

## LOCAL NEWS

# Tips from citizens help KM Police reduce crime

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The leaves are not the only things falling this Autumn. Kings Mountain's crime rate is down 42.5 percent, said KMPD Chief Melvin Proctor at a press conference on Friday.

The department has seen a steady decline over the past three years in the crime rate. Proctor added that one of the main reasons for the drop is community support.

"We wanted to build a bridge with the community to get them to help," he said. And help they did.

Now, the department's limited scope can see twice as far with the extra watchful eyes of its citizens. A special task force, Community Oriented Policing, works hand-in-hand with the public in efforts to crack down on crime.

Another cause for the dent in the crime rate and result of the community's support is the current Operation Fall Harvest. This year-long undercover drug sting operation has led to the arrest of eight people. Four more are being hunted. Detective Sgt. Lisa Proctor said that each one of the targets on their list resulted from citizens complaints.

Forty-two charges in all stem from the simple act of the public fighting back. Det. Proctor said that not all of the leads that came in panned through. But the ones that did have led to a wide-spread sweep of suspects.

The warrants police served on Monday, October 22, led to the confiscation of hundreds of prescription pills and a large amount of marijuana, Det. Proctor said. In addition to the two arrested and charged on October 22, the police arrested six more suspects on Friday. Another one on their wanted list, 38-year-old Travis Lance Treen, turned himself in on Monday.

Treen was charged with two counts each of possession with intent to sell/deliver marijuana and sell/deliver of marijuana. Torie Lee Woodward was charged with one count each of felony possession with intent to sell cocaine, felony sell/deliver of cocaine and sell/deliver of cocaine within 300 feet of a school. Jennifer Lynn Martin was charged with one count of felony



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**Jennifer Lynn Martin was arrested on Friday morning in KMPD's crackdown on drugs - Operation Fall Harvest. She is escorted by Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor and Ofc. Todd McDougal.**

sell/deliver of a counterfeit controlled substance. Vanessa Arlene Williams was charged with one count each of felony possession with intent to sell cocaine and felony sell/deliver of cocaine. Tawanna Rennia Strong was charged with one count each of felony possession with intent to sell a scheduled II controlled substance.

According to NC law, schedule II substances include, but are not limited to, opium, cocaine, methamphetamine and prescription medications like morphine and hydrocodone. Recco Petty Turner was charged with one count each of felony possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine and felony sell/deliver of cocaine. Patrick Edward Leeper was charged with three counts each of felony possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine and felony sell/deliver

of cocaine.

On Kings Mountain's most wanted list for Operation Fall Harvest are: Patrick James, 20, of Harmon Court, charged with one count each of possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine and sell/deliver of cocaine; Terrance Tico Turner, 29, of Davis Road, Shelby, charged with one count each of possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine and sell/deliver of cocaine; and Starr Huntsinger Barker, 28, of Matthews Drive, charged with one count each of possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine, sell/deliver of cocaine, and sell/deliver of controlled substance within 300 feet of a school.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of the wanted suspects, call the department at 704-734-0444.

## KM POLICE REPORT

### ARRESTS

Joseph Mock, 25, Rock Hill, SC, assault on female.

Allison Gregory, 18, E. Gold St., possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana, unsecured bond.

Fredrick Burris, 33, General Delivery, breaking and entering, resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$500 secured bond.

Jose Nicasio, 19, Chesterfield Ct., driving while license revoked, \$500 secured bond.

Gregory Grago, 27, Marigold Ave., possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of up to 1/2 ounce of marijuana, written promise.

Fredrick Rice, First St., possession of up to 1/2 ounce of marijuana, \$500 secured bond.

Ricky Huskey Jr., 25, Gantt St., DV assault on female, no bond.

Bradley Sisk, 18, Northwoods Dr., possession of schedule IV (Xanax).

Patrick Leeper, 29, Stoney Point Rd., three felony counts possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, and three felony counts sell cocaine, \$10,000 secured bond.

Vanesse Williams, 36, Charles St., felony possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, felony sell and deliver cocaine, \$5,000 secured bond.

Michael Brown, 50, General Delivery, larceny, possession of stolen property, \$500 secured bond.

Tisheba Dawkins, 16, Charles St., disorderly conduct, larceny, \$1,000 secured bond.

Rhonda Wray, Shelby, DWI, driving while license revoked, \$500 written promise.

Elizabeth Pruitt, 40, W. Gold St., speeding, driving while license revoked, \$500 secured bond.

John Cole Jr., 61, Chesterfield Ct., shoplifting/concealment of goods, \$200 secured bond.

Scott Bailey, Phifer Rd., worthless check, summons served.

Malinda Roberts, 28, Phenix St., second degree trespassing, \$300 secured bond.

### INCIDENTS

A resident of Bell Rd. reported a break-in and larceny of a machine gun valued at \$2,000, a .45 caliber M1 valued at \$1,000 and numerous collectible military uniforms and gear valued at \$36,350.

A resident of North Cansler St. reported being assaulted on Parrish Dr.

A resident of Winston-Salem reported damage to a vehicle in a parking lot on Phifer Rd.

Mountain Market, Waco Rd., reported larceny of bread.

A resident of Belvedere Circle reported a break-in and larceny of a TV, VCR, DVD player, portable DVD player, and home stereo. There was also \$200 damage to a door.

A resident of S. Battleground Ave. reported that someone shot a BB gun and damaged a sliding door window.

A resident of Rock Hill, SC reported credit card fraud and forging and uttering at a Kings Mountain Bank. A personal check was cashed and two ATM transactions occurred.

A resident of Butler, PA reported larceny of center caps and rims off a vehicle parked at Kings Mountain Hospital.

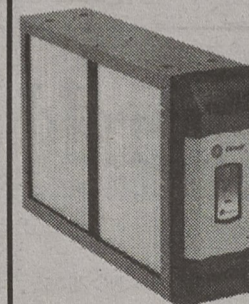
A resident of Waco Rd. and owner of property on Downing St. reported larceny of five ladders and a walk board, total value \$1,155.

A resident of Mica St. reported a second degree burglary and larceny of a DVD player and 30 assorted DVDs, total value \$450. There was also damage to a door.

A resident of Sterling Dr. reported a break-in and larceny of a radio and amp, total value \$170.

A resident of Harmon Rd. reported a break-in and larceny of a DVD player, Nintendo and money, total value \$340.

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