

## KM POLICE REPORT

### ARRESTS

Roger Canipe, Kings Mountain, assault on female.  
 Todd Owens, Kings Mountain assault on female.  
 Thomas Rankin II, Charlotte, possession of stolen goods, possession of stolen vehicle, breaking into a coin operated machine., resist, obstruct and delay, and driving while license revoked. \$11,000 secured bond.  
 Eric Alexander, Kings Mountain, assault on female.  
 Patrick Haag, Kings Mountain, misdemeanor larceny.  
 James Greene, Kings Mountain, obtaining property by false pretense, \$2,500 secured bond.  
 Thomas Moss, Dallas, misdemeanor larceny, \$600 unsecured bond.  
 David Bell, address unknown, breaking and entering, second degree trespassing, resist, obstruct and delay, communicating threats, \$1,500 secured bond.  
 Jeremy Tyson, Kings Mountain, DWI, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$1,200 secured bond.  
 Falesa Exline, Kings Mountain, driving while impaired, driving left of center, \$500 unsecured bond.  
 Junior Phillips, Blacksburg, SC, DWI, \$500 secured bond.

### CITATIONS

William Kirk, Kings Mountain, speeding.  
 Andy Oh, Kings Mountain, driving while license revoked.  
 Wesley Dowble, Earl, expired registration plate.  
 Marty Tribble, Gray Court, SC, speeding.  
 Kristy Bridges, Kings Mountain, speeding.  
 Darryl Falls, Kings Mountain, inspection violation.  
 Darryl Falls, Kings Mountain, fictitious registration plate.  
 Pierre Davis, Shelby, driving while license revoked.  
 Shawn Hopper, Shelby, child passenger restraint violation.  
 Shawn Hopper, Shelby, driving while license revoked.  
 Harvey Littlejohn, Kings Mountain, speeding.  
 Ralph Bridges, Kings Mountain, fictitious registration plate.  
 Carolyn McGill, King Mountain, expired registration plate.  
 Amanda Teague, Kings Mountain, speeding.  
 Jennifer Nadeau, Chicopee, MA, speeding.  
 Cindy Austin, Grover, fictitious registration plate.  
 Ella Leach, Kings Mountain, expired registration plate.  
 David Grant, Shelby, stop sign violation.  
 Timothy Goode, Gastonia, driving while license revoked.  
 Shelton Camp, Dallas, expired registration plate.  
 Spence Byrd, Gastonia, driving while license revoked.  
 Russell Steele Jr., Bessemer City, expired registration plate.  
 Dennis Moore, Kings Mountain, assault with a deadly weapon.  
 Ann Reep, Kings Mountain, expired registration plate.

Matthew Biddix, Kings Mountain, speeding.  
 Timothy Wood, Kings Mountain, possession of malt beverage by person less than 21 years old.  
 Cheryl Byers, Kings Mountain, speeding.  
 Wendy Lane, Hartsville, SC, speeding.  
 Virginia Fehring, Bessemer City, speeding.  
 Jamie Davis, Kings Mountain, speeding.  
 Danyell Holland, Kings Mountain, stop sign violation.  
 Johnny Putnam Jr., Grover, stop sign violation.  
 Manuel Mellado-Mella, Gastonia, failure to decrease speed as necessary to avoid collision.  
 Holly Galloway, Shelby, stop sign violation.  
 Connie Johnson, Cherryville, speeding.  
 Melvin Little, Cherryville, stop sign violation.  
 Debra Tunstall, Kings Mountain, expired registration plate.  
 Joseph Blansit, Rossville, GA, speeding.  
 Melissa Craig, Kings Mountain, failing to see movement that could be made safely.  
 Ernest Garvin, Dallas, expired registration plate.  
 Howard Davis, Blacksburg, SC, speeding.  
 Lon Brooks, Kings Mountain, speeding.  
 Sarah Tate, Kings Mountain, speeding.  
 Danny Blanton, Kings Mountain, passing in no passing zone.  
 Kristi Feemster, Kings Mountain, stop sign violation.

### INCIDENTS

Nannie Fletcher, Kings Mountain, reported \$200 damage to a window.  
 Texaco Express, 511 Linwood Rd., reported larceny of gasoline.  
 Willie Bell, Kings Mountain, reported theft of a gun valued at \$250.  
 Patrick Haag, Kings Mountain, reported first degree burglary and \$100 damage to a door frame.  
 Tim Ross, Kings Mountain, reported theft of a bicycle valued at \$75.  
 Tammy Banner, Neland, NC, reported loss of \$6,000 worth of jewelry at a local hotel.  
 Teresa Canipe, Kings Mountain, reported breaking and entering of her home, and theft of two TVs valued at \$549.  
 Billy Neal, Grover, reported that he was assaulted by someone with a knife.  
 Steven Sanders, Gastonia, reported that he was assaulted.  
 Scott Bailey, Kings Mountain, reported larceny of a 1988 Chevrolet valued at \$4,000.  
 Louise Smith, Kings Mountain, reported that someone broke a living room window valued at \$150.  
 Shirley Mullinax, Kings Mountain, reported credit card fraud and forgery in the amount of \$3,083.  
 Perry McKnight, Mt. Holly, reported that someone flattened his tires and dented and scratched the hood of his car.

Total loss damage was \$1,620.  
 Chevron Express, 716 Cleveland Ave., reported larceny of gasoline.  
 Jessica Boesen, Kings Mountain, reported that someone threw a bottle through a window, causing \$75 damage.  
 Little Dan's #4, 726 York Rd., reported that some cashed bogus checks in the amount of \$346.87 and \$386.43.  
 Choice, Gastonia, reported breaking and entering of coin machine at KM Pools.  
 Hardees, Kings Mountain, reported larceny of \$185.72.  
 Texaco #101, 600 E. King St., reported larceny of gasoline.  
 Louise Smith, Kings Mountain, reported damage to property.  
 Maurice Pettus, Kings Mountain, reported larceny of gas grill valued at \$100.  
 Touch of Class Auto Wash, 122 York Rd., reported larceny of letters from advertising sign. Value \$136.50.  
 Georgetown Apartments, Kings Mountain, reported that a vehicle hit a fence causing \$50 damage.  
 Victor Laughridge, Kings Mountain, reported that he was assaulted.  
 Steve Murphree, Kings Mountain, reported breaking and entering and larceny of a leaf blower, valued at \$70, and a weedeater, valued at \$80.

### WRECKS

Vehicles driven by Brooke Edsall and Cindy Austin, both of Kings Mountain, struck on East King St., causing \$1,500 to the Edsall vehicle and \$800 to the Austin vehicle.  
 A vehicle driven by Manuel Mellado-Mella of Gastonia struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Jeffery Falls of Blacksburg, SC, knocking it into the rear of a vehicle driven by Bobby Horne of Kings Mountain, on Cleveland Avenue. Damages were \$500 to Horne's truck, \$1,000 to Falls' truck, and \$2,000 to Mellado-Mella's vehicle.  
 Vickey Wright of Kings Mountain told police she was passing school traffic in front of KM Middle School when the right front tire of her vehicle came off and hit a vehicle driven by Ann Carpenter of Kings Mountain. Damage to Wright's car was \$50, and damage to Carpenter's was \$75.  
 A parked GMC owned by Bobby Williams of Kings Mountain was sideswiped by a vehicle which left the scene on Sterling Drive. Damage to the GMC was \$1,200.  
 Vehicles driven by Melissa Craig and Darrell Green, both of Kings Mountain, struck while making right turns at the intersection of Battleground and Gold Street. Damage to Craig's car was \$600 and damage to Green's truck was \$800.

### FOOD

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ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD  
 Cleveland County Sheriff Deputy Byrd (left) and Cpl. Moore of the Kings Mountain Police Department pose with one of the gaming machines they and other officers seized in a raid on Carpenter Street last Wednesday. The bust yielded 33 arrests on a total of 82 drug and gambling charges.

## Undercover operation nets 82 charges

By GARY STEWART  
 Editor of The Herald

A six-month undercover investigation of drug sales on the streets of Kings Mountain resulted in the Thanksgiving eve arrest of 33 persons on 82 charges.

Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor of the Kings Mountain Police Department said the investigation was a joint effort between KMPD and the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department.

Undercover officers from both departments were used to purchase crack cocaine, marijuana, powdered cocaine, Xanax, and methamphetamine. Illegal gambling was also targeted.

"The investigation came about from concerns arising in the City of Kings Mountain, as well as in Cleveland County's jurisdiction," Proctor said. "We used undercover officers from both agencies to go into each other's jurisdiction and purchase controlled substances."

Wednesday's roundup began at the Double Duce game room on Carpenter Street, where manager Danny Durham Blanton, 51, of 127 McGinnis Street, was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver Xanax; sale and delivery of Xanax; maintaining a business to sell controlled substances; and 10 assorted gambling charges. Officers said nine video poker machines were confiscated, along with drug paraphernalia, a 1996 Thunderbird, records and approximately \$1,000. Blanton was jailed under a \$10,000 secured bond.

The roundup then made its way to numerous residences in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

"We went to homes and started picking up folks," Proctor said. "Most of the buys were controlled buys on street dealers. It's hard to do a search warrant on their home when they're selling all over the place. About the only way you can get them is on undercover buys."

Proctor said many of the drug sales took place in and around apartments.

Depending on their criminal history, Proctor said if convicted the suspects could get "intensive probation to 10 to 15 years

or more."

While this put a dent in drug sales in Kings Mountain, Proctor said it's part of an ongoing effort to rid the city of illegal drug sales.

"We're going to continue doing things like this," she said. "We're trying to send a message that we're not going to tolerate it. You can only get by with it for so long. Sooner or later we're going to catch them."

"We hope this has opened their eyes," she added. "If it hasn't they'll be the next one. We're not going to stop our investigation just because people think they're not hurting anyone but themselves."

Proctor said her department hears complaints everyday of drug sales and illegal gambling and their effect on families.

"Every one of these investigations came from citizen complaints," she said. "One individual came to the office and said their families are having to pay for this particular family member's food bill because they're blowing it on video poker machines."

Charges were also filed against the following:  
 Larry Dale Willis, 44, 319 Gardner St., Shelby, trafficking in methamphetamine, \$250,000 secured bond.

Angress Darnell Blanton, 29, 4024 Hamilton Rd., Boiling Springs, possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, sale and delivery of crack cocaine, \$2,500 secured bond.

Terry Allen London, 41, 207 New Hope Rd., Lawndale, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, sale and delivery of crack cocaine, possession of marijuana, \$10,000 secured bond.

Eugene Loyd Brown, 70, 103 N. City St., Kings Mountain, possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, sale and delivery of crack cocaine, \$5,000 secured bond.

Stephen Raynard Dixon, 18, Apt. 72 Pine Manor, Kings Mountain, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, fugitive Mecklenburg County.

Bryant Courtney Paysour, 23, 115 Branchwood Circle, Kings Mountain, possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, sale and delivery of crack cocaine, \$5,000 secured bond.

Keith Brian Kifer, 34, 201 Dover St., Shelby, possession with intent to sell and deliver Xanax, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, \$5,000 secured bond.

Christopher Brian Kirkland, 18, 3308-d Oakcrest St., Shelby, weapon on educational property, possession of handgun by minor, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, \$13,500 secured bond.

Sidney Eugene Brown, 31, 103 N. City St., Kings Mountain, possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, sale and delivery of crack cocaine, \$5,000 secured bond.

Recco Petty Turner, 22, 400 W. Parker St., Kings Mountain, possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, sale and delivery of crack cocaine, \$5,000 secured bond.

Sterling Antwan Bess, 22, 112 N. Cansler St., Kings Mountain, possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, sale and delivery of crack cocaine, \$5,000 secured bond.

Judith Knight King, 48, 7966 Highway 27 West, Vale, conspiracy to traffic in methamphetamine, \$250,000 secured bond.

Gregory Scott Blanton, 35, 114 Mathews Drive, Kings Mountain, conspiracy to traffic in methamphetamine, \$250,000 secured bond.

Charles William Davis, 25, 109 Wave Road, Kings Mountain, possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, sell and deliver crack cocaine, \$5,000 secured bond.

Ronnie Gene Bowen, 35, 3680 Robert Ridings Rd., Shelby, trafficking in cocaine, \$50,000 secured bond.

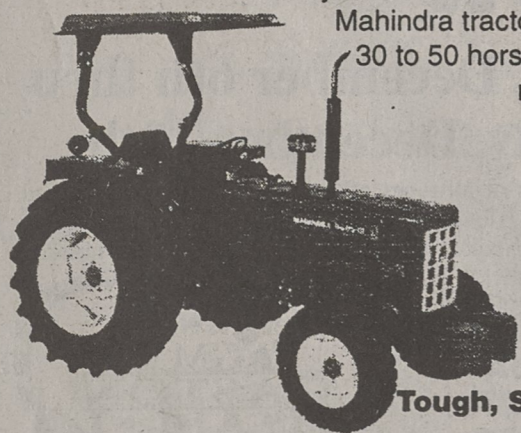
Stacey Alexander Toms, 30, 541 N. Main St., Grover, possess with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, maintaining a dwelling for selling marijuana, \$5,000 secured bond.

Dennis Archie Jr., 17, 234 Rosebrough Rd., Shelby, possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, sale and delivery of crack cocaine, \$5,000 secured bond.

Clifford William White, 25, 605 lot #11, Jess Hord Rd., Cherryville, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, sale and delivery of marijuana, 8 counts, \$10,000 bond.

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