

KM Police Report

48-year-old Kings Mountain man dies when hit by train Thursday

A 48-year-old Kings Mountain man walking on the railroad tracks on Linwood Road was struck and killed by a train Thursday.

Pt. S. D. Shockley said Robert Lee Case, of 821 Third St., was pronounced dead at the scene by Cleveland County Coroner Ralph Mitchem.

Norfolk Southern Conductor Gary Oland Bacon and Engineer Neil Allen Marcum said they sounded the horn to warn the pedestrian who was in the train's lane of travel.

The Norfolk Southern train was traveling south.

Larceny investigated

Investigation is continuing into a report of felonious larceny at Little Dan's No. 4, 726 York Road.

Lt. Melvin Proctor said that a clerk reported a gray money bag missing containing a bank deposit. The bag had reportedly been placed under a counter in the business and a customer picked it up and took it from the store.

The incident happened Friday afternoon about 2 p.m.

ARRESTS

Kevin Russell Bell, 40, 300 E. Gold St. Apt. 3, assault on a female.

James Lee Sullens, 34, Smyrna, SC, assault with a deadly weapon, two counts, and simple affray, \$10,500 bond, secured.

Eddie Eugene Hutto, 39, 808 4th St., order for arrest, failure to appear, \$1000 bond, secured.

Billy McCutcheon, 26, 122 N. City St., willful destruction by tenant, \$1200 bond, secured.

CITATIONS

Kimberly Rush Day, 38, 109 Stowe Acres, Bryon Patrick Barnes, 26, 210 E. Ridge St., Robert Terence Pierney, 25, Cramerton, Debra Lynn Sexton, 40, 1132 Rollingcourt, James Eric McCarter, 24, 724 N. Rhyne St., Gastonia, Joann Lewis Miller, 41, Grover, Berry Franklin Panther, 33, Lavender Rd., Grover, John Lowell Lehrner, 28, Mooresboro, Fidell Adams, 26, 22 Georgetown, Deanne Sizemore, 56, Blacksburg, SC, Ronald Hubert Gibson, 21, Bessemer City, Edward Andrew Lynch, 905 Maner Drive, Lisa Truett Buchanan, 30, 512 Landing St., Joyce Hope Cannedy, 30, 510 Harmon Court, Phil Morehead, 52, 110 Rye Court, Sonya Lattimore, Bessemer City, and Noah Mitchell Huggins, Charlotte, speeding.

Daniel Ray Sloan, 41, 2321 Oak Grove Rd., Shelby, driving after revocation.

Charles B. Bowles, 30, Gastonia, and Heather Hannon, 23, 913 S. Battleground Ave., inspection sticker violation.

Janice Lynn Mathis, 29, 92111 Oak Grove Rd., stop light violation.

Billie Juanita Collins, 20, Clover, SC, faulty equipment.

INCIDENTS

Lawson Harold Williams, Hudson, reported theft of numerous items from his car parked on Ruppe Street; Lisa Bryant, 310 Walker St., reported theft of toys; Ronald Hawkins, 110 Guyton Loop, reported theft of his automobile tag; Allen Asbury, Green Castle, Tn., reported theft of a purse and credit cards from his car parked at Hardee's; Brenda Hudson, Grover, reported theft of her purse and checkbook from her car parked at McDonalds at KM Plaza; Timothy Bees, Morris St., reported theft of a drill.

Tina Moore Thompson, W. Gold St., reported damage to the front fender of her vehicle; Kings Mountain Knit, Railroad Ave., reported illegal dumping by someone throwing used tires in a dumpster behind the building, and Louis Ray Wilson, Bethlehem Rd., reported damage to his car door while parked at Winn-Dixie.

A nine-year old boy was bit by a dog on Woodside Drive.

David Lockridge, 1409 Shelby Rd., reported that he was bit by a dog he was attempting to pet.

Harris-Teeter, King St., reported that a customer passed a forged check.

Fred Kiser's Restaurant, S. Battleground Ave., reported that vandals broke out a door window of the business.

Judy Stewart, Huffman Rd., Blacksburg, SC, reported that she received a \$20 counterfeit bill while shopping at a local store Sunday.

Stewart said she bought Christmas gifts and was given the \$20 while making change.

James Sullens, 1009 N. Piedmont Ave., reported that he was assaulted.

WRECKS

DECEMBER 14
A 1990 Chevrolet operated by Frank Vivian Bell, 2245 Sparrow Springs Rd., struck a parked 1998 Ford owned by John Robert Smith, 806 Woodside Dr., in the parking lot of Harris-Teeter. Damages were estimated at \$350.

DECEMBER 16
A 1979 Chevrolet operated by Timothy Shirlen, 826 Corvette Lane, struck a 1992 Honda operated by Janie Dixon, 830 N. Piedmont Ave., on the off ramp of the US 74 bypass at Piedmont Avenue and Linwood Road. Damages were estimated at \$600 to the Honda. Dixon was treated at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

DECEMBER 17

Jess Lightsey, 106 Marigold St., said he slammed on his brakes to avoid hitting another vehicle and his 1988 Ford went into a spin and hit a state sign. Damages totaled \$650. The accident happened in the westbound lane of U. S. 74 business.



SANTA AND SENIORS- EdenGardens residents Grace Page (left) and Suzy Davidson get cozy with Santa Claus during last Thursday's Christmas party.

EdenGardens residents enjoy Christmas party

By Alan Hodge

Over 50 senior citizen residents at EdenGardens of Kings Mountain celebrated their first annual Christmas season last Thursday with a festive gathering in the facility's dining room. On hand as master of ceremonies was local celebrity Jim Belt who belted out a medley of merry Yuletide tunes.

Following the songs, which included a very spirited rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," everyone present dug into a generous spread of holiday eats and drink.

The EdenGardens seniors present for the event were next treated to a visit from a very enthusiastic Santa Claus. Everyone's eyes sparkled as

Santa passed out candy canes and hugs.

"We're going to make this an annual event," said EdenGardens director Denise Leonard.

Since many of the seniors at EdenGardens spend Christmas day with relatives, the party was held early so everyone could join in.

"The residents here are like one big family," Leonard said. "We really enjoy get togethers like this."

With good friends close by, Santa in full swing, and beautiful music reminding everyone of the reason for the season, this first EdenGardens Christmas party will likely set the tone for many more in the coming years.

HUFFMAN

From 3A

the most important items he will be carrying are seeds donated by Hometown Hardware. The seeds will give hope to people where hunger and cold are a way of life.

Huffman, who married his pretty Russian wife four years ago, said he found out from her and first hand from recent trips to the Ukraine that unemployment is high and government pensions to the elderly are paid sporadically. With no heat and hot water and rationed electricity, the people are hurting, says Ted, who said the Russian economy collapsed last August which created severe trade problems for the Ukraine.

"Most of the cities and farms have at least a small area of ground to grow vegetables and fresh vegetables are the staple diet of the people," said Ted.

The Adult Bible Class of First

Wesleyan Church has given support to the Huffman humanitarian project by supplying Bibles, among other things, and Ted plans to take a load of children's Bibles on another trip in the Fall of 1999.

Members of the Huffman family got together with Ted Sunday afternoon to wrap their packages. They included Ted's sisters, Nancy Blake, Marie Wilson and her husband, Jim, Christine Bridges and Ted's brothers, Clyde Huffman, Houston and his wife Rena, Olland and his wife Diane and Calvin and his wife, Donna.

Ted's trip to Russia will be long, about 35 hours, including stops at four airports and a 14-hour train ride from Kiev to Kharko.

Before the Huffmans return home January 10 they plan to share Christmas love with the less fortunate in a country the United States recognizes as a hardship country.



Kings Mountain Police officers survey the scene where Robert Lee Case was hit by train Thursday evening

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CORRECTION

The wedding of Jameika Denise Knox of Gastonia and Shawn Lamar Pressley of Kings Mountain will be held at 6 p.m. December 31, 1998 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, not 1 p.m. as was reported in last week's Herald.

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