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Troy White

County man killed in wreck

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A Hertford man died last Thursday morning after his vehicle collided head-on with a sport utility vehicle on Foreman Bundy Road in

Pasquotank County.

Troy White, 36, of 438 Goodwin Mill Road, died at Albemarle Hospital after his Chrysler sedan slammed into a Jeep driven by Carole Ann Duke, 49, of Victoria, Australia, state

Trooper C.H. Allison said.

According to Allison, White was driving west on Foreman Bundy Road when Duke's Jeep was approaching from the opposite direction but in the same lane.

Because of the extent of

the damage, firefighters from Elizabeth City Fire Department and

Intercounty Volunteer Fire Department had to extricate both drivers from their vehicles, Allison said.

White was transported

to Albemarle Hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries, the trooper said.

Duke was airlifted to Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Family members expected

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Motorist drives into river

MARGARET FISHER

An Elizabeth City man, allegedly intoxicated, drove into the river at the causeway on Christmas day.

Rodrigo Ramirez, 25, of 425 Pinnoco Drive, was driving into Hertford on the causeway in a 1993 GMC station wagon. It was estimated that he was traveling at a high rate of speed, said Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy.

When he came to a sharp curve in the road, he lost control of the car and continued straight off and to the right into the water.

The river is shallow in that spot and the water reached the bottom of the door.

A call was made to Central Communications at about 6 p.m. from a cell phone, Vanscoy said.

When Officer Jeff Thomas arrived, Ramirez was walking on the bridge

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Joining the gang



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

After a rainy morning, these waterfowl were spied lining up on the bank and swimming out to perch on the submerged pier at Missing Mill Park Monday afternoon. Unseasonably warm temperatures have many outside enjoying the sunshine.

White pleads guilty on drug charges

SUSAN HARRIS

A Perquimans County man pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges in federal court in December.

Travis Antonio White, AKA Jack-Jack, 22, of 823 Sandy Cross Road pleaded guilty to distribution of more than 50 grams of crack cocaine and was sentenced to 188 months by Judge Terrence Boyles on Dec. 14.

White was indicted by a federal grand jury last April after a 14-month undercover drug operation by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, Chowan County Sheriff's Department and State Bureau of Investigation.

In another drug case, Investigator Shelby White arrested Mario Corelli Jordan, 26, of 1875 Harvey Point Road on Dec. 18, and charged him with intent to sell/deliver marijuana.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said White was on routine patrol when he observed a silver vehicle pass him with a headlight out. White stopped the vehicle at Brace Avenue, then asked the driver for his drivers license and to step out of the car. The deputy detected an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, and patted Jordan down. Tilley said 12 bags of marijuana packaged for sale were found during the pat-down.

Jordan is expected to be indicted on the charges in Perquimans County Superior Court on Jan. 29.

Reward offered

A reward has been offered in a breaking and entering case in Woodville.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said Monday that a private citizen has offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and the recovery of property from a utility trailer left in the Cedarwood Village subdivision in Woodville.

Tilley said a locked utility trailer owned by R&W Construction was left at a job site in the community late last week, and sometime between Jan. 5 at 4 p.m. and Jan. 6 at 8 a.m. was broken into. Tilley said the lock was cut and about \$4,000 in saws and other tools was stolen.

Tilley said his office has also received complaints about people using the private road that runs through the subdivision. The road through the community connects Woodville and Body roads, and is often used as a short-cut, Tilley said. But owner Tildon Whitehurst built the road for use by those who live in Cedarwood Village, not for public access. Whitehurst developed the subdivision.

Anyone with information on the breaking and entering should call the sheriff's office at 426-5615.

17 wreck injures Hertford man

MARGARET FISHER

A wreck on U.S. Highway 17 and Wynn Fork Road landed two people in the hospital.

The two-vehicle accident happened at about 7:20 a.m. on Monday.

Cahoon Miller, 67, of 1874 U.S. Hwy. 64 in Manns Harbor, was heading east on Wynn Fork Road and had pulled into the median to cross over the highway.

Driving a 2003 GMC pickup, Miller was stopped at the median. Another car to his left began making a left-hand turn onto the inside lane

of the highway, said Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy.

"When (Miller) saw the vehicle turn, he thought that he could cross," Vanscoy said. "He pulled into the path of another vehicle."

That vehicle, a 2003 Ford pickup pulling a double axle work trailer, was traveling in the right-hand lane of northbound traffic.

The Ford was driven by Jesse Harrell, 64, of 140 Tynchtown Road in Edenton. Harrell's truck hit the GMC truck behind the cab. The impact caused Miller's truck to veer off and run into a

ditch at the intersection. Harrell's truck ran off the road to the right side and slid sideways. The back of the trailer ended up in a ditch.

The trailer, used by Harrell in his construction business, was filled with tools and lumber.

"The force of the impact drove a 2-by-4 through the front of the trailer," Vanscoy said.

Emergency Medical Services and Hertford Fire Department responded.

Harrell's son, Kenneth Harrell, 27, was a passenger in the Ford. Both Harrells were checked by EMS and taken to Chowan

Hospital. The son was released, while the driver was transported to Pitt Memorial Hospital suffering from a possible fractured neck.

Miller's vehicle had two passengers, Ricky Basnight of Manns Harbor and Thomas Spruill of Columbia. All three were checked by EMS and released with no apparent injuries.

Miller was charged with failure to yield a right of way. A court date is set in February.

Damage to Harrell's Ford and trailer is estimated to be about \$12,500, and Miller's GMC at about \$6,000.

Juveniles charged in holiday break-ins

SUSAN HARRIS

Juvenile petitions have been filed against two Perquimans teens for allegedly breaking and entering into a Woodland Church Road home twice around Christmas.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said the two were questioned on Dec. 21 after witnesses placed the pair near the crime scene. Tilley said witnesses

saw two young males walking up to the residence and later walking away from the residence. Witnesses also saw one of the same juveniles in front of the home a few days earlier when it had initially been broken into.

Tilley and Investigator Marlo Reel questioned the two juveniles. One denied involvement, but the second admitted his involvement, Tilley said, and provided a written

statement detailing the break-in.

The teen who denied involvement had allegedly used the computer in the home, and had logged on to his MySpace webpage. Officers were able to log on to the computer and track the youth's session, Tilley said.

The youth who denied involvement was placed in secured custody on Dec. 21 and was released on Dec. 27.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 56, LOW: 41
MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 67, LOW: 50
MOSTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 71, LOW: 56
PARTLY CLOUDY