

SHOOTING

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Police Lt. Richard Reynolds said Herndon will be charged with first degree burglary. He said the District Attorney's Office does not plan to prosecute Bolin.

"All evidence indicates that Mrs. Bolin did what she had to do," said Reynolds.

"I always hated those stairs at Ellen's home but their creaking helped save her life," said Kelly Bolin. Kelly and David Bolin lived with Mrs. Bolin until several months ago.

"Ellen didn't wait to see if the intruder's intent was robbery," said Kelly. "She fired three shots in the dark."

"Mrs. Bolin fired and the man kept coming," Reynolds said in his report. "When she did stop him, she ceased fire."

Police said Herndon had no weapon. A homemade crack pipe was found in his jogging shorts, according to police.

The police report said that Kings Mountain officers responded to the alarm at Bolin's home at 809 Cansler Street about 12:19 a.m. Thursday. They found Herndon lying at the top of the stairs.

Herndon was first taken to the Kings Mountain Hospital Emergency Room and transferred to Carolinas Medical Center.

"I marvel that Ellen could have stayed calm," said Kelly.

"If he was crazy enough to walk by a full-blooded chow in the back yard and through the alarm and another dog inside the house and bullets flying by his head, he would have done what he felt he needed to do," said Kelly.

"He would have hurt her."

DUPONT

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race play-by-play with emcee Dale Brown and music and entertainment. Uptown Shelby streets will close at 10:30 a.m. Numerous door prizes will be awarded and exhibits will be featured. In Shelby, where a \$5,000 sprint stage will be held, no cars will be allowed to park on the streets along the route.

Students will chalk the roads, an old European tradition, in Latimore with the names of teams and riders.

Many Cleveland County students have received Tour Du Pont guides to learn more about bicycle safety as well as the sport of bike riding.

Internationally televised, the Tour Du Pont will be shown in this country on CBS Sports as well as ESPN.

Because of the large convoy of vehicles with the riders, most thoroughfares will be closed in most areas 30 minutes before it arrives. School children will remain at school a little longer on Friday and parents have been notified by school officials.

Don MacQueen, of the organizing committee, said that businesses in the Oak Grove and Stoney Point areas should benefit from the crowds. The weather promises to be sunny and cold drinks will taste good to spectators waiting on a hot afternoon. MacQueen said that the highway patrol will work traffic at the intersection of Stoney Point and Oak Grove Road.

"The bikers will be moving slower when they hit Kings Mountain and this should provide good photo opportunities of world champions LeMond and Armstrong," he said.

Immunization clinic planned

The Cleveland County Health Department will be having a special immunization clinic May 23 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for free immunizations.

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Police said there is no evidence that Herndon, who lived about a block from Mrs. Bolin, was targeting Bolin. Kelly Bolin said her mother-in-law does not know the suspect. Herndon's niece formerly attended Bolin Day Care.

Police say Herndon served two years of a 10-year jail sentence for breaking and entering and larceny before his parole and was living in Kings Mountain.

Kelly Bolin said her mother-in-law remained calm enough to call all three children who got to her in just a few minutes.

Reliving the scene this week, Mrs. Bolin said her family appreciated the quick response of the Kings Mountain Police Department but were upset that the police didn't knock the door down when they arrived on the scene.

Chief Warren Goforth says that it is standard procedure in an incident of this kind for the victim to be the eyes and ears for the police.

"It's a very traumatic experience but police first identify themselves and their main objective is to protect and they are reluctant to break down a door unless the person inside the house is sure she is alone

and is telling them to do that." "Ellen had to step over the body to open the door," said Kelly. "The man's body was blocking her way out."

"Ellen didn't know if the man was dead or alive or if he had a gun or was by himself."

Goforth says police are trained to react and respond to emergencies.

"We are just never prepared for anything like this," said Kelly Bolin. "We hear about things like this happening in other places but not Kings Mountain."

On Mothers' Day Sunday the Bolin family went with their mother to First Wesleyan Church and treated her to lunch afterwards.

"We tried not to talk about the shooting but we always came back to it in our conversations," said Kelly.

Kelly said this Mother's Day was special for the whole family.

"We are always sorry when these kind of things happen in our community but Mrs. Bolin was extremely lucky," said Chief Goforth. "She had a burglar alarm system to warn her and she had the courage to do what she had to do."

INDUSTRY

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more. "We can't afford to continue to be hit with utility increases," said Rome. "We've had three water increases and one gas increase in the last 18-24 months."

Rupe said that local industrial and business leaders have got together and they suggest that the city realign all utilities. They say if the city needs to go up on water, it should bring gas and electric prices down.

"The very reason the utility rates are going up is that the city takes from these funds to supplement the general fund," said Rupe, who said he was present at the recent budget workshop meeting at which state officials called attention to the excessive feeding to the general fund from the utility funds.

"We'd probably all agree to a 10 percent water hike if it would solve all the city's problems, but it won't," said Kelly Bunch. "You've got to look at the whole picture."

"Kings Mountain needs to bite the bullet and not expect one raise to water customers to fix the prob-

lem," said Johnson.

Spectrum recently spent \$1 million on three new dyeing machines installed in Belmont.

Other industrial leaders say they are now getting quotes on a fuel oil to change from gas to fuel oil, which is cheaper.

"I want to tell city officials to listen to what the state is telling them," said Bunch. "Get the utilities competitive again and the financial problem will take care of itself."

Johnson said he wanted to suggest to the board that they limit the amount of funds they transfer each year from utility funds to the general fund. He says he has yet to hear a motion from a Councilman on that suggestion by the state officials in town recently from the Local Government Commission which oversees and is responsible to the public for the solid financial stability of cities throughout the state.

"If city fathers don't listen, the state can come in and take over," said Rupe, referring to a recent take-over in Asheville.

"We will suffer with a state take-over of government here be-

cause out-of-town people will come in and fire and raise rates and won't care about whether Kings Mountain survives," said Johnson.

"They will just want to see Kings Mountain operating in the black again."

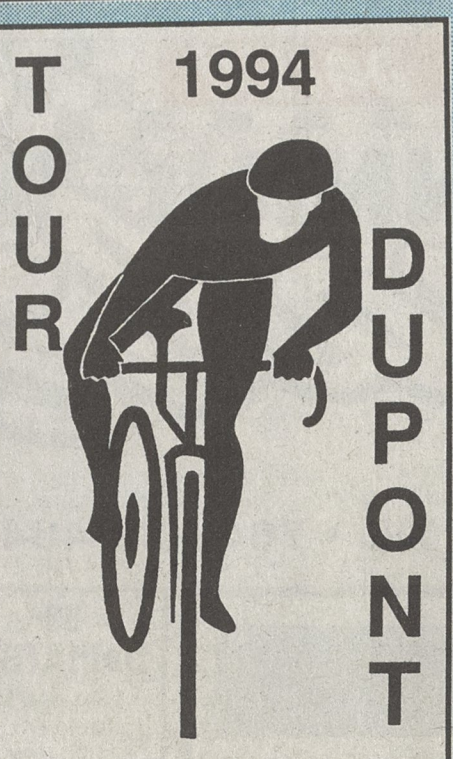
"Many business people in town are concerned but Council doesn't seem to want our input," said Rupe. "Council appears to want to do it themselves, sink or swim."

Other big water customers of the city are Clevevont Mills and Kings Plush but Spectrum and Anvil comprise 90 percent of the water business. Spectrum pays the City of Kings Mountain \$2.3 million annually for water and sewer and gas and \$41,000 for taxes.

"In a \$19 million budget that means that one industry in town contributes over 10 percent of the money," said Rupe.

"In the past it's been hard to get a meeting with city officials about my concerns at my industry but I decided to start going to all the utility meetings and Council meetings and I don't plan to stay away," said Rupe.

"I plan to stay in Kings Mountain and I want all other industries to remain in town."



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