

## Kings Mountain Police Report

# Eckerd Drug Store reports robbery

Eckerd Drug Store at 608 E. King Street was reportedly robbed Thursday night by a man who bought a package of gum and then reached into the cash drawer and took a handful of money.

The robber hurriedly left the store. The clerk was unharmed.

Chief Bob Hayes said that about 7:20 p.m. a man reportedly approached a 17-year-old cashier to purchase a 27 cent package of chewing gum. When the teenager rang up the purchase, the man reached across the counter and grabbed a handful of bills.

The man, described as black and in his late teens with a slender build, fled on foot, with an undisclosed amount of cash. He was last seen wearing a large, multicolored toboggan cap pulled down across his eyes, Hayes said.

### Fuel spill closes road

The Kings Mountain Police Department closed a portion of U. S. 74 for more than an hour Thursday after a tractor trailer's fuel tank was punctured, spilling more than 30 gallons of diesel fuel on the roadway.

Indiana trucker Matthew Geer told officers he hit a piece of metal in the road which punctured the fuel tank.

Kings Mountain firemen tried to plug the fuel tank but the makeshift seal did not hold and the Cleveland County Hazardous Materials Team was called to the scene at 3:30 p.m. Several garbage cans were used to contain the fuel that was pumped out of the tank.

Police rerouted traffic off U.S. 74 and onto N. C. 161 east of the spill site.

Police said no injuries were reported. Also on the scene were Cleveland County Deputy Fire Marshal Dewey Cook, the Highway Patrol and N. C. Division of Motor Vehicles personnel.

### KM teenagers charged

Kings Mountain Police arrested three young people October 24 and charged them with felony breaking and entering of a vehicle at Georgetown Apartments. Their

\$2,000 bonds were secured and their court date was October 24 in Cleveland District Court.

Charged with felony breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and misdemeanor larceny and possession of stolen goods were Brad Octavis Jones, 18, of 2023 Redwood Circle; Johnny Clayton White, 16, of 116 Pierce Court, and Dorun Lee Patterson, 17, of 232 Morris St.

### OTHER ARRESTS

Jonas Darryll McNeely, 30, 115 New Moon Lane, Bessemer City, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, a felony, \$2,000 bond, secured.

Phillip Harold Sisk, 42, 100 B. Falls Rd., intoxicated and disruptive, \$300 bond, secured.

Rita Gail Phillips Carver, 40, 113 Apt. C. S. Gaston St., fictitious registration plate and no insurance, \$500 bond, secured.

### CITATIONS

Steven Frank Tipton, 406 Brice St., speeding.

Gregory D. Thompson, 28, of 105 N. Watterson St., allowing dog to run at large in violation of city ordinance.

John Hamrick Bennett, 40, 925 Church St., expired registration.

Sandra Sellers Adams, 39, 912 S. Battleground Ave., speeding.

Veronica Valentine Elmore, 20, 114 Sullivan Dr., Cherryville, no child seat belt.

Mary Elizabeth Roseboro, 37, 1030 Barnette Dr., concealment of merchandise.

### INCIDENTS

Steve Todd Falls, 508 Bridges Dr., reported theft of a \$300 radio from his truck.

Viola Myers, 407 Chestnut St., reported that the lock on her apartment was cut and a child's four-wheeler was taken.

Sharon Poole, Cherryville, reported that she was bit by a dog while she was delivering mail for the US Postal System on N. Dilling Street.

Daphne Whetstone, 123 Williams St., reported that the paint on her car and a hood ornament was stolen.

Tonya Lynn Ross, 517 Stoney Point Rd., reported that her 1989 Chevrolet was scratched and the convertible top was cut.

Rodger Acorn, 118 E. Mountain St., reported that the hood of his 1994 Chevrolet was scratched \$200.

C. L. Peterson, 134 Green Meadows Dr., said that a window screen at 901 Second Street was cut.

Concrete Coring Co., 714 Cleveland Ave., reported theft of \$1000 in assorted tools and theft of a \$300 television set.

Mary Perkins of First Union National Bank reported that a customer forged a \$511 government check and cashed it.

Winn-Dixie, KM Plaza, reported that a drop ceiling was removed by someone attempting to gain entry into the store.

KM Express, W. King St., reported that a customer reached over the counter and took \$20 from the cash register.

Eckerd Drug, E. King St., reported a common law robbery. A clerk reported that a customer purchased a package of chewing gum and when the cash drawer was opened the suspect grabbed a handful of money and ran from the store.

### WRECKS

#### OCTOBER 24

Ptl. J. H. Tessner said that a 1978 Ford truck operated by Torah Herbert Floyd, 209 N. Sims St., struck a 1979 Datsun operated by Michael Allen Nixon, 701 West Alabama Ave., Bessemer City, doing \$625. damage. The accident happened at a traffic light on King Street. Ptl. Maurice Jamerson

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