

Two Men Charged By Police

Gary McClain, 17, of Rt. 4, and Jerry Lawson, 22, of 500 Lynn St., have been charged with simple possession of marijuana.

McClain was arrested Monday at 4 p. m. at a convenience store on Linwood Rd. He was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon and no operator's license.

Lawson was arrested at 2:15 p. m. on Cherokee St. last Monday. Ptl. Ralph Grindstaff was the arresting officer in the McClain case and Ptl. Richard Byers in the Lawson case.

Awards

Damages

Sums totaling \$22,000 for the widow and estate of George Monroe Ruff of Kings Mountain and \$42,000 for the widow and estate of George H. Allen of Shelby were awarded out of court in civil suit settlements approved by presiding Judge Lacy Thornburg in Cleveland County Superior Court Monday.

Chief Sheriff's Deputy Allen and Ruff were killed in a car-truck wreck near Harrisburg in Cabarrus County on Sept. 4, 1974.

Allen was driving a county patrol car and Ruff, who was paid by the county \$10 per trip, was riding with Allen en route to Raleigh to deliver a prisoner to the Central Prison when the patrol car was in collision with a Grayhound Van Lines truck of Bellvue, Washington, operated by Richard Babb of Tarboro.

Cross complaints in the actions alleged that both Babb and Allen were negligent in that Allen was speeding and Babb crossed the yellow line at the time of the wreck.

Litigants involved Ora Powell Ruff, for Ruff's estate versus Allen's estate, Babb, Cleveland County, Greyhound Van Lines, Allen's estate sued Cleveland County, Greyhound Van Lines and Babb.

Vandalism, Thefts Are Reported

Vandalism and thefts at the Community Center were reported during the weekend.

Jerry Jackson, 2500 Parkdale Circle, reported theft of his truck battery while the vehicle was parked at the Community Center Tuesday night. The battery is valued at \$45.

Joseph Allen, Rt. 2, reported the theft of his CB radio and billfold from the glove compartment of his 1968 Chevy while the vehicle was parked at the Community Center. Value of the stolen goods was placed at \$150.

Two windows were broken from the back door of the Community Center Sunday night but apparently no entry was gained, police reported.

John L. Blalock, teacher at KM Junior High, reported that hubcaps, valued at \$68, were stolen from his car parked at the KMJH parking lot Friday while he was attending a ballgame.

Scott Ledford, 605 Jackson St., reported the theft of his CB radio from his car parked in the KMSHS parking lot Tuesday morning between the hours of 8:35 and 10:40 a. m. Value was placed at \$169.

In other law enforcement activities during the weekend, Ricky McDaniel, of 19 Bennett Dr., was charged with making false report to KMPD and trial date is slated for February 22 in District Court. McDaniel had reported the larceny of CB antennae and cables from his residence, according to investigating officer Don Ivey.

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