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Police standoff in KM ends with arrest

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Several Kings Mountain Police officers exhibited restraint and grace under fire on a recent call, according to Capt. Derek Johnson. When lives could have been taken, they were spared.

On September 3, 2008 at approximately 9:25 p.m., six Kings Mountain Police officers responded to a domestic call at 406 Belvedere Circle, where a white male, later identified as Arnold Eugene Mauney, 48, of Blacksburg, SC, was reportedly firing into a residence from the front porch.

When officers arrived they witnessed Mauney "actively firing rounds into the front door," according to information released by Capt. Johnson. The perpetrator was allegedly armed with two guns and, after repeated commands for him to drop the weapons, Johnson said that he raised one of the firearms aiming, once again, in the "immediate direction" of the bystanders involved. An officer fired a shot at the suspect, but luckily missed his target.

However, Mauney allegedly continued to ignore the officers'

pleas for him to put the weapons down and turned the gun to his own head. After a brief standoff, he eventually surrendered to officers and was placed into custody, according to Johnson.

Mauney was transported to Kings Mountain Hospital for a non-life threatening laceration to his hand. He was then taken to the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Center and went before a magistrate, where he was given a \$200,000 bond, according to police.

Mauney faces felony charges of Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill and Discharging a Weapon into an Occupied Dwelling.

Det. Johnson agreed that the outcomes in this case could have been more dire. "Nobody got hurt," he said, adding that it ended with a "good result."

He credits the officers for the successful apprehension of Mauney and admitted that it can be hard to stay a trigger in an intense situation where shots are being fired. "They really showed a lot of compassion and restraint," he said. "Their training in tactics came into play. They utilized that training and had a good outcome."

KM couple arrested on child abuse charges

Adam Smart, 21, and Jennifer Smart, 22, both of Kings Mountain, were arrested on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 on charges of child abuse.

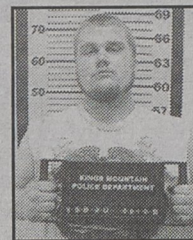
Officials with the Kings Mountain Police Department said that they received a report of "possible infant child abuse" from the Cleveland County Department of Social Services around 9:30 p.m. on September 4, 2008. At that time the child was being treated at Gaston Memorial Hospital and that same evening was transported to Levine's Children Hospital at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, according to information released by Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor.

After the initial report, the Kings Mountain Police Department immediately started an investigation, which has

led to the arrest of Adam and Jennifer Smart. Adam Smart has been charged with felony Child Abuse Inflicting Serious Injury. Jennifer Smart has been charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Child (m i s d e - m e a n o r).

Both individuals were transported to Cleveland County Magistrate's Office and were placed under a secured bond.

The child remains in the care of Levine's Children Hospital.



Armory to host benefit wrestling match Saturday

The Carolina Wrestling Alliance is coming to the National Guard Armory in Kings Mountain Saturday, September 20, to take on the cause of the Carole Polk Memorial.

All proceeds will benefit the memorial. WCW and WWE superstars, such as The Barbarian, "Mr. No. 1" George South, Jimmy Jack Funk, Jr., and "Handsome" DL Kool will take their challenges to the mat. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Belltime is at 8 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$8 - adults and \$6 - children ages 6-12. Children under 6 will be admitted free with an accompanying adult. A bake sale will be on site.

Intermission entertainment will be provided by the Movements of Praise Drama Team from Boiling Springs.

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