all over the county."

Gause said the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department is investigating and may file additional charges.

"There is another suspect but we have not questioned him yet. We have not been able to locate him," Gause added.

The four suspects who were arrested are being held in Brunswick County Jail, each under \$1,000 secured bond.

Thomasboro Man Arrested
A Thomasboro man remained in Brunswick County Jail under a \$25,500 secured bond Tuesday after his arrest in connection with several recent cases of breaking and entering.

Gause said police have charged Charles Edward Stanley, 30, of No. 5 Schoolhouse Road with four counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and larceny, two counts of breaking and entering and larceny and one count of larceny of a firearm.

Arrested Monday, Stanley is accused of breaking into four vehicles parked outside three Shallotte businesses in a two-week period last month.

Vehicles were broken into July 5 at Heilig Meyers Furniture Company and July 16 at Mirrorlite. Two vehicles were unlawfully entered July 19 at Coastal Drug, and a firearm was taken from one of those vehicles.

Gause said the suspect also is accused of a July 8 break-in at the Subway restaurant and another break-in four days later at The Cove nursing home.

Gause said police had two warrants for Stanley's arrest when he was picked up, and the suspect was charged with the additional crimes after questioning.

The county sheriff's department is investigating Stanley's possible connection with at least two other crimes that occurred in the county within the past two weeks, Gause said.

Drug Charges Filed

Two Shallotte area men were charged with possession of cocaine after police stopped and searched a vehicle last Friday on N.C. 179 near Calvary Baptist Church.

James Nelson Hill, 27, and Kenneth Hill, 36, were charged with one count of each of possession of cocaine, Gause said. Kenneth Hill also was charged with maintaining a vehicle for the purpose of distributing cocaine.

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