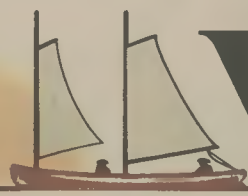


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2nd suspect sought in April 9 murder

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Police are still searching for a second suspect in the slaying of 19-year-old Tre Brothers who was shot to death April 9 during a reported dispute over alleged stolen property.

Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said one suspect was arrested last week but a second suspect is still being sought. Tilley would not disclose the second suspect's name or suspected whereabouts but said warrants are expected to be taken out on a male suspect who reportedly has

fled the state.

According to Tilley, Yanaula G. Stratikis, 24, of the 100-block of Fourth Avenue, faces a murder charge in connection with the death of Brothers who was shot in the face with a shotgun around midnight at a home located on Albemarle Road near Harvey Point Road. She is being held in Albemarle District Jail without bond.

Tilley said their investigation showed that Stratikis had origi-



Stratikis

nally left the state and travelled up north, but her family was able to convince her to return to Virginia where she apparently met with an attorney who contacted the sheriff's department to arrange a meeting.

Tilley and investigators met Stratikis at the Currituck County Courthouse last Thursday afternoon and listened to what she had to say, he said.

"Based on her story, which corroborated what the evidence shows, we believe her involvement rose to the point of the statute which says she is to be charged just like the person who

actually pulled the trigger," Tilley explained. She was served with a murder warrant there and immediately taken into custody.

Tilley says their investigation shows Stratikis aided and abetted the male suspect being sought before, during, and after the shooting.

While he can not confirm the information, Tilley says he has heard that both Brothers and the male suspect are members of the same gang, but that the shooting was not gang related.

According to court records, both Brothers and Stratikis were awaiting trial in Elizabeth City

on unrelated charges at the time of Brothers' death. Stratikis was charged with driving while impaired on Jan. 22. Brothers was charged last August with felony forgery of an instrument and felony uttering of a forged instrument. In October, he was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine.

Brothers reportedly travelled back and forth between the Perquimans County residence and a home in Goldsboro, said Tilley.

Investigation into the shooting is continuing by the sheriff's department assisted by the State Bureau of Investigation.

KIDS RULE AT FESTIVAL



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BY CATHY WILSON

The 2012 Week of the Young Child Children's Festival was held Saturday at the Perquimans Recreation Center.

The event was sponsored by the Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership. There were lots of activities for children and their parents.



Rose Pointe to be sold at auction

By CATHY WILSON
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A 600-acre tract of land that was to become a large planned housing development in the Old Neck area of Perquimans County will be sold in a bankruptcy auction on Thursday.

Approximately 586 acres that includes almost two and a half miles of waterfront property will be auctioned off at the Bundys Road property beginning at 2 p.m. The auction is to satisfy an order from the United States Bankruptcy Court in Greenville regarding the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of owner Blue Water Land Development LLC (BWLD).

The property is known locally as the Rose Winslow property that sold to BWLD in 2006 for \$13 million with future plans calling for a large housing development complete with marina, clubhouse, and sub-divided lots much like Albemarle Plantation, only smaller.

But Rose Pointe, as it is

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Emergency fees OK'd for HI camp residents

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

The North Carolina Utilities Commission has approved an emergency assessment and temporary surcharge totaling \$55.62 each month for the next three months for utility customers at the camping sections at Holiday Island.

The funds collected through the emergency assessments will go towards repaying a loan made by the Holiday Island Property Owners Association to pay for improvements made to the antiquated sewer plant which services utility customers. Funds collected through the surcharge will help keep the plant operating and create a reserve fund to pay for any repairs needed until the customers can create their own sanitary district and take over operation of the plant.

The commission's approval follows action taken earlier this month when county commissioners took the first step

NEW WINFALL COUNCILMAN



STAFF PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

New Winfall councilman Preston Tyrone White (center) is sworn in by Magistrate Billy Winslow (right) while White's wife Anita holds the Bible, last week. Council appointed White to fill the unexpired term of Frankie Etheridge, who resigned from the board before moving outside town limits.

One-stop voting begins Thursday

By CATHY WILSON
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One-stop absentee voting for the May 8 primary election begins Thursday.

Residents who are qualified to vote but missed the April 13 registration deadline may register and vote at the same time from April 19-May 5 at the county board of elections office. While next month's election will include several national and state party primaries and a state constitutional amendment, only one local contest is on the ballot.

Three candidates seeking three seats on the

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