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## HOMEFRONT

### Little Dan's robbed early Sunday morning

Kings Mountain police are seeking information in connection to an armed robbery Sunday at Little Dan's, 726 York Road.

According to Det. S.D. Shockley, a white male entered the business at 12:12 a.m., pushed a clerk to the ground and stole an unknown amount of money.

The man reportedly left the business in a small, green car. There were no injuries.

The suspect is described as a white male in his mid-20s. He is approximately six feet tall and weighs around 150 to 160 pounds.

Anyone with information is asked to call KMPD at 734-0444.

### Bicyclist killed when hit by truck on US 74

Forty-six-year-old Charles "Chuck" Price Jr. of Kings Mountain was killed Friday when while riding his bicycle on US 74 Bypass near Bethware School.

According to a witness, a white tractor-trailer carrying roof trusses hit Price, who was riding on the eastbound shoulder. The truck did not stop.

Price was pronounced dead at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service honoring his life will be held today at 2 p.m. at Pathway Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

## RADAR WATCH

Kings Mountain Police will run radar at the following locations during the week of January 28-February 3.

- Sunday, Jan. 28 - Cleveland Ave.
- Monday, Jan. 29 - Margrace Rd.
- Tuesday, Jan. 30 - Shelby Rd.
- Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Fulton Dr.
- Thursday, Feb. 1 - York Rd.
- Friday, Feb. 2 - Waco Rd.
- Saturday, Feb. 3 - Kings Mountain Blvd.

\*Police run radar every day on I-85 and US 74 Bypass.

## DEATHS

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# 5 charged in home invasion

Five Kings Mountain men face charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon and first degree burglary following an alleged home invasion Saturday on Bethware Drive.

Arrested and placed in Cleveland County Detention Center under \$30,000 bonds each

were Kevin Dewayne Bell, 17, of 115 Owens Street; John Anthony Smith, 18, of 210 Thornburg Drive; Jonathon Brett Deaton, 16, of 200 Yarbrow Road; Dennis Jamar Moore, 20, of 207 Ebenezer Road; and Chadwick Neal Blanton, 18, of 116 Crown Court.

According to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department,

occupants of the home on Bethware Drive reported they were robbed by several males, both black and white, and gave a description of the suspects' car.

Within minutes, Sgt. Billy Fredell observed the suspect vehicle traveling north on Stony Point Road from the direction of

Bethware Drive. Fredell and other deputies stopped the vehicle and detained the occupants.

Sgt. Fredell had the victims brought to the scene of the vehicle stop and the victims identified the five suspects as the ones that had robbed them. The suspects were arrested and trans-

ported to the Law Enforcement Center for processing.

Deputies later conducted an extensive search of the area near the location of the robbery and found a .25 caliber handgun lying in a grassy area of the shoulder of the road off David Baptist Church Road, which is near Bethware Drive.



JOSEPH BRYMER / HERALD

Kenny Bridges stands in front of two of the homes City Council wants to demolish.

# Kenny Bridges to contest city decision to tear down homes

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Kings Mountain City Council's order to demolish six properties because of minimum housing code violations is being contested by the owner, Charles Kenneth "Kenny" Bridges, who will appear before Council's Tuesday 7 p.m. meeting to fight the issue.

Holly Black, the city's codes administrator, said that the City of Kings Mountain's Housing Code establishes a minimum standard in which existing buildings or structures must be maintained in order to be fit for human habitation. She said the six properties are unoccupied,

one is a mobile home where no one has been living since 1990-91 and most are "pretty much outer shells with no city services."

Black said the findings of fact by building inspectors reveal that the costs of repairs and improvements could not be made at a cost less than 50 percent of the tax value of the property. Black said that the order to repair some of the property goes back as far as 2005 and on three of the properties more than a year ago.

Bridges said he inherited the properties from family members and needs more time to do repairs. He said that he has been approached by one city council member who wants to buy the property. Bridges said he plans

to remove the mobile home at 400 Cherry Street where inspectors say there is evidence of vagrants. The hearing on the Cherry Street property was held Oct. 17, 2005 and building inspector Brandon Putnam listed no current tax value.

The city maintains it has followed every step of the law in trying to enforce the ordinance. Bridges says he needs more time.

The properties are located at 106, 107 and 108 Myers Street, 400 Cherry Street, 316 N. Dilling Street and 307 N. Gaston Street.

The zoning enforcement issue was on the agenda for the Oct. 24, 2006 council meeting. Last month Council ordered the demolition after hearings conducted by the codes department which

included findings by building inspectors and complaints that the properties were open to vagrants and deterioration was dangerous to life, health and other property and following appeals by the owner.

The dwelling at 106 Myers Street is valued at \$18,029; the 107 Myers Street dwelling is valued at \$26,644; and the property at 108 Myers Street has a tax value of \$30,692.

"Time has elapsed but Kenny is asking for another chance to speak on the property issue and the board is giving him time on the agenda," said Mayor Rick Murphrey.

Bridges resides, he says, "in spitting distance" of the city limits, the old city lake area.

## Teacher cites plagiarism for zeroes on Senior papers

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Some parents of Kings Mountain High School seniors are up in arms after their children received zeroes on their graduation papers.

Their teacher considered the papers to be plagiarized. According to Brooks Library at Central Washington University, plagiarism means to "copy and assume credit for someone else's work, instead of acknowledging in writing (typically in references at the end of a paper) that someone else produced it."

One parent told *The Herald* that her child had gone to their English teacher with a rough draft and asked the teacher twice if there was any plagiarism. According to the parent, it was the student's understanding that the rough draft was free of plagiarism, only needing a few grammatical changes.

During Christmas break, the teacher called the parent and relayed the bad news - that even though the student had worked hard on the project she was forced to give a zero to the final paper because of plagiarism. The parent said she reminded her that her child had come to her with the rough draft and asked twice if there were any plagiarism problems.

The teacher denied that this was the way it happened. "No student came to me and asked if plagiarism was present in their work," she said. "Teachers can't catch everything."

"When you turn that final paper in, that is what you are going to be graded on - that final paper," said Principal John Yarbrow, adding that rough drafts are there to help form the final paper not to be graded on their own.

The parent said she talked to Yarbrow and Director of See Plagiarism, 5A



LARRY HAMRICK JR.

## Hamrick receives Entrepreneur Award at Chamber's 68th annual awards banquet

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Larry Hamrick Jr., 51, was awarded the Carson L. Fox Entrepreneur Award at the 68th annual Cleveland County Chamber Awards Banquet Thursday night. The award is given each year to a Chamber member whose courage and fortitude has created an outstanding local business.

"I was totally shocked. I would have never expected this," he said. "I don't do things for rewards, I do things because I want to do them - that's the way good civic people are - but it's nice to be recognized."

Hamrick is the president of Warlick & Hamrick Insurance in Kings Mountain which has been in operation since 1946. He and his father Larry Hamrick Sr. have shared ownership of the agency since partner Charles E. Warlick retired in 1999.

"I'm more pleased from the standpoint of this award not by what it is but that it was in memory of C. L. Fox," he said. "I knew him very well. He was a nice fellow. C. L. was certainly an entrepreneur many, many years ago." He said that he was honored to receive it and especially to be presented with it by Fox's son, of whom he is also fond. "This is just recognition for hard work. I think business people can be

involved in their community," he said.

True to those words, Hamrick remains involved in the community through various ventures. He has just stepped down as chairman of the KM Family YMCA board. He serves on the committee of Gateway Trails, Inc. and on the Kings Mountain Advisory Board. He is also active with the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Cleveland County 20/20, Relay for Life, Cleveland County United Way, Special Olympics, KMHS Booster Club, Lions Club and Rotary Club. He said that he hates to be idle, so he tries to stay as active as he can in the community he has called home for the past 38 years.