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Former cop suspect in double shooting

Man to be charged with shooting wife and her friend

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A man and a woman were treated for gunshot wounds at Chowan Hospital Sunday night after allegedly being shot by the woman's estranged husband.

According to Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley, Cynthia Green, 44, of Ahoskie and Jack Waggoner, 46, of 122 W.

Island Trail in the Holiday Island subdivision, were treated and released after both sustained gunshot wounds in the back.

James Green, 61, of 105 Croatan Drive in the Albemarle Plantation subdivision and the estranged husband of Cynthia Green, was identified by both victims as the person who shot them, Tilley said.

The SBI has issued warrants for Mr. Green, a former police officer in Suffolk County, NY, charging him with first degree attempted murder.

Mr. Green had not been arrested as of late Monday afternoon, however, because he was taken to

Albemarle Hospital late Sunday night after complaining of chest pains. Tilley said the warrants are on file, but will not be served until Mr. Green is released from the hospital.

Tilley said according to the statements of Waggoner and Mrs. Green, the couple drove into the driveway at Waggoner's home. Waggoner got out of the Ford Explorer in which they were riding and went to unlock the door to the house. As he was trying to unlock the door, he was shot in the back.

Waggoner told officers he turned and saw Mr. Green. The two "had words," Tilley said, and

Waggoner told officers that Mr. Green chased him around the yard before turning a gun on Mrs. Green.

Mrs. Green was sitting in the passenger seat of the Explorer and said Mr. Green fired two shots at her through the closed driver's side window. She was hit twice in the back.

Investigator Marlo Reel, the first sheriff's deputy on the scene, said a neighbor called 911 reporting shots fired at 122 W. Island Trail at 8:40 p.m. Calls received just after the first reported two people had been shot. Reel said she responded to the scene within five minutes of being dispatched.

When she arrived, Reel said Mr. Waggoner was up walking around, but Mrs. Green was not.

Tilley said evidence indicates that Waggoner was shot with a plastic cap that contained what appeared to be bird shot, while Mrs. Green was hit with slugs.

With Mr. Green identified as the shooter, law officers went to his house, where a neighbor helped them gain access to the premises. Tilley said when told that his wife had been shot, Mr. Green complained of having chest pains and was taken to Albemarle Hospital, where he was admitted.

Tilley said a doctor came

to the house during Mr. Green's interview.

The SBI arrived on the scene a little after 1 a.m. Monday, and later obtained the warrants against Mr. Green.

Tilley said officers were told of another incident involving the Greens and Waggoner that had taken place within a week of the shooting. Tilley said Mr. Green apparently tracked Waggoner and Mrs. Green to a hotel in Greenville, and actually went to the hotel while Waggoner and Mrs. Green were there.

Reel said officers were told the Greens have been separated about two or three months.

County to mull water tower sites

SUSAN R. HARRIS

At the request of a county resident, county commissioners agreed to consider an alternate site for a planned water tower in New Hope.

Adjacent property owner Mike McCleary said siting the tower next to his home has him worried about his property value, the value of a second building lot next door. In addition, he said he doesn't want to live under the tower.

He added that there are nearby properties falling into disrepair, and that a water tower too near them may make them even more difficult to sell to buyers willing to repair them.

McCleary brought pictures of the area to show the detrimental affect he said the tower would have on the area.

County Manager Paul Gregory said the main factors involved in siting the tower were power lines and finding a property owner willing to sell. He said engineer Bill Diehl thought the present site was the best option available at the time the decision was made.

After hearing McCleary's concerns and possible alternatives, commissioners asked Gregory to look again for a tower site.

The commissioners also sent a request from local builder Marshall Knight to the planning board for consideration.

Knight said article 7 of the county building ordinance states that a house cannot exceed 35 feet in height. There is no reason he can find for the rule, he said. With some people going for a historic look and/or homes with steep pitches, 35 feet is not high enough, Knight said.

The commissioners agreed to have the planning board look into Knight's request.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



Firefighters from several county volunteer departments, assisted rescue personnel and sheriff's officers, honed their skills with a controlled burn on Center Hill Highway Sunday afternoon. Trucks and equipment from Hertford, Winfall, Belvidere and Bethel were spied on the scene, along with two ambulances. Firefighters participate in training throughout the year in order to keep certification and practice skills necessary to fight fires and save lives.



Commissioners asked to rethink tipping fee

SUSAN R. HARRIS

County resident Ed Nixon asked commissioners Monday night to reconsider the board's decision to charge a tipping fee for hurricane debris taken to the landfill effective Jan. 1.

Nixon said although he has been able to repair his house and help complete necessary repairs on the homes of others in his family, there are many people in his community who have been unable to complete their clean-up and get contractors to complete needed repairs.

Nixon asked that the county give residents another 60 days before reinstating the \$55 per ton tipping fee at the landfill.

With this past weekend's dry, warm weather, Nixon

said he saw many people out cleaning and repairing. With the tipping fee at the landfill, Nixon said much of the debris went to convenience centers, filling them up and creating piles of debris. He said people will take the refuse to the convenience centers if there is a charge at the landfill. People may also start burning the debris, Nixon added.

Commissioners Chairman Mack Nixon told Ed Nixon that the move to reinstate the tipping fee was a matter of economics.

Perquimans, Chowan and Gates opted to waive tipping fees during the first months of clean-up, while Pasquotank cut its fee by 50 percent. As a result, several people from Pasquotank brought their refuse to the

tri-county landfill. Taxpayers in Perquimans, Chowan and Gates were then hit with the bill for hauling the refuse to Bertie County.

Trash, including building materials, can no longer stay at the landfill by law. Perquimans, Chowan and Gates contracts with Waste Industries to haul everything from the landfill to a site in Bertie County. The county is charged \$55 per ton for the service.

Mack Nixon said all three counties met and decided to reinstate the tipping fee, and for all, it was a matter of budget.

The chairman said the county's share of the landfill budget is \$800,000.

And the county has the least money in its fund bal-

ance since 1994, Mack Nixon said.

According to the audit just received by the county, there is less than \$800,000 in the fund balance, which is about 8 percent of the county's operating budget. Nixon said a big part of the county's budget concern is the fact that the state has withheld disbursements from counties.

"We don't want to raise taxes this year," Mack Nixon said.

Mack Nixon added that the three counties in the landfill partnership met at length to discuss the issue, but could come up with no alternative except to reinstate the tipping fee.

"Fifty-five dollars a ton is a lot of money," Ed Nixon said as the discussion ended.

County approves septic system for center

Susan R. Harris

After years of planning and construction, county commissioners made a move Monday night that could see the new recreation/community center on Harvey Point Road opened to the public.

Following a recommendation by the health department, the commissioners approved getting bids on a 1,000 gallon septic system at the site that will allow them to fully utilize the center.

Commissioners authorized County Manager Paul Gregory to get bids, and gave Chairman Mack Nixon the okay to approve a bid up to \$5,000.

Gregory, Nixon and commissioner Charles Ward all said they believe that the center will be available for use within 60-90 days.

Commissioner Tammy Miller said opening the center is of vital importance, especially to the county's youth, and opening it should be a priority.

She said the commissioners need a timetable and schedule of events that will be available at the center.

The center has been built with grant and county funds.

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MOSTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
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Low: 26
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SATURDAY
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Low: 27
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