

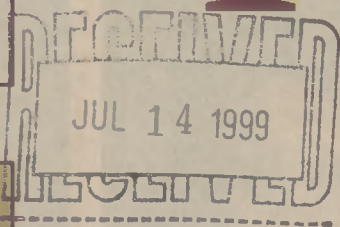
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Hertford police officer charged with assault

Complainant assaulted sister of officer

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Six months after he intervened during an alleged attack on his sister, a Hertford policeman has been charged with assaulting the woman's attacker.

On June 24, an arrest warrant was filed against Officer Charles Boone Jr., 25, of 103B, 3rd Avenue, Hertford. Boone was charged with simple assault, a misdemeanor. The charges stem from a Jan. 19 incident.

The warrant was filed by Richard Williams Jr., 22, of 315 Stokes Drive. Williams was arrested Jan. 19 and charged with assaulting Boone's sister.

Williams was later convicted of assault on a female.

Police Chief Dale Vanscoy said Boone remains on active duty. His trial date has been set for July 28.

A brief narrative on the warrant states that Boone allegedly rammed Williams' head into a car window. Boone is also accused of slamming Williams to the ground and ramming his back to the street.

Vanscoy said last week that officers at the scene of the arrest were sure that the woman had been assaulted.

"She had to be transported to Albemarle Hospital," Vanscoy said.

Vanscoy said officers were responding to a domestic violence call when the incidents

occurred.

According to court records, Williams "assaulted and struck the woman, by pushing and tossing her around" in the Food Lion supermarket.

In a recent interview, Williams said that at the time of the arrest, the arresting officer had told Boone to back away from Williams.

"Instead he came charging toward me," Williams said. "I kept asking, 'What's wrong, what's wrong?' He just kept ramming me."

After a warrant was filed against Williams, he filed a counter warrant against the woman involved, charging her with assault. She was later found not guilty.

Since his conviction, the court has ordered "defendant (Williams) is not to threaten or assault (female victim) pending outcome of this case." No previous domestic violence has been recorded on Williams.

At the time of the incident, the woman lived at the same address as Williams.

An August 1998 article in The Daily Advance states that Boone — then an Elizabeth City police officer — was charged with assault by pointing a gun, but the charge was later dismissed.

Boone then was hired as an officer for the town of Hertford.

Elizabeth City Police Captain Bill Williams said, "His resignation was (filed) to accept the job in Perquimans. ... He wasn't charged with anything."

Williams appealed his guilty verdict in March. His case is pending in Superior Court.

Hertford may update landscape regulations

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Editor

Hertford Councilmen will take a month to study the updated commercial landscape regulations proposed by the planning board.

The regulations establish minimum standards for landscape design for non-residential properties. If approved by council, it would most likely apply to those covered properties developed or expanded after its effective date. Councilman Sid Eley did question whether existing properties could be given a specific time period to comply with the ordinance. Town manager John Christensen said it had been done in other places, but required commitment to enforcement by council.

Christensen said the planning board spent months working on what he termed the comprehensive document.

The ordinance defines all types of vegetation and terms

to make clear what vegetation can/must be used in certain circumstances.

The new regulations call for a "street yard" for commercial properties. A street yard is a planting area parallel to a public street designed to provide continuity of vegetation along the right-of-way and to soften the impact of development by providing a pleasing view from the road.

Planting yards would also be required. These are areas of vegetation separating properties such as residential and manufacturing, which are somewhat incompatible, although allowed within the zoning districts. The planting yards would provide a buffer between the two properties.

Trees would be planted in new parking lots, or parking lots to which at least 10 spaces are added.

The ordinance would also make property owners responsible for maintenance of the plantings.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS



PHOTO COURTESY WALTER EDWARDS JR.

Three young men got a hands-on economics lesson in supply and demand recently, when they took their supply of lemonade to the courthouse lawn to check out the demand on a scorching hot morning. Business was brisk for the trio, Aaron Lane, Justin Maarschalkerweerd and Zack Harrell. Hertford attorney Walter Edwards Jr. was the partners' first customer.

Winslow moves to Central Office

Former Central principal to lead development of new evaluations

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Editor

There will be a new face in the principal's office in the new Central School building to start the new school year.

Former principal Susan Winslow is now serving as Staff Development/Alternative Evaluation Coordinator. Her appointment to the new position was effective July 1.

Personnel Director Brenda Dail said Tuesday that interviews of candidates for the principal's position will begin this week. She said that she

feels that the system received applications from very good prospects to fill the slot.

A committee composed of teachers, parents, board members and central office staff has provided input into the process of hiring a new principal, Dail said.

Dail said to date, there will be 14 new employees submitted to the board for approval on July 26. With interviews and reference-checking in progress, a principal and four teachers could be added to that list. Those 19 employees would give the school system a full faculty.

The main focus of Winslow's new role will be to lead the design and development of a new evaluation program for the system based on national board certification for teachers, according to Dail.

Dail said that with the

state's new policies and laws on teacher licensure, school systems must come up with new ways to evaluate faculty, as well offer staff development to help teachers grow professionally and be better able to reach all students.

New teachers come under the state's performance-based licensure, Dail said. During their first three years, teachers must prepare portfolios which will be submitted to the state after the third year. The portfolio must pass state standards in order for the teacher to become licensed.

Dail likened the new procedures to senior projects. Rather than base licensure and job appraisal basically on infrequent classroom evaluations, teachers are asked to submit a professional portfolio that tells what they have accomplished and how in the

classroom.

The state determines what type of information should go into the portfolio. Examples of portfolio entries include how the teacher differentiated lessons to reach students of many abilities, what types of professional development offerings were attended, how the teacher involved parents, and how the teacher was involved in the community. Outcomes of these examples must also be included. Compiling the information for the portfolio is time-consuming and challenging, Dail said.

Perquimans has had only one teacher required to submit the portfolio. Dail said several teachers are in their first three years, and have begun the process of compiling portfolio information.

Winslow will also oversee staff development.

Cable service poor, residents say

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Editor

Poor cable TV service was the main topic at the Hertford Town Council meeting Monday night.

Councilman Sid Eley said he was concerned about the service received by town residents from MediaCom. For some time now, Hertford residents have had to contend with poor reception and even periods with no service, Eley said. He said a rate hike went into effect on July 1, but service has not improved.

Town manager John Christensen said he had contacted MediaCom. The company is still upgrading its system. He wrote a letter to the company, pointing out con-

cerns such as black-outs and customers being billed on July 1 for upgraded service that was not upgraded until at least a week later. He told MediaCom that they were not building good customer relations unless they credited customers for those times when the cable was unusable. He said MediaCom indicated they would consider issuing credits.

Eley said MediaCom sent someone to his house to check out the problem, and Christensen said the company was supposed to send someone to his house.

Hertford resident Greg Benton said MediaCom is not nearly as accessible or responsive to other customers as to town officials. He said his wife called MediaCom six times and

got no response. Monday, he was able to get the new channels offered through the upgrade, but couldn't get the old channels. He also said when his wife finally got to speak with someone at MediaCom, she was told no credits would be issued.

"They're just not receptive to consumer complaints," Benton said. He added that if there was cable competition, MediaCom would lose customers.

Benton said he appeared before council on behalf of a group of residents who were upset about their cable service.

Councilman Billy Winslow suggested that those with a concern about cable service call Kathy Ray at MediaCom to discuss it.

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