

Gary Wagner joins KM Police

Ptl. Gary Wagner gave up a 11-year mechanics job for law enforcement in November when he joined the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Wagner, 29, is among the city's newest policemen and completed rookie training at Catawba Valley Technical Institute.

"It's a good career for a dedicated person and not everyone is suited for the job but I love the change and a chance to serve the community," said Wagner of his new job he hopes to make a career.

A native of Charlotte, Wagner is the son of Gary and Thelma Wagner and is married to Valerie Watson Wagner. They

have a seven-months-old son, Jesse.

Wagner and his family reside in West Lincoln County where he worked for a Chevrolet dealership as a mechanic and operated a shop at his home.

"We fell in love with the Lincolnton area because my grandparents, Hoyt and Eula Parker, live there," said Wagner.

Wagner is a member of Sgt. Derek Johnson's squad. Other members include Ptl. Michael Kahn, Ptl. Andy Berry and dispatcher Angela Borchert.

The Wagners are active in Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Lincolnton.

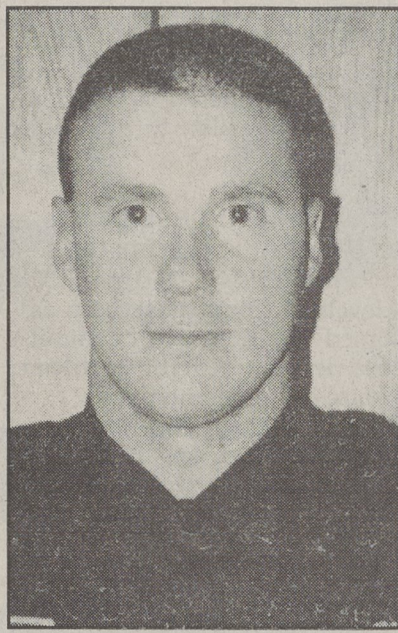
Mrs. Wagner supports her

husband's new career 100 percent, said Ptl. Wagner. "She knows it's a tough job but she doesn't worry," said Wagner.

Chief Bob Hayes was quick to praise the new rookie on the police force.

"Gary is a good officer, low keyed and laid back, and has a tendency to pick up real quickly on the job," he said. Hayes said he is getting excellent reports from Wagner's supervisor and calls him an asset to the police department.

"We are getting some good men and most of them new to law enforcement and excited about making law enforcement a career," said Hayes.



PTL. GARY WAGNER

Kings Mountain woman charged in alleged stabbing at Pine Manor

Jonsie Renee Adams, 18, of 69 Pine Manor Apts., was charged Saturday after a stabbing incident with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Sgt. Maurice Jamerson said

Marty Caprice Stevenson, 23, of 213 Parrish Drive, is hospitalized at Carolinas Medical Center.

Stevenson was allegedly stabbed in the neck with a steak knife, according to Jamerson.

Police Report

Freak accident fatal to Causby

A freak accident Friday afternoon claimed the life of Larry Daniel Causby, 21, of 1218 Oak Grove Road.

Causby was trying to retrieve a toy parachute from a treetop for a child and apparently died of electrocution when a makeshift lasso came in contact with power lines.

The accident happened at 3:10 p.m. in the yard next door to Causby's home at the home of relatives where Causby's stepson was playing with a toy parachute gun when the toy caught in the bare tree branches several feet off the ground.

Using a stick and a piece of old antennae wire, Causby reportedly fashioned a lasso and began throwing it into the tree limbs trying to knock the toy down apparently unaware that a power line ran from the street to the house through the tree's branches.

Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department's First Responders and paramedics from Shelby were first on the scene but resuscitation effort at the scene and enroute to Cleveland Regional Medical Center were unsuccessful.

Grover woman found murdered

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department is investigating as a homicide the death of a 26-year-old Grover woman whose body was found behind the Wilson Cornwall Cotton Mill early Monday.

Chief Deputy Bob Roadcap said a woman delivering newspapers discovered the body of Krista Ann Byers of 302 Linden Street about 5:15 a.m. on Cotton Road.

Roadcap said police are asking the public to help locate Ms. Byers' car, a red 1988 Honda Prelude 2S, license plate number ASC-2074.

Anyone with information about Ms. Byers' death is asked to call the sheriff's department at 484-4888.

Roadcap said this is the second time in three months that a newspaper carrier has discovered a body in Cleveland County. In December 1996, a newspaper carrier found the body of 24-year-old Kevin Mauney Bell along Lynhurst Lane.

ARRESTS

Alphanes D. Welcome, 37, North Waterson St., drunk and disruptive, \$300 bond, secured.

Stacy Joe Bridges, 24, 114 Yarboro Rd., No. 7, felony possession of cocaine, \$2500 bond, secured.

Noah Lavon Adams, 28, 207 Branchwood Rd., disorderly conduct, \$300 bond, secured.

Edward Carl Cash, 46, 2823 Nickey Harts Rd., Shelby, DWI, \$300 bond, unsecured.

Charlene Potter Gardner, 41, 108 Marigold Ave., Medicaid fraud, \$2500 bond, unsecured.

Thomas Blanton, 47, 118 Stowe Acres Rd., violation of 50-B domestic order.

Cynthia Diane Moore, 25, 209 Thornburg Dr., felony embezzlement.

Christopher Aaron Dover, 31, 135 Cindy Lane, DWI and stop light violation, \$500 bond, unsecured.

Donyell Boushon Minor, 20, 320 Wilson Terrace, disorderly conduct, \$1000 bond, secured.

Jermaine Torrance Fowler, 20, 315 Wilson Terrace, disorderly conduct, \$1000 bond, secured.

Denny K. Varnadore, 44, 436 W. Indiana Ave., Bessemer City, aiding and abetting DWI and having an open container in his vehicle, \$500 bond, secured.

Tommie Winslow Porter, 29, 301 E. Georgia Ave., Bessemer City, DWI and speeding, \$500 bond, secured.

Roma Burtrum Crowe, 37, 703 Davis St., Bessemer City, DWI, \$500 bond, secured.

Danny Francis Harris, 26, Route 2 Box 110, Spargo St., Gastonia, assault on a female, warrant from Gaston County.

Stephen C. Winger, 49, 29 Busbee Rd., Asheville, DWI and one way traffic, \$300 bond, unsecured.

Demetris Deon Bess, 26, 112 N. Canster St., resist, delay and obstruct, \$500 bond, secured.

CITATIONS

Billie Joan Hoyle, 51, 207 Morris St., no insurance and altering and displaying a fictitious registration plate.

Hilary Nichole Helms, 19, 207 Thornburg Dr., obstructing and delaying an officer in the line of duty.

Willie Rich, 48, 505 East Wake St., Dunn, violation of no truck sign.

Day Toriz Burris, 25, 356 Oates St., Shelby, and Linda Sue Crocker, 40, 14 Chesterfield, no inspection sticker.

Kimberly Ann Stone, 20, 105 Georgia Lane, and Stephanie Graham Weaver, 24, 220 Walker St., speeding.

Estella Lee Peterson, 32, 5005 Tara Court, driving after revocation.

Michael Scott Powers Jr., 19, 102 N. Roxford Rd., and Pauline Bledsoe Nations, 42, 126 E. End Ave., running a stop light.

Danny Wray McDowell, 47, 1716 Northwoods Dr., Richard Clayton

Hisler, 42, 303 Dixon Dairy Rd., and Amy Deaver, 18, 904 Sharon Dr., running a stop sign, and Gregory Michael Gay, 41, 409 Belvedere Circle, running a stop sign and a flashing red light.

Randy Lee Smart, 34, 1210 Scenic Dr., Shelby, expired registration.

INCIDENTS

Edmond Platt, 712 Bridges Dr., said that his car was broken into and thieves took a compact disk player.

Kim Goodson, 5F Kingswood Apt., reported that two tires on her car were cut.

Robert Wiesener, 114 S. Gaston St., reported damage to the camper top of his 1995 Ford Ranger truck.

Nathan Todd, 311 W. Gold St., reported an incident in which a window of his van was broken out and he was reportedly struck on the face.

Dollar General, 235 Cherokee St., reported that a subject took cash from the store office and walked out the door with it.

Varine Lunet Moses, 319 Walnut St., reported that she was cleaning her 32 automatic Derringer and accidentally shot herself.

Robert A. Didley, Laconia, NH, reported theft of \$2600 in typing paper, check statements, CDs and a black duffel bag from his 1987 Toyota truck. The vehicle was parked at a local motel.

McGinnis Furniture, 309 S. Battleground Ave., reported that a customer passed a stolen check.

Mark Toney, 150 Huntseat Lane, reported that his truck slid into a temporary service pole at 501 Wilson Street.

Yvonne Robinson, 219 Parrish Dr., reported that a suspect pushed her door open, struck her in the face and stomach and took cash.

Food Lion, 1320 Shelby Rd., reported theft of cigarettes and beer.

William D. Petersen, 604 Landing St., reported theft of gas from two vehicles in his driveway.

Texaco, 309 Fairview St., reported theft of \$88 worth of cigarettes by a suspect who used a companion to distract the clerk while the incident took place.

Kenneth Pruette Jr., 210 Bridges St., reported an attempted break-in and damage to his door.

Glenda Mason Saltzmann, 527 Baker St., reported theft of a Davis 38 Special from her residence.

City of King Mountain, reported theft of a \$750 fire hydrant.

Harold Pruitt, 5302 Green Rd., Stanley, reported that the side window of his 1994 Ford was damaged on Hillside Drive.

Roger Lane Rose, 509 Deerfield Lane, said his 1983 Datsun was ransacked.

Billy Laws, 139 Helen Ave., Bessemer City, said that while his vehicle was being moved to be serviced that the driver struck a sign and damaged his 1983 Chevrolet \$457.

Dennis Conner, 311 Garrison Dr.,

reported theft of cash, a checkbook, a radar detector and personal papers from his 1997 Chevrolet.

Kings Mountain Housing Authority, McGill Court, reported an incident of trespassing.

Pantry 781, 301 Phifer Road, reported theft of \$31 worth of beer.

Eric Scott Hicks, 315 Country Club Acres, reported theft of a wallet from his 1996 Ford truck.

W.F. Davis, 1302 Merrimont Dr., reported that his 1989 Chevrolet was ransacked.

Thelma Harris, 200 Fulton St., and Douglas Jenkins, 612 Kilborne St., Gastonia, reported their cars were taken without permission.

Joseph Moses, 319 Walnut St., reported lost medication valued at \$56.

Citgo, Handy Pantry, 225 Cleveland Ave., Express Store, 212 E. King St., and Kings Mountain Phillips 66, E. King St., reported theft of gasoline.

Waffle House, 726 York Rd., reported that a customer refused to pay for \$6.03 in food and a waiter was assaulted and hot coffee thrown on his arm.

Janie Carroll, 103 E. Parker St. Apt. C, reported theft of a 16 gauge shotgun, 6 Richard Petty collectibles, two fishing rods, assorted dishes, craft supplies, greeting cards and baseball cards.

Dorothy Leach, Shelby, said that someone broke into her car and took a CD player and a jacket.

Kesha Davis, 3E Kingswood Apts., reported theft of a \$12,000 1992 Honda and Mary Ruth Boheler, 219 N. Sims St., reported theft of a 1982 model vehicle.

WRECKS

JAN. 31

A 1996 Mazda belonging to Alice Ross Whitesides, 123 Pierce Dr., was struck by a hit and run driver in the parking lot of Winn-Dixie. Damages were estimated at \$600.

FEB. 1

Warren Lynn Shirley, 105 Dillard Circle, Shelby, was transported by Kings Mountain Rescue Squad to Gaston Memorial Hospital for treatment after he reportedly became ill at the wheel of his car. Shirley's 1996 Ford wrecked at the Highway 216 entrance ramp of the 74 Bypass. The vehicle was damaged \$2,000.

FEB. 2

Minor damages were reported to cars operated by Louise Owen Reid, 909 Meadowbrook Lane, Shelby, and Bobby Gene Parker, 103 Beta Road. The accident happened on Cleveland Avenue.

FEB. 3

A golf cart owned by KM District Schools and operated by Charles Eugene Watson, 525 Baker St., struck a 1991 Ford operated by Michael Wallace, 122 Ferguson Dr., at Kings Mountain High School. Damages were estimated at \$1500.

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