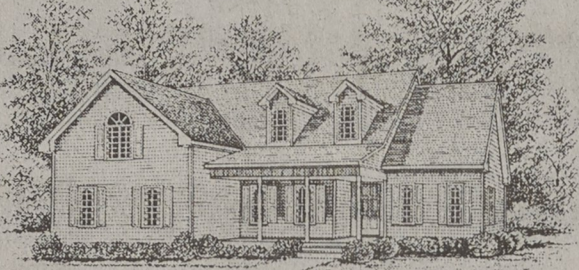


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Five robberies reported by Kings Mountain police

Kings Mountain police investigated five robberies during the past week.

Cpl. R.S. Davis said the Maxway Store, located at the Kings Mountain Plaza, was robbed of an undetermined amount of money Friday at 7:26 p.m.

Employees told officers that a white male approximately 6-5 entered the store and demanded money from the clerk. Davis said threats were made but no weapon was shown. The clerk complied with the request and the suspect fled the area.

The suspect was reported as being of slim build and was wearing a black and white shirt, black hat and blue jeans.

Davis said anyone with information about the crime

should call KMPD at 734-0444.

Margaret Dixon, Donny Joe Morrow, and Peggy Dixon told police that two unknown Black males entered their residence at 717 Landing Street at approximately 1 a.m. April 15 and stole money.

One of the suspects reportedly had a shotgun and the other had a chrome pistol. Two of the victims told police they were ordered to lie down, and the third was reportedly taken into a back room to look for money.

The three victims said they were all put in the bathroom until the suspects left. One of the victims said he looked out the window and saw the suspects get in

a dark colored truck and travel east toward Sims St.

There were no injuries.

One of the suspects is described as approximately 25 years old and 5-5, 150 pounds with small black hair. The other was described as approximately 25 years old and 6-0, 180 pounds with short black hair.

On April 17 police were dispatched to a residence to investigate a report of an armed robbery which occurred the night before.

Ptl. L.D. Howell said a teenager was on Landing St. around 9 p.m. and stopped at a stop sign when two unknown white males approached his vehicle. One of the men reportedly put a gun to the young man's head and ordered him out of the vehicle. They reportedly went through the car and stole money, a camera, tennis shoes, video camera, cell phone, various CDs and a gold necklace.

The suspects reportedly left on foot.

The suspects were report-

ed as being in their 20s. One was about 5-10, average build and the other was about 6-0 with dark hair, the report said.

Marvin Ezzell of 803 Fourth St. was reportedly robbed at knifepoint of \$50 on the porch of his home.

A description of the suspect was given to police, who searched the area and arrested Robert Franklin Plemmones.

Food Lion, 1320 Shelby Rd., reported an armed robbery in which the suspect stole \$100 worth of pork chops and reportedly threatened an employee.

Employees reported that a Black male approximately 6-4, 200 pounds was at the meat counter and had concealed several packs of meat. An employee reportedly confronted the suspect, and the suspect pulled a knife.

The suspect reportedly left the building and got into a blue Explorer with another man and headed west on US 74 Business.

Counterfeit \$20 bills passed in restaurants

Three Kings Mountain restaurants have reported receiving \$20 counterfeit bills.

Taco Bell, 705 York Rd., reported receiving two bogus twenties Wednesday at approximately 4 p.m. An employee reported finding the bills while counting the money in one of the registers.

Shortly thereafter, an employee of Wendy's, 713 York Road, reported finding a counterfeit twenty in the

cash register.

There were no suspects in either of the incidents.

On Thursday at approximately 9:30 p.m., Kentucky Fried Chicken, 409 E. King St., reported that a man attempted to pass a counterfeit twenty. The suspect is reported as a white male approximately 150 pounds, who left the business driving a 1995 Honda Civic.

An employee told police he compared the bill to a handout he had received from police and recognized it as bogus. After he told the customer he couldn't accept the bill, the customer reportedly paid for his food with actual money. While the transaction was being made, another employee reportedly got the description and tag number of the man's car.

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