

## KM POLICE REPORT

### ARRESTS

Richard Cannon II, 18, Shelby, larceny, possession of marijuana, \$500 secured bond.  
 George Godwin, 37, 818 Cleveland Ave., misdemeanor child abuse, \$20,000 secured bond.  
 Milicent James, 37, 518 Harmon St., DV assault, resisting arrest, \$2,000 secured bond.  
 Marcus Curry, 21, 712 N. Cansler St., assault on government official, \$1,600 secured bond.  
 James Huskins, 102-C E. King St., DV assault on female, no bond.  
 Andy Logan, 26, 407 A Waco Road, DV assault on female, no bond.

### CITATIONS

Jessica Chitwood, Bessemer City, failing to stop at stop sign.  
 Teresa Williams, 107 Cash Rd., failing to stop at stop sign.  
 Judith Warlick, 426 Chestnut Ridge Church Rd., expired registration plate.  
 Kenyatta Gaylord, Bessemer City, speeding 51 in 35 zone.  
 Ellen King, Shelby, speeding 49 in 35 zone.  
 Gaylain Crosby, 330 Mary's Grove Church Rd., speeding 62 in 35 zone.  
 John Creasman, Gastonia, speeding 99 in 65 zone.  
 Wayne Blanton, 105 Alex D. Owens Dr., speeding 55 in 35 zone.  
 Larry Evans, 1613 Shelby Rd., speeding 50 in 35 zone; driving while license revoked.  
 John Bullock, Charlotte, expired registration plate.  
 Marcus Wray, 116 N. City St. speeding 61 in 35 zone.  
 Ashley Lemons, Grover, speeding 50 in 35 zone.  
 Brenadda Crocker, 534-8 Crocker Rd., speeding 50 in 35 zone.

### INCIDENTS

Parker Hydraulics, 101 Canterbury Rd., reported that someone shot windows with a BB gun, causing \$800 damage.  
 Shannette Strickland, 201 Thornburg Dr., reported that someone broke into her vehicle and stole shoes valued at \$100, CDs valued at \$80, candles valued at \$35, baby clothes valued at \$70, a cell phone valued at \$50 and a portable CD player valued at \$50. Damage to the vehicle was \$100.  
 Teresa Harmon, #3 Pine Manor Apts., reported larceny of a Play Station 2 valued at \$239, and a game valued at \$50.  
 Silver Express, 501 E. King St., reported larceny of gasoline.  
 Food Lion, 1320 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of medicine.  
 Donnie Bowen, 308 W. Gold St., reported that someone put sugar in the gas tank of his vehicle.  
 Kings Mountain District School office, 105 E. Ridge St., reported breaking and entering and \$150 damage to glass.  
 Jacqueline Smith, 1820 Northwoods Dr., reported threats made to a student.  
 Rebecca Merritt, 333 Industrial Dr., reported threatening phone call made to a student.  
 Vincent James, 518 Harmon Ct., reported being assaulted.  
 Tracy Dimetros, 202 Croft Dr., reported break-in of a vehicle and larceny of a pocketbook valued at \$60, purse valued at \$25, driver's license, social security card and numerous bank cards.  
 Diane Parker, 403 Hillside Dr., reported larceny of a Town and Country van valued at \$12,000.  
 Sheilah Anderson, 153 Ezra Rd., reported that someone broke into her vehicle and stole cigarettes, a lighter and her driver's license.  
 Jonathan Ahmed, 333 Lake Montonia Rd., reported larceny of an ATM card.  
 Mozelle Ivey, 507 W. Gold St., reported breaking and entering.  
 CVS Pharmacy, 1117 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of medicine.  
 Richard Quinn, 930 Caroline Ct., and Alice Pagoota of Charlotte, reported that someone hit golf balls and struck their vehicles. Total damage was \$625.  
 Charles Hines, 539 Crocker Rd., reported that someone broke into his vehicle while it was parked at the YMCA and stole currency, a purse and wallet, various bank cards, and a cell phone, total value \$480. There was \$250 damage to the vehicle.  
 Gregory and Ruth Bragg, 103 Raintree Dr., reported that someone broke into their vehicle while it was parked at the walking track and stole a pocketbook, various credit cards and money. There was \$200 damage to the vehicle.  
 Kings Mountain High School reported that someone broke windows on a school bus. Damage was \$100.

### WRECKS

Vehicles driven by Donald Thomas of Kings Mountain and Dennis Lenart of Charlotte struck on US 74 Bypass East near NC 161. Damage to each vehicle was \$1,500.  
 Vehicles driven by Kenneth Wilson of Gastonia and Matthew Barker of Kings Mountain struck on NC 161 at US 74 Business. Damage to the Wilson vehicle, owned by W&B Trucking, was \$5,000 and damage to the Barker vehicle, owned by Starlene Clemmer of Bessemer City, was \$12,000.  
 Vehicles driven by Dathia Sanders and Bernice Roseboro, both of Kings Mountain, struck on NC 161 at East Gold St. Damage to the Sanders vehicle was \$2,500 and damage to the Roseboro vehicle was \$1,500.



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**Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey (left), Police Sgt. Bob Myers, Corporal B.C. Burnette and Chief Melvin Proctor look on as a child signs the gun safety pledge at the police department Monday night.**

## Kings Mountain police give away gun locks

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
 Staff Writer

Kings Mountain Police gave away gun locks Monday night as part of the Operation ChildSafe campaign.  
 Officers handed out the kits which contain a safety lock to adults as children signed a gun safety pledge.  
 The kits were free and came with no questions asked.  
 "The whole thing is to prevent another child from getting hurt with a gun," Police Chief Melvin Proctor said.  
 Proctor said a few Kings Mountain children have been killed playing with guns.  
 "It has happened a couple times. It's tragic," he said.  
 The accidents happen, according to Proctor, because children do not understand guns.  
 "Parents need to realize children think they're toys," the chief said. "People really do get hurt. It's real. It's not T.V. or video games. There are serious repercussions."

Many parents think that merely hiding a gun will keep it out of a child's hands, a strategy Proctor does not recommend.  
 "They'll tell you right where they're at. Kids are curious," he said.  
 Another fact many parents do not know - failure to properly secure a gun is against the law. A misdemeanor, the violation carries a fine.

The Kings Mountain Police Department has given away safety locks annually at the Cleveland County Fair. This most recent giveaway was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and the firearms industry.  
 Mayor Rick Murphrey and police visited East Elementary School last week. Murphrey led the students in the gun safety pledge. They plan to visit all elementary schools. Letters about the Monday night event were sent home to parents through the school system.  
 The free gun locks will be available at the police department until supplies run out.

## 96-year-old KM woman accused of selling drugs

Cleveland County Sheriff's officers arrested a 96-year-old Kings Mountain woman last week on charges of possession with intent to sell and deliver schedule II controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 According to a press release from Sheriff Raymond Hamrick, officers from the investigative and narcotics division served a search warrant at the residence of Harold Roberts and Julia Roberts at 128 Goforth Road, and the residence of James Roberts at 132 Goforth Road on Monday, March 8.  
 On Tuesday, March 9, a search warrant was served at the residence of Donald Eugene Bridges at 108-1 Antler Court.  
 According to the sheriff's release, stolen property from Cleveland County area break-ins were found at

each residence.  
 The sheriff's department alleges that stolen property from local break-ins was traded for crack cocaine at the 128 Goforth Road address.  
 According to the release, during the search at 128 Goforth Road deputies found crack cocaine and paraphernalia on the person of Julia E. Roberts, 96, and she was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver schedule II controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 Harold Roberts, 61, of 128 Goforth Road, was charged with possession of stolen goods.  
 James Hilliard Roberts, 58, of 132 Goforth Road, was charged with possession of non-tax paid alcohol.  
 Donald Eugene Bridges, 56, of 108-1 Antler Court, was charged with posses-

sion of stolen property.  
 According to the sheriff's release, the arrests and recovery of property were the result of information obtained by members of Patrol Squad A of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, and part of a continuing effort of the Sheriff's Office to curb the frequency of breaking and entering and larcenies and the related drug problem associated with those crimes.  
 The sheriff asks citizens to report any suspected illegal activity in their community to the Sheriff's Office. The sheriff also reminds citizens to document all serial numbers, model numbers and distinguishing marks on valuable items and put those lists in a secure area. The list will aid identifying stolen property.

## HOSPITAL

From 1A

"We're standing on the shoulders of some tall people who have come before us," Young said.  
 J.C. Bridges, a 24-year Kings Mountain Hospital board veteran, recounted breaking his arm as a child and having to go to Shelby for emergency medical care.  
 "At that time I could see a need for a hospital. Ever since that time I've been interested in a hospital for Kings Mountain," Bridges said.  
 His father, who was Kings Mountain mayor, helped pass a bond for hospital construction. A bequest from the late Lottie Goforth also helped fund initial construction.  
 When construction is complete the hospital will have a new front. A two-story rotunda will face King Street. The second floor of it will house out patient surgery waiting. New pre and post-operative rooms and surgery suites will be added as well.

The current entry lobby will be remodeled. Ceramic tiles which look like marble will be used.  
 Physical therapy will occupy a front section to the left of the rotunda. That area, which is currently a drive through, will be glassed in. Administrative offices which are located above the drive through will be moved.  
 The first floor of the rotunda may be a cafeteria however funds are not yet available for that project.  
 The emergency department, located in the rear of the facility, will be expanded. The ambulance delivery area will be separate from the walk-in entrance for patient privacy.  
 The board hopes to raise funds from the community for a fountain to go in front of the facility.  
 Despite the improvements to the facility, Young emphasized people come first.

"Buildings are not what it's about, it's about the people," he said.  
 Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey praised the expansion project, saying having a hospital in town was a good selling point for business and industry considering relocating here. He also complimented the staff.  
 "The quality of care here is excellent. I've used the hospital recently and the service was excellent," Murphrey said.  
 Kings Mountain Hospital merged with Cleveland Regional Medical Center 18 months ago to form a healthcare system serving the entire county, western Gaston County and a portion of upstate South Carolina.

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