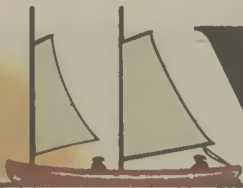


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Deputies solve break-ins spanning 2 counties

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials expect to file charges later this week in connection with a string of daytime residential break-ins

spanning Perquimans and Pasquotank counties.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said the suspect, Norman Lee Blount of Virginia Beach-age 48, is currently being detained in a Virginia Beach jail in connection with lar-

ceny of a motor vehicle. "We're currently in the process of putting a detainee on the suspect now," Tilley said on Monday. "We expect to file several breaking and entering and larceny charges against him this week."

Police believe the suspect was allegedly involved in at least six residential break-ins on or around Aug. 31 during the daytime. Six homes were hit with cameras, cell phones, jewelry, videos, DVDs and televisions re-

ported stolen. Three of the homes hit were in Perquimans County and located on Swing Gate, Union Hall, and New Hope roads. Three Pasquotank County homes were

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Hertford firefighters work to extricate one of four young boys injured Friday afternoon in a wreck on Harvey Point Road. The four boys and their father were injured and taken to hospitals, including two boys who were flown by medical helicopters to a Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

Truck overturns on Harvey Point Road

By CATHY WILSON
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Five people, including four young brothers, were injured Friday afternoon in a single vehicle accident on Harvey Point Road in Perquimans County.

Trooper T.E. Langley with the North Carolina Highway Patrol said the 2:35 p.m. accident occurred when the driver of the pick-up truck drove the truck around a curve too fast causing it to run off the shoulder, strike a tree, and overturn.

The father and three of his sons managed to get out of the truck. Hertford firefighters worked to free the oldest, a 10-year-old, whose foot was caught in the wreckage.

Perquimans EMS sent two ambulances to the scene and was assisted by Chowan County EMS



Firefighters cut through metal in their effort to free a 10-year-old boy whose foot was caught in the wreckage.

was driving the 2004 Dodge Ram truck when the accident occurred. The 10-year-old and five-year-old brothers were riding in the front seat next to their father. They all wore seatbelts, Langley said, however the five-year-old boy was not secured in child restraints as required by law.

The two-year-old and four-year-old brothers were secured in child restraints in the back seat, said Langley.

Richards is charged with careless and reckless, driving while license revoked, and a child restraint violation in connection with the accident, said Langley.

The vehicle is registered to Elizabeth Ann Quesenberry, also of Chesapeake.

with a third ambulance. The father and two of the brothers, age 2 and 4, were taken to Albemarle Hospital where the two younger boys were treated and later released, said Langley.

The 10-year-old and five-

year-old brothers were flown by medical helicopters to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Hertford and Winfall firefighters established landing zones for the two helicopters at the Albemarle Commission

building and at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. Both Nightingale and East Care helicopters responded to transport the children. Trooper Langley said Robert Thomas Richards, age 27, of Chesapeake

Fatal dog bites are not common

Local toddler killed last week

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Last week's dog attack that killed a Hertford child met two of three criteria usually found in fatal dog bites.

According to Dr. Barbara Sherman, director of behavioral medicine service at the North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine, while aggression by dogs is a common complaint, fatalities from a dog bite are not.

"Dog bites are a common reason for people, especially children, to present to an emergency clinic for treatment," she wrote in an email. "However, dog bite fatalities are rare, with, on average, approximately 20 cases reported per year in the United States. The majority of those killed are children, most over one year of age, and the majority of cases involve unrestrained dogs on the owners' property."

Ten-month-old James Hudson died Sept. 11 after a large family dog bit him repeatedly in his grandmother's home where he lived on West Railroad Street in Hertford.

The child was transported to Albemarle Hospital by Perquimans EMS who tried to save the child by administering CPR enroute to the hospital where he later died.

Hertford Police Chief Doug Freeman said the attack occurred around 6:16 p.m. When he arrived at the home, the grandmother had fainted in the yard. The grandmother was also transported to the hospital by EMS for wounds suffered during the attack.

Dr. Sherman, who was not familiar with the case, could not comment on the specifics including any speculation on what may have caused the dog to attack a familiar person who

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Woman wounded in shooting

From staff reports

A Hertford woman was shot Friday evening, reportedly by her estranged boyfriend, and later listed in critical condition at a Virginia hospital.

Shamone Monique Sutton was listed in critical but stable condition at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital Saturday

after suffering shotgun wounds to her left hand, wrist and shoulder, Hertford Police Chief Doug Freeman said.

Sutton was shot by Ronald Spellman, 52, of 101 West Railroad St., at Spellman's residence Friday about 10 p.m., Free-



Spellman

man said. Spellman was located shortly afterward by NC Highway Trooper T.E. Langley several blocks from the scene of the shooting, the police chief said.

Spellman faces charges of first-degree attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, Freeman said. As of Monday, Spellman is still confined at Albemarle District Jail without bond.

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Neil Emory with the North Carolina County Commissioners Association presents a plaque to Mack Nixon in recognition of Nixon's 20 years of service as a county commissioner. The presentation was made during the board meeting Sept. 4.

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