

Kings Mountain Police Report

BC man killed when moped was struck by truck

A Bessemer City man was killed instantly Thursday morning when his Moped was struck by a truck at the intersection of Alpine Drive and Northwoods Drive.

Sgt. Mark Simpson said a witness said that Ernest Floyd Hector, of Route 2, Box 489, Power Station, Bessemer City, pulled into the path of a 1972 Ford operated by Charles Harvie Crocker, 526 Crocker Road.

One person in the truck was injured.

Crocker told police that he swerved to try to miss the Moped and collided with Hector in the intersection. A witness told police that Hector failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection and was making a left turn about 6:55 a.m. when the accident happened. Crocker was traveling south on Northwoods.

No charges were filed.

Pedestrian killed

A pedestrian walking west in the westbound lane of U.S. 74 between Kings Mountain and Shelby early Sunday morning was killed when a car hit him from behind.

Charles Howard Martin, of 207 Clay St., Lowell, was pronounced dead at the scene at 3:43 a.m.

The accident happened about 4 1/2 miles outside Kings Mountain at 3:43 a.m., according to investigating Trooper W.L. Carswell. "Martin had left a party in Kings Mountain earlier that morning," said Carswell. "It was dark and he was wearing dark clothes, there was no light from the car could be seen."

Carswell identified the driver of the car as Gloria Tate Hardin, who said she didn't see Martin until it was too late.

Drug possession

Kings Mountain Police charged a 16-year-old male with possession of controlled substance on school property, Kings Mountain High School, and drug paraphernalia.

OTHER ARRESTS

Otha Campbell, 60, 903 First St., assault on female, \$500 bond, secured.

James Weston Benoy, 21, Lavender Rd., Grover, and Sidney Eugene Blanton, 25, of 501 Mitchell Street, larceny of food, \$300 bond, secured.

Ricky Ware, 35, Old Chestnut Ridge Road, shoplifting at Family Dollar, citation.

Cleveland Mackey Jr., 35, 420 Belvedere Circle, larceny from KM Express Store, citation.

Jeffrey Dennis Sanders, 27, 919 Grace St., violation of Domestic Violence Order, \$500 bond, unsecured.

Susan Belt, 38, Oakland Dr., stop sign violation, citation.

Preston Brown, 23, 1317 N. Piedmont Ave., tinted windows, citation.

Jonathan Trent Jackson, 19 Croft Dr., speeding, citation.

Jenny Wright Beard, 39, 612 Gastonia Highway, Bessemer City, DWI, speeding and red light violation, \$500 bond, unsecured.

Sidney Eugene Brown, 25, 501 Mitchell St., assault on female, \$800 bond, secured.

Henry Thomas Bennett, 30, 925 Church St., no operator's license, improper registration, citations.

Barrett Jennings Cannon, 19, Route 4, exceeding safe speed, citation.

Ernest Roberts, 24, 43 Carolina Gardens, DWI and driving while license revoked, \$500 bond, unsecured.

Kenneth Hart, 28, 1848 Hartford Dr., Gastonia, DWI, reckless driving and no operator's license, \$1000 bond.

Donald Howard Lovett Jr., 20, East Florida Ave., Bessemer City, stop sign violation, citation.

Sheila Marie Gass, 22, Route 1, Bible Way Rd., speeding, citation.

Vicki Light, 42, Surry Lane, Gastonia, speeding, citation.

Lisa Michelle Ivey, 24, Sterling Drive, speeding and seat belt violation, citations.

James William Smith, 38, 102 Apt. C East King St., possession of stolen property, \$1,000 bond, unsecured.

Samuel Jerry Head, 21, Bainbridge Dr., Gastonia, exceeding safe speed, citation.

Mary Ellen Collins, 39, Westover Church Rd., exceeding safe speed, citation.

William Lester Hunt, 28, 211 Orr Terrace, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$200 bond, secured.

Diana Strickland, 38, 109 McGinnis St., criminal summons, communicating threats, court date April 27.

Clyde Richard Weaver, 43, Willow Rd., Gastonia, drunk and disruptive, bond, secured.

Randy Strickland, 40, McGinnis St., communicating threats, court date April 27.

Larry Coleman, 25, McGinnis Street, criminal summons, communicating threats, court date April 27.

Sidney Brown, 25, felony larceny of firearms, \$5,000 bond, secured.

INCIDENTS

City of Kings Mountain Electric Department reported tampering of a meter on Morris Street.

Handy Pantry reported that two males came into the store and produced a credit card to pay for \$53.04 in merchandise. The clerk denied the credit but the groceries were taken out by the two suspects who were later arrested by the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department.

Mary Hamrick, 803 Lee St., reported larceny of a girls' hot pink bicycle valued at \$90.

Cecil Campbell, 832 First St., reported \$300 damage to storm windows.

Family Dollar reported larceny of earrings and necklaces which were recovered.

Sabra Elizabeth Gaffney, 113 Waco Rd., reported larceny of her \$250 flute from the band room at Kings Mountain High School. The Bundy flute is silver with pink parts.

Express Store reported theft of a bottle of Salsa valued at \$1.99.

Brian Bickley, reported larceny of a 40 caliber semi-automatic Taurus valued at \$529.

Craig Ford Hawkins, 7 Bennett Drive, reported theft of a wallet containing \$25 in cash.

Rick's Country Store reported forgery of a \$55 check.

Kathy Bradley, 203 Parrish Dr., reported larceny of a .25 caliber pistol valued at \$64.

Edna Taylor, 604 Gold St., reported theft of her purse containing \$68.

Javier Maldonado, 1325 W. Gold

St., reported that the windshield of his 1990 Dodge was damaged \$200.

Michael Hunt, 314 E. Ridge St., reported that the rear of his windshield was damaged \$90.

Marsh, 708 Bridges Dr., reported larceny of two lawn mowers valued at \$80.

Robert Lee Dover, Green Oak Dr., Shelby, reported that the window was broken from his 1983 Dodge at the parking lot of Kings Mountain High School.

Paul Sheffield, Shelby Rd., reported a possible arson at Kings Mountain Mountain Court. He said that someone kicked out a door and burned a door and mattress. The Kings Mountain Fire Department responded to the blaze and reported \$300 in damages.

Fred Henson, 901 E. Parker St., reported theft of money from his residence. Police recovered the cash.

Charles Edward Gill, 102 B East King St., reported that someone kicked in the door of his apartment and tried to take an air-conditioning unit.

Express Store, King St., reported larceny of \$12 worth of cigarettes.

Kings Mountain High School, Phifer Road, reported that two windows valued at \$300 were broken out.

Samuel Neuman, Ebenezer Rd., reported larceny of a wallet containing stamps, his ID card and \$9 in cash.

Rick's Ole Country Store, Cherryville Rd., reported a break-in and larceny of a Gaston Gazette paper box valued at \$100.

Kathy Davis, 207 Blanton St., reported \$250 damage to her car while she visited on Bridges Drive.

Revco Drug Store reported that a female customer attempted to pass a forged prescription.

James Mauney, 115 N. Piedmont Ave., reported a lost or stolen car tag. The number: DRK 9139.

Pic and Pay, Shelby Road, reported theft of a pair of black high top tennis shoes valued at \$15.99.

The Pantry reported that a customer drove away without paying for gas but returned to pay the tab.

Gwendolyn Crocker, Ebenezer Rd., reported that her license sticker was taken from her car while parked on King Street.

WRECKS

APRIL 5

Sgt. D. E. Johnson said that a 1986 Pontiac operated by Pearl Mauney McIntosh, 1617 Bethlehem Rd., pulled into the path of a 1992 Cadillac operated by Marjorie Allen Falls, of Grover. Damages were estimated at \$6,500.

The two drivers were treated at the hospital for injuries. The accident happened at Phifer Road and West Mountain Street.

Ptl. M. F. Proctor said that a 1985 Chevrolet operated by Thaddeus Crawford Bryson, 347 Quality Lane, struck a 1982 Nissan operated by Sophia Lorene Crank, 202 Putnam Place, on Cleveland Avenue. Damages were estimated at \$700.

APRIL 7

Police cited Willie Lee Adams, 226 Branchwood Circle, with improper turn and safe movement violation after his 1976 Ford struck a 1986 Mazda truck operated by Marion Randall Barber, 906 Sterling Drive. The accident happened at North Canler and Walker Streets.

APRIL 8

Robert Floyd, Route 1, Gastonia, operating a 1983 Buick at East King and Cleveland Ave., rear-ended a 1987 Olds operated by Doris Guffey, Route 2, Cherryville. Guffey was making a right turn into Silver Express. A passenger in the Guffey car was injured.

A Kings Mountain school bus and a car hit as both drivers were attempting a right turn at Kings Mountain High School on Phifer Road. No one was injured. Sgt. Mark Simpson cited both drivers.

Simpson said that Beverly Murdock was operating the 1992 bus and she pulled into the exit in front of Barnes Auditorium and was attempting to make a right turn onto Phifer Road. Murdock said she had to make a wide right turn and when she approached the stop sign the car operated by Rachel Allen Morris, 133 Mountside Drive, pulled onto the right side of the bus. Morris told the officer she thought the bus was turning left. As the bus made the right turn it collided with the vehicle making a right turn. There was no damage to the bus. The 1986 Morris Ford was damaged \$600.

A 1975 Chevrolet operated by Cornelius Young, 3400 Margrace

Road, struck a 1977 Chrysler operated by Joy Pennington, Hillcrest Mobile Home Park. Young was making a left turn off Woodside onto Cleveland Avenue and told police he didn't see the approaching vehicle. Damages were estimated at \$850.

APRIL 9

Ptl. Rena Rikard cited Donald Howard Lovett Jr. with stop sign violation after a wreck on West Gold Street. Lovett, operating a 1978 Chevy van, pulled into the path of a 1988 Ford operated by Barbara Putnam Holcomb. Damages were estimated at \$6500. A passenger in Holcomb's car was hurt.

A car operated by Angel Charmaine Fowler, 111 Wildbrook Drive, rear ended a 1988 Nissan operated by Lida

Bess, 109 Wave Rd., on North Canler Street. Damages were estimated at \$150.

APRIL 10

Three people were hurt in a one-vehicle wreck in which the driver was cited for reckless driving and alcohol use and arrested for reckless driving, DWI and no operator's license. Ptl. Lisa Capps said that Kenneth Hart, 1848 Hartford Drive, Gastonia, was traveling west on Margrace Road and ran off the right side of the road and hit a utility pole. The three injured people, including the driver, were treated at the hospital. Capps said there was undetermined damage to the 1983 Dodge belonging to Rebecca M. Hart, of 904 Rhodes Avenue.

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