

KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE LOG

KM couple busted for meth lab

A meth lab bust May 1 at 1008 N. Cansler St. by the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office Narcotics investigators, the Kings Mountain Police Department and the SBI landed a Kings Mountain couple in jail.

Michael Brock Ellis, 37, was charged with one count of possession of methamphetamine and given a \$500,000 secured bond. A short time later officers executed a search warrant at the residence and located an active methamphetamine laboratory. On May 2 investigators served additional charges on Ellis after processing a meth laboratory at his residence. Ellis was charged with possession of precursor chemicals and manufacture of methamphetamine and given a \$50,000 secured bond.

Alice Pennington Gilliam, 38, 5323 Jackson White Road, identified by officers as girlfriend of Ellis, was charged with assault on a government official causing injury, resist, delay, obstruct law enforcement officer, drunk and disruptive, injury to personal property and second degree trespassing and received a \$75,000 secured bond. A press release from Sheriff Alan Norman said that "Gilliam was arrested after she attempted to sneak back into the methamphetamine laboratory to destroy evidence. During her arrest, she assaulted one of the officers and had to be restrained by force."

Norman said in the press release that "once at the residence officers made contact with Mr. Ellis who was in the back yard of the residence. Upon seeing officers walk into the yard, Ellis got up from a lawn chair and quickly walked toward the officers. As two officers talked with Ellis two other officers walked over to where Mr. Ellis had been seated and saw what appeared to be a clear plastic bottle containing methamphetamine. Officers field tested the suspected item and

found that it tested positive for methamphetamine."

Norman said that on April 30 narcotics investigators received a citizen complaint that Lester Jay "Pete" Hawkins was selling methamphetamine from the outbuilding behind his residence at 2301 Brookfield Drive, Grover. Hawkins denied selling drugs and allowed officers to search his outbuilding where officers found a shotgun and assorted drug paraphernalia. Investigators stopped their search and had other investigators to apply for a search warrant to include the entire outbuilding as well as the primary residence and out buildings on the property. A short time later the narcotics unit executed a search warrant for the house and located additional drug paraphernalia, a methamphetamine "cooking" recipe, five more guns, marijuana, digital scales, US currency and methamphetamine.

At the time of the arrest Hawkins was given no bond because he was on probation for possession of methamphetamine.

Officers charged Hawkins with possession with intent to sell or deliver methamphetamine, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Law enforcement agencies throughout the county have found and decontaminated five meth labs so far this year.

"It's a growing trend. Drug users and dealers are finding the easy and cheaper way to make and sell a product, although it's extremely volatile and harmful to their health," said Cleveland County Sheriff Alan Norman.

Det. Sgt. Lisa Parker said that Kings Mountain police have been working collaboratively on the drug case with the Sheriff's Department and Special Bureau of Investigations since October 2011.

ARRESTS

APRIL 3: Jeffery Allen Cook, 29, Shelby, firearm by felon, resisting arrest, failure to give signal, failure to maintain proof of insurance, failure to sign registration card, no bond, transported to the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Center for extradition to York, SC.

MAY 1: Kaylan Mashel Rice, 19, 306 Silver St., failure to appear, \$500 bond, secured.

MAY 1: Tony Randall Walker, 38, 913 Church St., larceny, failure to appear, \$2000 bond, unsecured.

MAY 2: Michael David Mitchell, 45, Shelby, possession stolen vehicle, VIN number change, both felonies, no bond.

MAY 2: Dennis Scott Bolding, 35, Shelby, possession stolen vehicle, VIN number change, both felonies, no bond.

MAY 5: A 17-year-old male was charged with resist, delay, obstruct and underage consumption, \$2500 bond, secured.

MAY 6: Danny Drawdy, 23, 810 Church St., Apt. C, driving while license revoked, \$350 cash bond.

CITATIONS

MAY 1: Kenneth Jerry Grant, 36, 928 Sumner Dr., seat belt violation.

MAY 2: A 16-year-old male was cited for failing to take a licensed driver with him to operate a car and also with unsafe movement.

MAY 3: Christopher Wayne Purist Grigg, 19, 147 Fifer Circle, underage drinking.

MAY 3: Nicholas Purist

Thomas, 21, 147 Fifer Circle, giving liquor to person under 21.

MAY 3: Gregory Randolph Scott, 51, 500 Hoyles Wood Trail, no operator's license.

MAY 5: Elvis Milanese, 41, Houston, TX, unsafe movement.

INCIDENTS

APRIL 16: A resident of Stoney Point Rd. reported theft of firearm from vehicle.

APRIL 23: An employee of a Phifer Road medical facility reported theft of a video recording device/clock valued at \$104.90.

APRIL 27: A resident of Merrimont Avenue reported attempted break-in of vehicle.

APRIL 30: A resident of Charles Street reported theft of two car radios valued at \$800.

APRIL 30: A resident of Owens Street reported theft of a Jerson CD/MP Player valued at \$319. from a vehicle.

APRIL 30: A resident of Grover reported theft of a purse at a local retail store.

MAY 1: A resident of Caroline Circle reported theft of a Acer Aspire laptop computer valued at \$500 from a vehicle.

MAY 1: A resident of S. Watterson St. reported damage to a car headlight by someone hitting it with unknown object.

MAY 2: Police recovered a reported stolen 1993 Honda owned by a Concord resident.

MAY 2: Mountain Market, 506 Waco Rd., reported that someone tried to pry open the lock on the front

door of the business.

MAY 3: A resident of Heather Lane reported someone signed five checks totaling over \$350 with his name and presented them for goods or money.

MAY 3: A resident of N. Cansler Street reported theft of an automobile tag.

MAY 4: Scott's Jewelry, 211 N. Piedmont Ave., reported a break-in and theft of assorted jewelry.

MAY 4: A resident of E. Parker Street reported theft of copper from under a basement.

WRECKS

APRIL 26: Officer J. L. Dee cited a 17-year-old female and her passenger for failure to wear a helmet after a wreck involving the teenager's Moped and a 2001 Ford operated by Heather Anthony, 1060 Barnette Dr. The Moped driver failed to stop for oncoming traffic after leaving the parking lot at 324 N. Battleground Avenue and the bump-up caused her to be ejected from the Moped. No injuries were reported. Property damages were minor.

APRIL 28: Officer Lee Whittington said that a parked 1997 Ford owned by Donald Thomas Smith, 122 York Road, was damaged by a hit and run driver in the parking lot at 1320 Shelby Road.

MAY 1: Officer M. J. Howard said that Elizabeth Jarvis, 341 Pinnacle Road, was attempting to back her 2004 Jeep from a parked position at 309 S. Battleground Ave. and hit a utility pole doing minor damage to her car.

OBITUARIES

Leola D. Hoyle

SHELBY - Leola Dyer Hoyle, 92, formerly of S. Post Rd., died May 5, 2012 at Holly Springs Senior Home in Rutherfordton.

The graveside service was held Monday, May 8, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Corinth Baptist Church in Casar, interment following in the church cemetery.

Laura Elizabeth Padgett

SHELBY - Baby Laura Elizabeth Padgett, infant daughter of Angela and Gary Padgett, was born into Heaven on May 5, 2012 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her sister, DeLana Padgett of the home; grandparents, Howard

Padgett Jr. and wife, Brenda, of Shelby, Conley Taylor and wife, Cathy, of Kings Mountain and Steve Patterson and wife, Freida of Lansing; great-grandparents, Howard Padgett Sr. of Shelby and Garland Bowen and wife, Betty, of Shelby; aunts and uncles, Damon Putnam and wife, Michele of Kings Mountain, Paul Mowery and wife, Amanda of Shelby, Jeff Taylor and wife, Susan of Lincolnton, Jamie Belcher and wife, Charlotte, of Kings Mountain, Johnny Franklin and wife, Michele of Forest City, Shawn Jarrett and wife, Lisa of Myrtle Beach, SC and Tim Wells and wife, Darla of Indian Trail; and cousins, Trevor Mowery, Ashley Mowery, Brianna Mowery, Drake Putnam, Maranda Brooks, Jared, Amber and Taylor Belcher, Abby and Seth Lynch, Emma and Maggie Taylor, Tanner Jarrett, Justin, Lauren and Devin Wells.

The graveside service was conducted Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Jimmy Black officiated and interment was in Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery.

On-line condolences: "http://www.clevelandfuner-

alservice.com" www.clevelandfuneral service.com Cleveland Funeral Services & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Cleveland Funeral Services

James Robert Roper

GROVER - James Robert Roper, 72, of Grover, husband, father, U.S. Navy veteran and owner of Roper Motor Company passed away May 6, 2012.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at Carothers Funeral Home, 312 W. 2nd Ave., Gastonia.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Laura Rucker Roper, his sons, James Robert Roper III, Michael Wesley Roper, his grandchildren, Michael Alan Roper, James Wesley Roper, Dominic Michael Roper; his sister, Jerre Craig Garnett, her children, Rev. James G. Jones, Robert Glen Jones; and many beloved family and friends.

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BRIEFS

Stock speaker Saturday

Stock and investing expert, Roger Reynolds will present, "Trading for a Living" Saturday, May 12 at 11 a.m. at Mauney Memorial Library. Mr. Reynolds is retired from EF Hutton and Prudential and has successfully studied the stock market for 47 years and hosts seminars as a service to libraries across North Carolina. This is a free public service.

GOP meets May 14

The Cleveland County Republican Party will have its monthly meeting on Monday, May 14th, at the County Administration Building, 311 East Marion St., in Shelby at 7 p.m. The party hopes to have a member of Civitas Institute present to analyze the outcome of all the Primary races and expound on the November 6th implications. The meeting will be held upstairs in the Commissioner's Chambers. As always, all are welcome regardless of affiliations.

Water color class May 14

Jack Greenfield will be teaching intermediate and advanced watercolor techniques in a series of classes beginning on Mondays May 14 through June 4 from 7-9 p.m. at Southern Arts Society (the depot). The depot will be open at 6:30 p.m. to begin set up and ready to start promptly at 7 p.m.

Cost - \$40 for the 4 weeks and is payable the night of the first class. No refunds for missed classes. Minimum of 8 students - Maximum of 15. To sign up and get a supply list call 704-739-5585.

Southern Arts Society (at the Depot), 301 N. Piedmont Avenue in Kings Mountain, NC. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursdays 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information call 704-739-5585.

Stroke, osteoporosis screenings May 15

Residents living in and around the Kings Mountain community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. H Lawrence Patrick Senior Center, 909 E. King Street, will host Life Line Screening on May 15.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of permanent disability. 80% of stroke victims have no apparent warning signs prior to their stroke. Preventive ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke, are fast, noninvasive, painless, affordable and convenient.

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for

both men and women.

Packages start at \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifeline screening.com. Pre-registration is required.

"Spring cleaning"

Kings Mountain Hospice House is "spring cleaning," according to Director of Community Outreach Sharon Martin.

By "spring cleaning," she invites residents to clean out their food pantries and donate canned goods to Hospice to support patients and families in need. Canned goods, frozen breakfast or dinner entrees, and monetary donations will be accepted and items may be delivered to Kings Mountain Hospice House, 321 Kings Mountain Boulevard, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to Hospice Administration Building, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Robbers hit jewelry store twice in 4 days

Robbers hit Scott's Jewelry twice in four days this month.

Kings Mountain Police need help from the public with any information about the breaking and entering of the business at 211 N. Piedmont Avenue and the larceny of assorted jewelry and several watches on May 3 and May 7.

Det. Cpl. S. D. Shockley said the front door of the business was pried open with an unknown object.

Contact the Kings Mountain Police Department at 704-734-0444 or CrimeStoppers at 704-481-8477 with any information.

Kings Mountain Weekend Weather			
Thursday May 10	Friday May 11	Saturday May 12	Sunday May 13
Sunny - 78°	Sunny - 73°	Partly Cloudy - 79°	Cloudy - 75°
0% Chance of precipitation	0% Chance of precipitation	0% Chance of precipitation	20% Chance of precipitation
Night time low 48°	Night time low 50°	Night time low 57°	Night time low 58°

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