

### Police Report

**ARRESTS/ CITATIONS**  
 Steve Thomas Procter, 40, Chestnut Woods Dr., speeding and no operator's license, citations.  
 Tracy Lamar Wiggins, 24, Branchwood Circle, speeding, citation.  
 Jeffrey Graham Foster, 26, Route 1, Bessemer City, breaking and entering and larceny, \$5,000 bond, secured.  
 Christopher O'Neil Brown, 18, 104 Kilgore Dr., fictitious tag and tinted windows, failure to carry license and giving false information to officers, \$800 bond, secured.  
 Connie Roberts, 30, Highway 216 North, speeding, citation.

Tyrone Crocker, 19, 306 Campbell Circle, larceny, resisting arrest and assault on officer, \$1,000 bond, unsecured.

James Mark Engle, 25, 21 West Gate Mobile Home Park, larceny by trick, \$300 bond, secured.

Steven Meredith, 36, North King St., Gastonia, speeding, no operator's license, citations.

Steve Eugene Johnson, 21, General Delivery, drunk and disruptive, \$200 bond, secured.

Bradley William Rogers Jr., 32, Churchill Drive, tinted windows, citation.

Charles Edward Pruitt, 33, S. Avon St., Gastonia, DWI and exceeding safe speed, \$500 bond.

James Jeff Huffstetler, 23, 17 Oakhurst Mobile Home Park, carrying concealed weapon, \$200 bond, secured.

Antonio Luis Smith, 32, General Delivery, obtaining property by false pretense, six felony counts, \$50,000 bond, secured.

Rauolle Crank, 20, Harrison St., Gastonia, speeding and no operator's license, citations.

Jerome Hartgrove, 22, China Ave, Shelby, tinted windows, citation.

Christopher Todd Bolin, 19, Sipes St., fictitious tag and tinted windows, citations.

Robert Hutchinson, 22, East Ohio Ave., Bessemer City, tinted windows, citation.

Synthia Renea Boheler, 19, Cherry St., no operator's license and stop sign violation, citations.

Carolyn Laverne Smith, 26, 1209 W. Walnut Ave., Gastonia, DWI, speeding and no operator's license, \$500 bond, secured.

**ANIMAL CONTROL CITATIONS**

Johnny Case, 814 Third St., \$15; Jackie Courson, 111 Waco Rd., December 14, \$15; William Wiggins, 505 Ellenwood, \$15; Bobbie Geer, 113 S. Gaston St., \$15; and Patricia Smith, 700 Harmon Rd., \$15.

**INCIDENTS**

Little Dan's, Battleground Ave., reported \$400 damage to the face plate on the gas pumps.

Police have recovered an all-terrain vehicle and dirt bike. The owner may claim at the Police Department.

Kenneth Roberts, 917 Grover Rd., reported that someone cut the convertible top of his 1974 VW.

Connie Collins, 400 Walnut St., reported larceny of \$71 from her purse.

Rick's Country Store, Cherryville Rd., reported that someone forged a \$50 child support check.

The Pantry on Linwood Road and The Pantry on Phifer Circle reported \$147.86 worth of forged checks.

KM 66, King St., reported that a customer pumped \$3 worth of gas and didn't pay for it.

**WRECKS**

Ptl. Bob Myers said that a 1986 Chevy Van operated by Suzanne Hall Sellers, 1211 North Piedmont Ave., struck a 1987 Toyota operated by Jeffrey Dale Grigg, Route 4, at the outside mailbox area of the Kings Mountain Post Office parking lot. Myers estimated damages at \$500.

A 1989 Chevrolet operated by a 16-year-old driver pulled into the path of a 1978 Pontiac operated by Larry Anderson Black Sr., Route 3, at West King and Mountain Streets doing \$475 damage. Sgt. D. E., Johnson investigated.

**DECEMBER 16**

Ptl. Chris Owens said a 1987 jeep operated by William Dillard Ivey, 552 Waco Rd., rear-ended a 1985 Lincoln operated by Tracy Ward Dimetros, 17 Carolina Gardens Apt., on West King Street doing a total of \$6,000 damage. The accident happened as Dimetros was turning in to Family Dollar Store.

**DECEMBER 17**

A 1988 Kenworth truck operated by Danny Mac Sanford of Roebuck, SC rear-ended a 1992 Ford operated by Margie Tillery McCleary, Ferguson Rd., doing a total of \$1,850 damage. Ptl. Chris Owens said McCleary and Patricia Patterson, of 214 Parrish Drive, were treated at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Ptl. J. H. Tessner charged Charles Edward Pruitt, 323 S. Avon St., Gastonia, with DWI and exceeding safe after an accident. The officer said Pruitt, operating a 1982 Toyota, was traveling at a high rate of speed and missed the curve on the roadway on Piedmont Avenue and hit the railroad tracks. The car tipped over onto the side. Pruitt was treated at the hospital. The 1982 Toyota was damaged \$4,000.

Sgt. K. M. Simpson said a 1986 Honda operated by Reba Felts Harper, 1213 Wales Rd., struck a 1979 Chevy van at West King and Mountain Streets. The van, turning onto West King Street, was operated by Charles Daniel Bowles, 110 Afton Drive. Damages were estimated at \$125.

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## If you serve alcohol, you could be liable for wreck injuries

Kings Mountain Police Department is reminding hosts of social events where alcohol is served of the new social host liability law.

Chief Warren Goforth said that as we enter this holiday season, more than ever a server of alcoholic beverages must exercise care. "The North Carolina Supreme Court recently ruled that a host can be held responsible for injuries caused by a guest who becomes in-

toxicated and has a wreck on the way home from a party," said Goforth. "The Court said the host of a party who serves alcohol to a guest who is under the influence when the server knew the guest was likely to drive a car can be sued for injuries caused by the guest while operating an automobile."

According to the Supreme

Court, the "social host" liability attaches to all citizens because "we are all under a duty to the people who travel on the public highways not to serve alcohol to an intoxicated individual who was known to be driving," said Goforth.

When having a party, the host is responsible for assuring that guests are not served alcohol to the point of intoxication, when the guest may drive. "Intoxication does not

mean obviously drunk but means that the guest's mental or physical faculties are noticeably affected by the alcohol," said Goforth.

"The host must remain alert during the entire party, but especially while guests are leaving," according to Goforth.

A party can be made safer by serving non-alcoholic drinks to drivers and closing the bar and serving food at least 30 minutes prior to the end of the party.

Goforth said a host may want to provide transportation to guests who have been drinking.

"In addition to avoiding a lawsuit, a host can assure that a guest is not injured and does not injure someone else. Acting responsibly can help reduce highway injuries and deaths and assure that everyone has a happy holiday," Goforth added.



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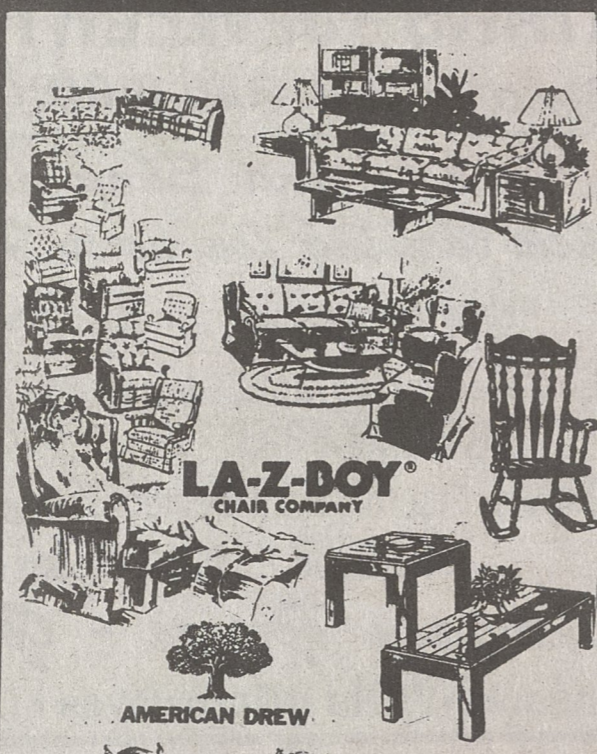
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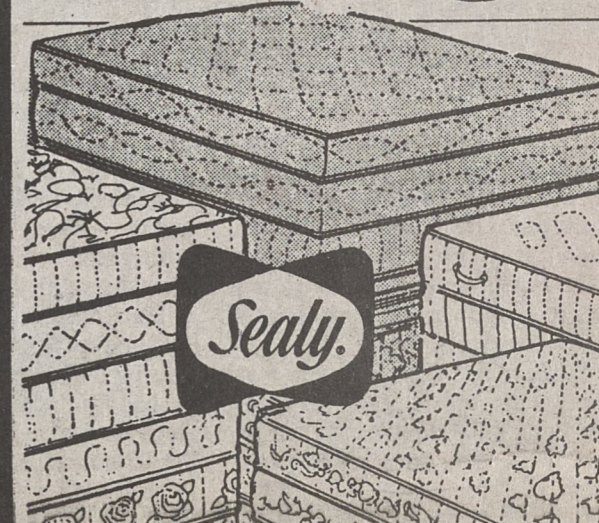
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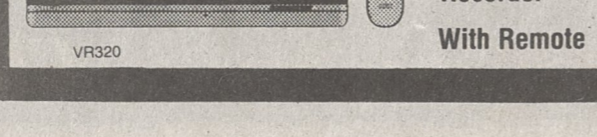
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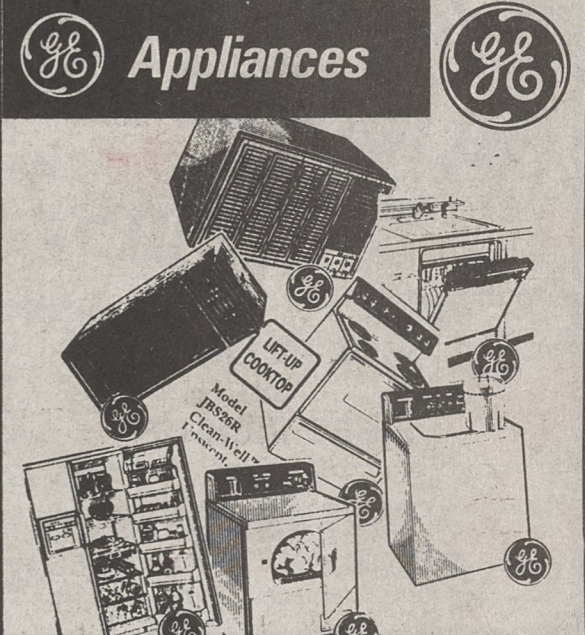


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