

## KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE REPORT

### ARRESTS

Alex Blevins, 32, 406 Phenix St., driving while license revoked, probation violation, \$10,500 secured bond.

Timothy Connard, 28, Belmont, driving while license revoked, \$300 secured bond.

Carl Wilson, 37, General Delivery, probation violation, no bond.

Jeffrey McSwain, 39, 118 Parkdale Cir., probation violation, shoplifting, child support, total of bonds \$15,500.

Gerald Smith, 22, 823 Cleveland Ave., DWI, driving while license revoked, \$300 secured bond.

Edgar Ingram, 44, 528 Belvedere Cir., DWI, driving left of center, \$300 unsecured bond.

Kristen Beason, 20, Stanley, shoplifting, simple possession, \$300 secured bond.

Debra Emory, 48, 103 E. King St., DV assault, communicating threats, no bond.

### INCIDENTS

Cpl. J.C. Shull of KMPD reported recovering a stolen firearm in a vehicle which he stopped on Branch St. at Hwy. 161.

Ptl. K.L. Putnam of KMPD reported recovering a stolen vehicle owned by Tim Smith of New York. The only thing missing from the vehicle was a radio valued at \$200.

The Gaston Gazette reported breaking and entering of a coin machine at Rick's Ole Country Store on Piedmont Ave.

Dale Greene, 402 Scotland Dr., reported break-in and larceny from a

vehicle owned by the City of Charlotte. The vehicle was parked at Kings Mountain Country Club. There was damage to a front window and window jam. A wallet was stolen.

John E. Robbins, 800 Cleveland Ave., reported larceny of a 2000 Honda Accord valued at \$12,000.

Tim Ross, 503 W. Gold St., reported breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and larceny of video game disks valued at \$400, a video game controller valued at \$25, a cell phone valued at \$400 and assorted hand tools valued at \$10.

Kim Ijames, 423 N. Tracy St., reported being threatened over the phone.

John Ingle, 508 Bridges Dr., reported that someone broke into a tool box on his vehicle and stole a drill valued at \$150, assorted hand tools and a canvas.

Brenda Horton, 712 Meadowbrook Dr., reported damage to an address pole.

Tarshia Artis, York, SC, reported unauthorized use of a check card.

Harris Teeter, 610 E. King St., reported larceny and shoplifting of medicine valued at \$114.

John Turner, 308 N. Watterson St., reported that someone broke into his utility room and stole a chain saw valued at \$350.

CVS Pharmacy, 1017 Shelby Rd., reported shoplifting of a blood pressure monitor valued at \$63.99.

Brandon Johnson, 310 N. Watterson St., reported that someone entered a vehicle owned by Leroy

McVay (same address) and stole three 12-inch speakers valued at \$700, a speaker box valued at \$60, and a 1,000-watt stereo amp valued at \$400. The items belonged to Johnson.

Elmer Hannah, 809 Floyd St., reported larceny of a 2000 Honda Civic.

Trammell Surveying and Mapping, 104 N. Dilling St., reported that someone broke into a storage building and damaged a truck camper cover lock. Someone also broke the lock off the storage building of Moretz Engineering (same address). Nothing was reported stolen from either building.

Pamela Kolometz, 505 S. Battleground Ave., reported that someone entered her vehicle and stole a radar detector valued at \$140.

Bonita Guyton, 122 Peaceful Valley Rd., reported that someone scratched the door of her vehicle. Damage was \$200.

Food Lion, 1320 Shelby Rd., reported shoplifting of a camera.

Bridges Hardware, 100 S. Cansler St., reported larceny of a jig saw kit valued at \$118.99, saw valued at \$129.99, and drill valued at \$147.99.

Victor Laughridge, 102-D E. King St., reported being assaulted; Sgt. R.S. Davis of KMPD reported being threatened.

Orangel McDaniel, 511 Landing St., reported that someone spray painted an angel lawn ornament in her yard. Damage was \$80.

Donald Johnson, 612 Charles St., breaking and entering.

David Winebarger, 29, 312 El Bethel Rd., concealment of merchandise.

Jennifer Doster, 30, 407 Columbia St., Gastonia, concealment of merchandise.

Roosevelt Ingram, 403 Belvedere Cir., expired registration plate, expired inspection certificate.

Jamie Lee Davis, 24, 909 Margrace Rd., driving while license revoked.

Ricky Runyon, 26, 154 Ezra Rd., no driver's license, failing to stop at stop sign.

### WRECKS

Vehicles driven by Norva Hopper and James Boyd Jr., both of Kings Mountain, struck on W. Mountain St. at Goforth St. Damage to the Hopper vehicle was \$1,500 and damage to the Boyd vehicle was \$2,000.

Vehicles driven by Meghann Clayton of Winston Salem and Larry Hamrick of Kings Mountain struck on NC 161 at I-85. Damage to the Clayton vehicle was \$850 and damage to the Hamrick vehicle was \$1,200.

### CLARIFICATION

The Ronnie Ledford charged with DWI and unsafe movement following a wreck on N. Cansler St. at Walker St. is not the Ronnie Ledford or his son, Ronnie, who are associated with Ronnie Ledford Roofing of Kings Mountain.

### CITATIONS

## BATmobile checkpoint set Friday near KM

The BATMobile is coming to Kings Mountain, looking for drunk drivers Friday night.

Don't expect Batman and Robin, instead, area law enforcement officials will be using the mobile unit to charge drunk drivers at the scene.

The 32-foot-long bus, known as a Breath-alcohol testing mobile unit, is equipped with workstations for two Intoxilyzer 5000 breath test instruments, cellular telephones, computers, officers' workstations, lavatory, search batons, screening tests devices and all other necessary equipment and supplies for processing DWI suspects.

The BATMobile allows officers to test individuals suspected of drunk driving at the checkpoint instead of transporting them to permanent testing facilities.

# Police say KM, Shelby shootings are connected

The June 14 shooting death of a Kings Mountain man and the April shooting of a Shelby man are connected, law enforcement officials say.

Seven men, calling themselves the Chopper Gang, have been arrested in connection with the two deaths.

Johnny Clayton White, 24, of 116 Pearce Court, Kings Mountain, Sergio Meindazz McClain, 19, of 517 Crocker Road, Kings Mountain and Frederick Eugene Moore, 30, of 108 Pearce Court, Kings Mountain have been

charged in the shooting death of Jeffery Todd Rogers.

Rogers, 32, was shot June 14 at his temporary residence at 114 Pierce Drive, Kings Mountain.

Walter Lee Chambers, 23, of 304 Longbranch Road, Grover, David Rashaun Chambers, 20, of 116 Pearce Court, Kings Mountain, Derrick Lee Wilson, 24, of 108 Pearce Court, Kings Mountain and Maurice Alexander Chambers, 22, of Foxcroft Circle, Shelby have

been charged in the April 29 shooting of Rajshawn Chatman. That shooting occurred on Shannohouse Street in Shelby.

Investigators have recovered some firearms that may be linked to the crimes. The State Bureau of Investigation is currently analyzing the weapons.

Investigators have also impounded a blue Chevrolet suburban that belonged to Derrick Wilson. The vehicle was seen at 114 Pearce Court shortly before the homicide

and was seen leaving the scene following the incident.

The arrests come out of a joint effort of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, Kings Mountain Police Department, Shelby Police Department, North Carolina SBI and the Blacksburg Police Department.

## Cats euthanized after taken from KM home

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
Staff Writer

A Kings Mountain man was charged with cruelty to animals after investigators found 39 neglected cats and several dead cats in his home Thursday.

Paul Melton of 314 Cansler Street was given a criminal summons but was not arrested, according to Sam Lockridge, coordinator for health services at Cleveland County Health Department.

Melton is working with the City of Kings Mountain to determine if the house can be brought up to standards, Mayor Rick Murphrey said.

The investigation began when City of Kings Mountain codes director Holly Black contacted Lockridge's office. She was concerned about Melton's health, Lockridge

said. Lockridge, code officials and social workers visited the home Thursday.

Social workers obtained a court order to have Melton evaluated physically and mentally, Lockridge said.

The Cleveland County Health director declared the house an imminent health hazard Friday.

After examination by a local veterinarian, the 39 cats were euthanized because of respiratory illness, Lockridge said.

This is not the first time that the health department has been involved with Melton. Eight years ago, he had 120 cats taken from his home. Those animals were not in the same neglectful condition as the animals found last week.

"He just had way to many," Lockridge said.

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