

## KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE REPORT

# Police investigating armed robbery at hotel

Kings Mountain Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred early Friday morning at Holiday Inn Express, 100 Woodlake Parkway.

According to Det. Lisa Proctor, three suspects entered the building at 4:07 a.m., displayed a handgun and demanded money.

No one was injured during the robbery.

The suspects are described as:

-A black female possibly in her 20's, approximately 5 feet tall and slim build with short dark hair. She was wearing black pants and a white blouse.

-A black male in his 20's with a heavy, muscular build approximately 6-3. He was wearing a black stocking type wave cap with a red bandanna over his face, black shirt and blue jeans.

-A black male approximately six feet tall.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Kings Mountain Police at 734-0444.

### ARRESTS

Lisa Powell, 43, 508 Crescent Hill Rd., felony larceny of a firearm, felony safe cracking, felony larceny, three counts misdemeanor larceny, three counts misdemeanor possession of stolen

goods, two counts felonious possession of stolen goods, \$5,000 secured bond.

Russell Bell, 46, 115 Owens St., two counts aiding and abetting uttering, felony possession of stolen property, careless and reckless driving, \$5,000 secured bond.

James Merritt Jr., 37, 827 Ramsour St., order for arrest for driving while license revoked, fictitious information, \$600 secured bond.

Natasha Jackson, 26, 312 Homes St., carry concealed weapon, resist, obstruct, \$1,000 secured bond.

Jamar Turner, 21, Lincolnton, carrying concealed weapon, no insurance, driving while license revoked, fictitious information, failure to register vehicle, \$5,000 secured bond.

Guy Bickley, 39, 1301 Wales Rd., felony to elude arrest, no bond.

Jet Parker, 40, 308 Wilson Terrace, assault on female, \$500 unsecured bond.

Mark Russell, 41, 508 Crescent Hill Rd., misdemeanor possession of stolen property, \$300 secured bond.

Kristy Hale, 33, 124 S. Cherokee St., simple assault, criminal summons served.

James Hale, 48, 124 S. Cherokee St., simple assault, failure to appear on driving

without license, \$8,000 secured bond.

Patricia Taylor, 41, 309 S. Juniper Apt. A, DWI, \$300 unsecured bond.

Roger Bridges, 59, 106 Afton Dr., larceny, possession of stolen goods, simple possession Schedule IV substance (Xanax), DWI, \$500 secured bond.

Bobby Davis, 33, 1900 Alpine Dr., failure to appear on misdemeanor larceny charge, \$205 secured bond.

Gilbert Davis, 31, 1900 Alpine Dr., civil order for arrest on non-support charge, \$1,000 bond.

Clifford Day, 28, Ranlo, order for arrest on simple assault charge, \$105 bond.

### CITATIONS

Michelle Ellis, 204 Parrish Dr., expired registration plate, no insurance.

Randy Johnson, 426 Range Rd., speeding 63 in 45 zone.

Christopher Pruitt, 20 Bennett Dr., speeding 54 in 35 zone.

Becky Jo Wills, 119 Mountainside Dr. Apt. 1, speeding 55 in 35 zone.

Franklin Polkowski, 311 W. Gold St., speeding 53 in 35 zone, no operator's license.

Felisa Bess, 200 Spruce St. 5B, stop light violation, altered registration plate.

Jason Curtis, 905 Gantt St., expired registration plate.

Brandon McClain, Grover, speeding 59 in 35 zone.

Michael Breakfield Jr., 901 First St., failure to keep dogs confined to his own property.

Richard Pressley, 511 Wilson St., expired registration plate.

Toya Taylor, 12 Country Club Dr., seat belt violation, expired inspection certificate.

Toya Taylor, 12 Country Club Dr., fictitious registration plate.

Joshua Patterson, 213 Fulton St., expired inspection certificate.

Crystal Scott, 409 Chestnut St., driving while license revoked, no insurance.

Lazara Diaz, 308 Fulton St., expired inspection certificate.

William Russell, 132-20 Yarbrow Rd., expired registration plate.

Chris Haney, 107 Bethlehem Church Rd., expired registration plate.

Gilbert Davis, 1900 Alpine Dr., driving while license revoked.

Charles Sahms Jr., 109 Mayfield Dr., speeding 79 in 65 zone.

Lovell Gist, 126 Hillway Dr., speeding 56 in 35 zone, driving while license

revoked.

### INCIDENTS

Thomas Moton, 207 Orr Terrace, reported unauthorized use of his vehicle.

Walter Johnson, Beech Island, SC and Gary Redgers, Woodstock, GA, reported that someone broke into their vehicle while it was parked at Holiday Inn.

Stolen were tools valued at \$150 and a workout bag valued at \$150. Damage to the vehicle was \$850.

Charles Bridges, 103 Ironwood Pl., reported break-in and larceny of tools, flash light and battery charger, total value \$200.

Walker Reality, Hickory, reported break-in at an apartment on N. Battleground. There was \$175 damage.

Patricia Littlejohn, 622-1 Margrace Rd., reported that someone broke into her vehicle and stole a radio/CD player and 40 compact disks. There was damage to the dash.

Kimberly May, 214 Fairview St., reported larceny of a bike valued at \$100.

Eckerd Drugs, 601 E. King St., reported receiving a forged prescription.

McGinnis Dept. Store, 243 S. Battleground Ave., reported two incidents of someone obtaining property by false pretense.

Tommy Gossett, Bessemer City, reported breaking and entering and larceny from a vehicle parked on Broadview Dr. A CD player was stolen and a window damaged.

Rick's Ole Country Store, 1515 N. Piedmont, reported receiving a counterfeit check.

City of Kings Mountain reported meter tampering and larceny of power on N. Tracy St.

Matthew Dover, 902 Manor Dr., reported being robbed in a parking lot on

Spruce St.

Maxway, 1009 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of plants.

Shell Station, 511 Linwood Rd., reported concealment of goods; the store also reported larceny of gasoline.

Betty Buff, Shelby, reported that someone broke into her vehicle while it was parked on E. King St. and stole a pocketbook containing money, wallet and driver's license. There was \$200 damage to the car.

Travelodge, 728 York Rd., reported larceny of a TV valued at \$300.

YMCA, 210 Cleveland Ave., reported larceny of an electric meter and cover to a meter box. Total loss \$100.

YMCA, 210 Cleveland Ave., reported larceny of a license plate.

Jimmy Yukob, Lincolnton reported being assaulted on Mauney Ave.

Wade Ford, 910 Shelby Rd., reported that someone stole gas and scratched a vehicle. Total damage and loss was \$720.

Crystal Williams, 810 Third St., reported larceny of 16 solar lights valued at \$640.

### WRECKS

Vehicles driven by Patricia Taylor and Frank Burns, both of Kings Mountain, struck on NC 161 near US 74 Bypass. Damage to the Taylor vehicle was \$6,000 and damage to the Burns vehicle was \$8,000. Taylor was charged with DWI.

Vehicles driven by Mitchell Landers of Kings Mountain and Deborah Hodge of Bessemer City struck on NC 161 north at Linwood Rd. Damage to the Landers vehicle was \$5,000 and damage to the Hodge vehicle was \$4,200. Landers was charged with failure to yield right of way.

## COUNCIL

From 1A

from residential 10 to general business.

"I didn't know what else they could do. It's nothing against the VFW," Hambright said after the meeting.

General business has approximately 130 uses. The VFW approached the planning and zoning board earlier this month asking permission to rezone so it could hold steak dinners. That board determined that the meals could be held under the residential 10 zoning.

Kings Mountain resident Gary Joy told the council he was opposed to creating another water impoundment. He said his remarks were "no personal attack."

Joy questioned the city's statement that Moss Lake has dropped seven feet. According to Joy, four feet of that drop was intentionally done for repairs on the dam. In comments following Joy's remarks, Murphrey said that some of the drop did come from intentionally dropping the level for repairs.

City officials have said the additional impoundment would be necessary for generations to come. Joy called this into question, saying the

city had only grown by approximately 2,000 people over the past 40 years and this mainly due to annexation.

"I don't see a justification," he said.

Joy also said that another impoundment would take ground water away from dairy and agriculture, was not needed by industry and would drive up the price of water.

"Kings Mountain citizens should not bear the cost of providing regional water. We've paid for one (impoundment), we don't need to pay for another," Joy said.

Joy ran for an at-large city council seat during last year's election.

Murphrey defended the need for another impoundment, calling water a valuable resource.

"On our watch we need to look out that our children's children have that resource," Murphrey said.

He called the availability of water a "drawing card" for industry." According to Murphrey, another impoundment would safe guard the yields, shoreline, ecological balance and recreation options of Moss Lake.

Murphrey said that the cost of a regional impoundment could be shared with

neighboring municipalities, could come from a combination of public and private funds or solely private monies.

"I really don't care if a lake is built, I just don't want to pay for it," Joy replied.

David and Anna Ramsey withdrew a request for a zoning change to neighborhood business which would have allowed the prospective buyer of their home to host up to 18 parties a year. Their home is widely known as the Summers' Home. A Raleigh-area couple had planned to purchase the North Piedmont Avenue home and both live there and host upscale events.

David Ramsey told the council that Debra and Kevin Vaughn had opted to look for a home in a community where they felt welcomed.

Neighbors spoke out Tuesday night and during an April 13 planning and zoning board meeting, saying the request did not fit the definition of neighborhood business, was spot zoning, would create traffic hazards, was not in compliance with the land use plan, would be noisy and would drive down property values.

Neighbor Ann Claffee said the Patrick Center

already offered a venue for receptions.

Ramsey told council that "every weekend someone is going elsewhere to host a reception."

The North Piedmont location would have been able to serve alcohol. This is prohibited at the Patrick Center because it is city owned.

Marshall McMillan asked council to extend a drainage line further into his back yard. The current line directs water from the street into McMillan's Gantt Street yard. He says it stagnates, creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

## LETTER

From 4A

county, not for just one or two programs.

The state realignment committee has an appeals

process and I hope our school administrators will use this process and their influence to keep all four high schools in the same conference. If Hunter Huss is 2A and Kings Mountain is 3A and part of the City of Kings Mountain is in part of

Gaston County, maybe Kings Mountain should have been included in their conference instead of Hunter Huss or Crest.

If the realignment committee is not playing by their own rules, you can see why

some would question the fairness in the realignment process. I hope the NCH-SAA Board of Governors reject this new realignment proposal for that reason.

David Clippard  
Kings Mountain

## HEFFNER

From 4A

permission to attend. What more could you ask? Darby went on to say that "luckily," he would be out of town and wouldn't have to watch the proceedings on TV.

Luckily, he wasn't missed. The Civil War, or the War of Northern Aggression, as I like to call it, was an important time in the establishment of this country, and it was an important part of the heritage of not only Southerners, but those from the North as well.

If they ever find the remains of those sailors on the Housatonic, the Yankee ship sunk by the Hunley,

will the funeral service be boycotted by northern governors? Who knows?

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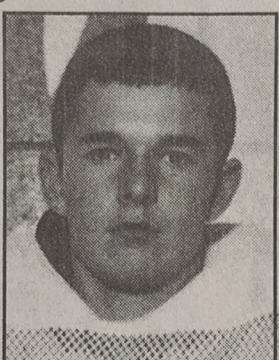
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