

# KM police aim to slow traffic coming into city

If you're driving into Kings Mountain on Business 74 East, you probably should obey the speed limit.

If not, you're likely to get a ticket.

Kings Mountain Police Department this week is monitoring the speed at the entrance to the city limits near Canterbury Road, and beginning next week will begin running radar in the area.

According to Assistant Chief of Police Melvin Proctor, the city has received numerous complaints of speeders coming into the city limits, and with the Kings Mountain Senior Center planning to build its new center at the entrance to the city it will become even more important that motorists obey the speed laws.

"People are coming into town from I-85 and the speed drops rather quickly from 55 to 35 as they come off the ramp," Proctor said.

"By the time the Senior Center is built there it's going to create a traffic hazard if people continue to come across the bridge running 55 miles per hour."

Proctor said the speed monitor was put out two days last week, and will be put out again



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Kings Mountain Police Sgt. Andy Berry stands beside the speed monitor which will be used this week to hopefully slow down motorists entering Kings Mountain on Business 74. Beginning next week, police will be running radar in the area and will issue citations to speeders.

today to get motorists attention. "After this week, we'll be out there running radar," he noted.

"Eventually, we will be enforcing the speed limit with citations."

## BRIEFS

### KM residents face sex charges

Two Kings Mountain residents were jailed on sex-related charges following an incident last Wednesday on Carpet Lane.

According to Kings Mountain Police, Carol Sue Connell, 37, of Benfield Road, Kings Mountain, was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, prostitution, and crime against nature. She was jailed on a \$12,000 secured bond.

Recco Peatty Turner, 23, of 400 West Parker Street, Kings Mountain, was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, possession with intent to sale and deliver cocaine, simple possession of marijuana, prostitution, and crime against nature. He was jailed on a \$20,000 secured bond.

Both suspects had a first appearance hearing and were bound over to Superior Court for trial.

According to Det. Derek Johnson of KMPD, officers were dispatched to the scene to check out a suspicious vehicle which was parked behind a picnic shelter on Carpet Lane. Upon running a check of the vehicle's registration, it was learned that it had been reported stolen in Cherryville.

Officers reported confiscating 5.7 grams of crack cocaine and 5.0 grams of marijuana from Turner.

### Woman arrested on gambling charge

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department continued its Operation Royal Flush Monday, making an arrest at Lady D's at 2201 Cherryville Road, Waco.

According to Captain Billy Benton, the search was a result of an undercover operation "where an undercover officer received a cash pay off from the operator of the Game Room for credits earned while playing the poker machine."

The Sheriff's Office seized eight poker machines and approximately \$1,000 in cash, Benton said.

Arrested following the search was Diane Allen, 44, of 129 Faith Drive, Waco. She was charged with one count of gambling and one count of possession of slot machines. She was released on a \$2,000 unsecured bond.

Benton said the Sheriff's Office will continue operation Royal Flush.

### KM rabies case 39th in county

A raccoon that fought with a family pet at 1339 Phifer Road, Kings Mountain, has tested positive for rabies, according to the Cleveland County Health Department.

Health Director Denise Stallings said the raccoon and pet were fighting on July 7. The pet did not have a current rabies vaccination and was picked up by Animal Control.

This is the 39th case of rabies in Cleveland County since June 1998.

Stallings said residents need to make sure their animals are under their direct control. Animals that are allowed to run loose are at risk of coming into contact with a rabid animal, and if the pet has not been vaccinated it will have to be euthanized.

During the next six months, anyone living in the vicinity of 1339 Phifer Road, Kings Mountain, should observe their animals for unusual behavior. In addition, residents need to make sure that all cats and dogs have a current vaccination.

Anyone that sees an animal demonstrating unusual behavior should call Cleveland County Animal Control at 481-9884.

### Shelby woman faces child abuse charge

Alicia Maria Floyd, 23, 2220 S. Post Road Lot 11, Shelby, was charged with one count of Felony Child Abuse Inflicting Serious Injury on July 6.

According to Sgt. Bobby Steen of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, a one-year-old child "received burns to both his hands by having his hands held in scalding hot wa-

ter. The victim has gone through skin graphs and is still being treated for injuries."

Floyd was jailed under a \$150,000 bond.

### County to get Smart Start funds

The Cleveland County Partnership for Children will receive \$3,421,405 in Smart Start funds during the 2000-01 fiscal year.

The money is part of a \$44 million increase recently approved by the General Assembly. The funds will help local Partnerships for Children provide child care, dental screenings, medical services and family support programs.

Cleveland County Partnership for Children will use its funds to build a comprehensive health system for young children, including a children's dental health project.

### Local educators attend seminar

Hilda F. Leonard, a kindergarten teacher at West School, and Betsy H. Wells, a 9-12 speech, drama and English teacher at Kings Mountain High School, recently attended a seminar at the North Carolina Center for Advancement of Teaching at Cullowhee.

They were two of 22 North Carolina teachers participating in "Mountain Land, Mountain People."

Part of the University of North Carolina, NCCAT provides a year-round series of residential seminars and teacher-scholar programs for teachers and professional development activities for teachers and staff in selected school systems. At the center, teachers engage in stimulating scholarly activities and professional networking to renew their vitality for teaching and learning. Mary Jo Utley is center director.

### Grover businesses raided for machines

Cleveland County Sheriff's Department searched two establishments in Grover Tuesday in their ongoing "Operation Royal Flush."

Raided were Grover Mini Mart at 711 Cleveland Avenue, and Mike's Car Wash, 101 Main Street.

According to Captain Billy Benton, the search at Grover Mini Mart produced five poker machines and records of illegal payoffs. Arrested was Sundee Rosamerle Shipman, 17, of Kings Mountain, who was charged with one count of gambling and one count of possession of slot machines. She was released on a \$2,000 unsecured bond.

Twelve poker machines, a 140 double barrel pistol, an ATM machine, Fax machine, safe, records of illegal payoffs and approximately \$3,600 was seized from Mike's Car Wash, Benton said. According to Benton, employees of the business were former employees of Caribbean Poker Parlor, located off Highway 29 just inside South Carolina. Benton said all of the poker machines seized had stamps identifying them as coming from the Caribbean Poker Parlor.

Benton said warrants have been obtained for the employee who allegedly paid undercover officers. The NC Internal Revenue Service will be asked to assist in the investigation, he said.

## KM POLICE REPORT

### ARRESTS

- Di-Van Moss, 25, Greensboro, embezzlement, no bond.
- Demetrica Moose, 53, Clover, SC, DWI, \$300 secured bond.
- Clifford Rippey, 59, General Delivery, larceny, possession of stolen goods, \$600 secured bond.
- Billy Fralick, 33, 516 Waco Rd., DWI, \$300 unsecured bond.
- Donald Lovette, 55, 704 Cranford Dr., domestic criminal trespass.
- Charles Ramsey Jr., 20, Grover, unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

### CITATIONS

- David Faunce Jr., 54, 116 E. Mountain St., stop sign violation.
- Patty Hammett, 29, 326 Goforth Rd., speeding 60 in 45 zone.
- Di-Van Moss, 25, Greensboro, expired registration plate, no insurance.
- Brian Ragan, 27, Blacksburg, SC, speeding 50 in 35 zone.
- Alford Pettis, 35, 805 Southwood Dr., speeding 65 in 45 zone.
- Arthur Townsend, 42, York, SC, speeding 61 in 45 zone.
- Angela Polk, 29, 135-16 Wiggins Ln., speeding 60 in 45 zone.
- Deborah Worthy, 31, Gastonia, speeding 54 in 35 zone.
- Willie Wray, 42, 1781 N. Piedmont Ave. #2, speeding 62 in 45 zone.
- Elizabeth Dilling, 21, Cherryville, speeding 66 in 55 zone; failure to produce registration card.
- Bruce Brintley, 42, 612 Charles St. Apt. 10, driving while license revoked; red light violation.
- Rodney Guest, 21, Shelby, speeding 66 in 35 zone.
- Daniel Jordan, 54, Gastonia, speeding 54 in 35 zone.
- Kwashi Burries, 24, Grover, expired registration plate.
- Wendy Womack, 33, Gastonia, fictitious registration plate.
- Marshall Crank, 27, 414 Mary's Grove Church Rd., expired registration plate.
- Patricia Robinson, 26, Bessemer City, speeding 61 in 45 zone.
- Frank Phillips, 19, 704 W. Mountain St., speeding 55 in 35 zone.
- Michael Mauney II, 21, Gastonia, transporting 1-liter or less spirituous liquor in passenger area of a motor vehicle.
- Michael Mauney II, 21, Gastonia, simple possession of marijuana.
- Joyce Evans, 45, 8101 Margrace Rd. #27, larceny of food.
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- Thelma Parrott, 200 Fulton St., aiding and abetting larceny of food.
- Timothy Plaisted, Clover, SC, speeding 61 in 45 zone.

### INCIDENTS

- Kings Mountain Express, 212 W. King St., reported larceny of \$16 worth of gasoline.
- Eckerd Drugs, 601 E. King St., reported that someone called in a false prescription of medicine.
- Handy Pantry, 225 Cleveland Ave., reported larceny of \$31.84 worth of gasoline, and larceny of \$19.05 worth of gasoline.
- Troy Sisk Jr., 705 Harmon Rd., reported larceny of a girls mountain bike valued at \$225.
- Glenda Henderson, 113 Midway Lake Rd., reported larceny of a Mazda truck which was parked at 726 York Rd. It is valued at \$20,000.
- Dorothy Sanders, Pine Manor Apt. #1, and Pamela Berryhill, Pine Manor Apt. 26, reported that someone threw rocks and broke the window of Sanders' vehicle while it was parked in the Pine Manor Apt. parking lot. Damage to the rear window was \$120. A VCR belonging to Berryhill was also damaged \$50.
- Food Lion, 1320 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of beef stew, mints, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, soft drink, dog jerky treats, and assorted miscellaneous items.
- Jane Lentz, Temple St., reported larceny of tea pitchers, cookie jar, cooking utensils, candle holder, towels, dishes, bank receipts, and a green lamp. Value was not listed.
- Norman Moore, Paolet, SC, reported larceny of a cassette stereo valued at \$600 from the parking lot of Oil Express, 800 Cleveland Ave.
- Kings Mountain Hospital, 706 West King St., reported larceny of a UHF transceiver radio from a counter in the emergency room. Value was \$150.
- Reel Motor Co., 200 York Rd., reported larceny of a 1988 Ford Aerostar van valued at \$15,000.
- Tawanda Raymond, Gastonia, reported being as-

### WRECKS

- saulted on Barnette Dr.
- Alfred Crocker, 47, 139 Galilee Church Rd., reported that someone forged and cashed a \$500 check on his account.
- Eckerd Drug, 601 E. King St., reported prescription fraud.
- Maxway Store 192, 1009 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of film and aspirin.
- WW Contractors, 514 Canterbury Rd., reported that someone damaged its office building by shooting or throwing paint balls. There was \$50 damage to a door intercom speaker, and undetermined damage to windows and outside walls.
- Luther Whitener, 2028 Redwood Circle, reported that a bottle rocket firework struck his home, doing \$200 damage to the siding.
- Helen Hatch, 311 W. Mountain St., reported that someone broke into her vehicle and did \$100 damage to the door.
- Nicole Johnson, 19 Chesterfield Apts., reported that someone discharged fireworks onto her vehicle, causing \$30 damage to a window.
- Mark Roll, Bessemer City, reported that someone threw a rock through the rear window of his vehicle while it was parked on Somerset Dr. Damage was \$400.
- Lance Inc., Charlotte, reported that someone broke into a coin machine at Holiday Inn Express and stole \$140 worth of items.
- City of Kings Mountain reported that someone stole a police hat valued at \$75, and a hat press valued at \$30 from a car.

A vehicle driven by Charles Taylor of Lawndale was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Barbara Robinson at the intersection of Highway 216 and West Mountain St. Damage to the Robinson vehicle was \$6,000. Taylor's vehicle, a Mack truck owned by Dedmon's Transport of Shelby, was not damaged. Robinson, who complained of chest pains, was treated by Cleveland County EMS and transported to Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A vehicle driven by Wayne Manz Jr. of Taylorsville was backing into a loading dock and struck a vehicle owned by Lucinda Gibson of Kings Mountain. There was no damage to the Manz vehicle, owned by Fiber and Yarn Products of Hickory. Damage to Gibson's car was \$500.

Bruce Brintley of 612 Charles St. Apt. 40 was charged with driving while license revoked and failure to stop for a red light after his vehicle and a vehicle driven by Jerry Ruppe of Kings Mountain struck on York Road at Highway 161. Damage to the Brintley car was \$700. Damage to the Ruppe vehicle, owned by Leasing Service Inc. of Shelby, was \$2,000.

A vehicle driven by Delores Davis of Kings Mountain backed out of a driveway on West Parker St. and struck a vehicle driven by Kenyanna Smith of Kings Mountain. Damage to each car was \$1,000.

Jessie Dorsett of Kings Mountain was charged with careless and reckless driving, DWI and hit and run after his vehicle left the road on Waco Road near North Watterson St. According to police reports, the vehicle, traveling south on Waco Road, hit a culvert, entered the yard at 505 Waco Road, hit a water meter, entered the yard at 803 Waco Road and hit a tree at 501 Waco Road. The police report stated that the vehicle then began to travel east and hit a telephone pole, went through the front yard of 501 Waco Road making a turn to the south, and then turned onto North Watterson St.

Damage to the water meter, owned by the city of Kings Mountain, was \$1,500. Damage to the telephone pole, owned by Bell South, was \$2,000. Damage to property at 501 Waco Road was \$3,000. Damage to the vehicle was \$4,500.

A vehicle operated by Jeffrey Randolph of Kings Mountain struck a parked vehicle in the parking lot of the City of Kings Mountain Public Works Department. Both vehicles are owned by the City of Kings Mountain. Total damage was \$700.

A vehicle driven by Joseph Seagle of Polkville backed into a vehicle operated by Betty Ledford of Gastonia in the parking lot of Texaco on Linwood Road. There was no damage to Seagle's truck, owned by Fox Distributing. Damage to the Ledford Buick was \$150.

A vehicle operated by Jeffrey Randolph of Kings Mountain backed into a vehicle operated by Willie Inman of Kings Mountain in the parking lot of Mountain Market. Both vehicles are owned by the City of Kings Mountain. Total damage was \$300.

A vehicle operated by Mark Holt of Shelby struck a vehicle operated by Tomas Francisco of Gastonia at the intersection of U.S. 74 and Canterbury Road. Damage to Holt's vehicle was \$1,000. Damage to Francisco's vehicle was \$4,000.

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