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One arrested, two sought for shootings

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

A 26-year-old Hertford man was arrested Thursday night for attempted first degree murder and jailed under \$1.2 million bond in connection with a shooting July 19 that left three people injured.

Ervin Javon Jones was also charged with posses-

sion of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Earlier last week the Hertford Police Department had warrants issued for two more men for their role in the shootings at Wynne Fork Court.

Hertford Police Chief Douglas Freeman said the arrest of Jones won't be the last one. He was apprehended about 11 p.m. Thursday,



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but Freeman declined to say where. He also said he couldn't talk about the mo-

tive for the crime at this point in the investigation.

"This was the latest in a series of warrants and arrests in connection with the shootings," he said. "More are expected."

Jones was living at a home in the 200 block of King Street according to the arrest report. He has a previous conviction of assault inflicting serious injury from 2011.

In January 2011 Jones was also convicted for a second degree kidnapping — a crime punishable by a 98 month prison term. He was given 36 months of su-

pervised probation.

Freeman said the police department has gotten some support from residents of Wynne Fork Court.

"We've had some positive feedback," he said. "We've been doing extra patrols there since this (shooting) happened and we feel some of the good people of Wynne

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Fish farming legislation approved

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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A bill adopted by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. Roy Cooper will open the doors to commercial aquaculture off the North Carolina coast.

Legislation could make it possible for a business to lease land in state waters. They would still need permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and a clean water permit.

Marine aquaculture involves producing shellfish as well shrimp and some finfish in pens in the ocean. Aquaculture can take place in cages on the seafloor or suspended in the water column.

In North Carolina, the state has jurisdiction of the Atlantic Ocean out to three miles. After that, the federal government has authority.

Sen. Bill Cook (R-District 1), was one of three sponsors of the legislation.

"With a large abundant natural water resource along our state's coastline, North Carolina is a prime location for deep water aquaculture facilities," Cook said. "Aquaculture is, indeed, among one of the fastest growing segments of food production worldwide, and with this bill North Carolina will be appropriately positioned to join the market."

A Canadian company already has a presence in the region.

In 2015, Cooke Aquaculture acquired Wanchese Fish Co., a 440-employee seafood company founded in the Outer Banks.

Cooke Aquaculture has seafood/aquaculture operations in 44 countries and employs thousands of people. It is a global seafood company with significant U.S. assets in the fishery and aquaculture sector, Sen. Cook said.

"We believe the abundant and fertile fishing waters of the Gulf Stream off North Carolina offer significant potential for ocean aquaculture and ocean ranching," Sen. Cook said. "Seafood from Wanchese and east-

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FORMER SHERIFF HONORED



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Sen. Bill Cook (right) presents The Order of the Long Leaf Pine to former Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley Wednesday morning at the Historic Perquimans County Courthouse. Tilley retired earlier this year after 30 years in law enforcement, the last 17 as sheriff. The award is the highest given by the state for service.

Bill won't stop wind project

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The company developing a commercial wind farm in Chowan County says it won't pull the plug on its Timbermill Wind project despite an 18-month moratorium on wind energy projects signed into law last week by Gov. Roy Cooper.

If, however, the moratorium is extended beyond 2019, or the state ends up barring certain areas from wind project development, Apex Clean Energy will review its decision, spokesman Kevin Chandler said. Apex has a conditional use permit to build a project known as Timbermill Wind in Chowan County. The application for a CUP in Perquimans County was denied by the Perquimans County Commission.

"We are, perhaps unsurprisingly, disappointed by

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Boy, 12, works toward his baseball dream

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Macon Winslow didn't make the USA National baseball team that will go to Taiwan, but he got far closer than boys his age from across the country that tried.

The 12-year-old from Perquimans County competed against thousands of boys his age to make an elite group of 112 kids that went to California for the tryouts in July for the 12 and under USA team.



WINSLOW

to 32 players, Macon was still in the running, but he didn't make the list of the 18 players on the final roster.

That doesn't diminish the pride Leary Winslow, Macon's

father, has.

"I am very proud of him. He doesn't understand how proud I am. He shows kids that age that hard work will benefit you and it doesn't matter that you're from Hertford, North Carolina, you can compete with the greatest talent. Macon works so hard. That is his greatest quality, his work ethic."

"Making the (field of) 112 was important, but his goal

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Macon Winslow gets a hit during tryouts for the US 12 and under baseball team in California in July.

Banners replace flowers on downtown lights



BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The new flowers hanging from lamp poles in Hertford never need watering and they'll last for years.

They're also not real. After years of hanging real flower baskets from the poles in downtown Hertford, the downtown beautification committee of Historic Hertford Inc., opted to make the change to using

banners instead.

"We had problems with plants not living," said Lillian Holman, a town board member and part of the beautification committee.

While a host of volunteers took on the job of carting a giant water tank around to each of the hanging flowers and using a wand to spray them, the number of workers dwindled as the years went by.

"A lot of the waterers aged out and a lot of other people

are working and don't have the time," Holman said.

So Hertford Printing was hired to make up some summertime banners. The company started business last October working out of incubator space at the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce building on West Market Street.

Sarah Weeks said they picked the design — orange day lilies.

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Two grants to help library with technology, training

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The Perquimans County Library will benefit from two recent grants, includ-

ing one designed to help the staff work with people looking for a job.

The larger of the two grants, — \$75,000 from the Cannon Foundation — is earmarked specifically for the new Hertford facility for new computers and technology for the new library.

A second \$32,000 grant will go toward programs at

all four of the libraries in the Pettigrew regional system.

Judi Bugnizet, the director for the regional system, wrote both grants.

The Cannon Foundation grant will allow the purchase of computers for adults and children, projectors, TVs, an interactive display system for the computer room, and the software and installa-

tion of the technology in Hertford.

The new library is expected to open in September.

This will provide the technology needed for the computer room and the program room, both new services that will be offered in the library. It will allow the library to provide classes for local libraries given by

the state library, as well as computer classes for the patrons. The program room will be used for special events and regular programming by the library, on a larger scale than they have been able to provide in the past, for all ages.

Perquimans Librarian Michele Lawrence is excited about what the grants will

mean.

The current library has 10 computers and there is no desk space to put any more. Even the ones the library does have aren't all located in the same room. That makes holding a computer class for a large group impossible.

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