

CRIME - POLICE

ARRESTS

JUNE 3: Tonya R. Varnadore, 33, 803 4th St., driving while license revoked. \$735 bond.

JUNE 4: Kandi D. Napier, 23, Polkville, domestic violence, simple assault, no bond.

JUNE 4: Dequilar T. Moore, 23, Charlotte, larceny, possession of stolen item, no bond.

JUNE 5: James F. Stevens, 22, Mexico, N.Y., possession of drug paraphernalia, \$2,250 bond.

JUNE 5: Khoy W. Gomez, 20, 104 E. King St. Apt. A., possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$1,500 bond, secured.

JUNE 7: Rayon T. Rhodes,

36, 810 Church St., Apt. C, failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$500 bond, secured.

JUNE 8: Sentez M. Nance, 20, 519 Crocker Rd., consumption of alcohol by a 19/20 year old, possession of marijuana, \$10,000 bond, unsecured.

JUNE 10: Dean J. Bell, 24, Gastonia, failure to appear for driving while license revoked, simple assault, \$2,000, secured.

CITATIONS

JUNE 4: April F. Love, 27, Dallas, no insurance.

JUNE 7: Xavier D. Logan, 22, Gastonia, failure to wear seat belt.

JUNE 8: Andra L. McIn-

tyre, 48, Shelby, concealing steaks valued at \$57 inside a Food Lion store.

JUNE 9: David G. Willis, 28, Cherryville, driving with expired registration.

JUNE 9: Donna M. Clinton, 40, 302 N. Watterson St., driving with expired registration.

INCIDENTS

JUNE 3: The Italian Garden restaurant, 213 E. King St., reported the theft of shrubbery valued at \$125.

JUNE 4: Dellinger's Jewelry, 112 W. Mountain St., reported the theft of two gold necklaces valued at \$3,200.

JUNE 4: Cherokee Street Grill, 222 Railroad Ave., reported the theft of prepared food valued at \$12.50.

JUNE 5: A resident of Pennington Place reported breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and the theft of \$280 in cash and three compact discs.

JUNE 5: A resident of Groves St. reported breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and theft of speakers, an amp, cologne and a wallet containing a debit and a credit card. Total value of stolen items: \$300.

JUNE 5: A resident of Pennington Place reported the larceny of \$280 cash and three compact discs of unknown value.

JUNE 8: The Dollar General, 1012 Shelby Rd., reported the theft of a blood pressure monitor valued at \$21.35.

WRECKS

MAY 27: Officer Hannah Yarborough said a 2001 Ford operated by Roger M. Goins, 400 Mountain St., backed into a 2010 Honda operated by Gerald W. Wikard, 900 Cansler St., in the parking lot of Shergill Food Mart, causing approximately \$500 to each vehicle.

MAY 31: Officer B.M. Black said Douglas W. Lymon, 148 Hawks Nest Ct., fell out of the 1999 Chevrolet he was driving while trying to pick up an object out of the Rite Aid parking lot on E. King St. The vehicle continued forward with a passenger inside and struck a fence on the property. Lymon was transported to Kings Mountain Hospital to be treated for unknown injuries. The damage to the car \$800, the fence \$500.

JUNE 2: Officer C.A. McKnight said a parked car owned by Thomas Cain of Kings Mountain was hit by an unknown dark green vehicle on First St., causing approximately \$2,500 damage.

JUNE 3: Officer F.L. Wittington said a 1979 Chevrolet operated by Sylvester E. Charles, Lincolnton, backed into a 1993 Honda operated by Kanaan M. Greene, 800

Katherine Ave., at the intersection of Linwood Rd. and Katherine Ave. The damage estimated to the Chevrolet \$250, the Honda \$900.

JUNE 3: Officer M.J. Howard said a 2004 Honda operated by Suvana Silaphet, Charlotte, struck the right rear section of a 1999 Mercury in the intersection of W. Gold St. and Railroad Ave. causing \$1,000 to the Honda and \$1,500 to the Mercury.

JUNE 3: Officer David Warlick said a 1996 Toyota operated by Mattie A. Leach, Kings Mountain, collided with a 2004 Chevrolet operated by Dixie H. Lovelace, Gastonia, in the parking lot of Benton Express. Damages to the Toyota \$500, the Chevrolet \$1000.

JUNE 3: Officer D.K. Davis said a 2010 Chevrolet struck a parked 2010 Kia in the parking lot of Food Lion on U.S. Hwy. 74 near Hwy. 161. Damages to the Chevrolet \$150, the Kia \$350.

JUNE 4: Officer K.L. Putnam said a 1992 Jeep operated by Ted F. Ford and a 1995 Ford operated by Kenneth E. Yarboro collided in the intersection of Bus. Hwy. 74 and Gaston St. Both drivers said they were driving under a green light. The damage estimated to both vehicles was \$1,000.

JUNE 5: Officer Jason L. Dee said a 1998 Honda driven by Brian J. Johnson, 310 Watterson St., rear-ended a 2004 Hyundai operated by Christopher T. Wilson, 1308 Wales Rd., travelling west on U.S. 74 BUS. The damage to each vehicle was estimated at \$1,000.

JUNE 6: Officer Hannah Yarborough said a 2007 Mazda operated by Ashlie N. Deal, 405 Baker St., backed into a mail box and a telephone pole near the intersection of Mica St. and Waco Rd. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$7,000.

JUNE 7: Officer D.K. Davis said that a 1995 Chevrolet driven by Darrel R. Lahmer, 1309 Phifer Rd., backed into a 2006 Nissan operated by Rebecca C. Hickman, 143 Lewis Curry Rd., in the parking lot of the Post Office on E. Gold St. The estimated damage to the Nissan was \$350.

JUNE 8: Officer D.K. Davis said that a 2007 Kia operated by Ashley N. McSwain, 103 Isley St., rear-ended a 1992 Toyota driven by Kaitlyn N. Thompson, 719 Bethlehem Church Rd., on Phifer Rd. The damage to each vehicle was estimated at \$100.

JUNE 8: Officer D.K. Davis said a 1994 Nissan operated by Shane M. Hall, Jr. left the road, struck a tree and rolled over near the intersection of Groves St. and N.C. Hwy. 161, resulting in damage to the vehicle estimated at \$20,000. The driver was not injured.

Crosby gets 8-10 in wife's killing

A Kings Mountain man has been sentenced to eight to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to killing his wife in an August 2010 crime that shocked both sides of the family in the Mary's Grove Church Rd. community near Cherryville.

Joseph Crosby and his wife Gaylain were reportedly arguing about money late on a Friday night and as the fight escalated it became physical and he strangled her, according to police reports and court testimony.

Crosby called 911 immediately. Police arrived to find Gaylain, 51, dead at the scene. The couple's daughter, Tia, then 21 and a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill student, was home from college at the time and asleep in the house.

Crosby, who is now 49, accepted a plea deal from the

state and was sentenced by Judge Forrest Bridges. He will get credit for the time he has served since being jailed in August 2010.

The crime stunned Gaylain's large family because the couple was thought to be very happy. Crosby had no prior criminal history, according to court records.

The eighth of 11 children by Harvey and Margie Degree of Cherryville, Mrs. Crosby graduated from Cherryville High School and N.C. Central University in Durham. She earned her master's degree at Appalachian State University in Boone, where she met her husband. She was a clinical psychologist for Phoenix Counseling in Shelby.

Crosby was an Army and National Guard veteran who in 2010 had been laid off from his job.

Police say KM man's killer in custody, facing charges

An 18-year-old Gastonia man is facing double murder charges in a May 31 shooting that left a Kings Mountain man dead.

Police say that Michael Tyler Walters was the gunman who fired into the 1994 Honda Accord holding Jerry Lennel Richardson, 24, of Kings Mountain, and Michael Anthony Rice, 24, of Gastonia, killing both men.

Gastonia police say they aren't sure of a motive but are piecing together information in the case to find out why the encounter erupted into violence.

The victims were found dead in the car that was parked in a graveled area just off the road in front of the home Walters shared with his sister and other family members.

Walter's sister, who said her brother was home watching her two young children, said he was acting in self-

fense. "They came with guns. They came to rob him," Shannon Lombardo said. "That's what it looks like."

Walters has had at least one minor scrape with the law. In December 2001, he was charged with felony larceny related to the theft of copper from an air conditioning unit. However, the Gaston County District Attorney's Office dismissed that charge due to a lack of evidence. He has no convictions.

Both Rice and Richardson have criminal histories.

Rice failed to appear in court on the day of his death for charges of violating his probation and a felony marijuana charge.

Richardson was charged in April with resisting an officer, identify theft related to financial fraud and running a red light. Those cases had not been resolved.

Police seek help in locating Matthew Archie of Grover

Cleveland County Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant June 3 at the home of Matthew Archie, 234 Roseborough Road, Grover. During the search investigators located and collected assorted items of drug paraphernalia and two safes.

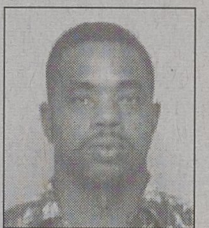
Tuesday, June 4, investigators applied for an additional search warrant and opened the two safes. In one, they located approximately 200 grams of cocaine, 215 grams of marijuana, four Xanax pills, 27.5 Tramadol pills, four Prozac pills, and a loaded .45 caliber handgun.

Arrest warrants were secured on Matthew Archie for: trafficking in cocaine, possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine; possession with intent to sell/deliver marijuana; possession with intent to sell/deliver Schedule IV (Xanax), maintaining a dwelling for drug sales; possession of firearm by convicted felon; and pos-

session of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff Alan Norman said that Matthew Archie has previously been convicted of Possession w/ Intent to Sell/Deliver cocaine, Possession of cocaine, and drug paraphernalia in North Carolina and Possession of cocaine, Possession of Contraband, Distribution of Cocaine, and Felon Probation Violation in South Carolina.

Anyone with information on Matthews Archie's whereabouts is asked to call the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office. He is entered into the National Crime and Information Center as a wanted person and is considered armed and dangerous. For more information contact Sheriff Alan Norman at 704-472-6480.



Matthew Archie

OBITUARIES

Daryl Edward Putnam

Decorated US Army veteran

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Daryl Edward Putnam, 63, of Kings Mountain, NC, passed away Friday, June 7, 2013 at his home.

Born in Gaston County, NC, he was the son of the late Lawrence Edward and Connie Goins Putnam.

Daryl was a member of Eastside Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, a member of the National Rifle Association, and American Legion Otis D. Green, Post 155, Kings Mountain where he served as Second Vice-Commander.

He served in the US Army with the 1st Cavalry Division (Mongoose Bravo) in Vietnam where he received two Purple Hearts, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Silver Star, two O/S bars, Expert M-14, M60 MG, M-16 Rifle badges, Army Air Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Daryl was a Commercial

and Residential Building Contractor.

Survivors include his brother, Jeff Putnam and wife Sharon, Kings Mountain; sister, Donna P. Butler, Kings Mountain; niece, Ami Butler Howard and husband Gary, Kings Mountain, and their children, Addison Howard, Justin Howard, and Holden Howard; nephews, Mark David Butler and wife Amy, Kings Mountain, Tanner Putnam, Mount Holly, NC, and J. T. Putnam, Kings Mountain.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at Mountain Rest Cemetery on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Visitation will be 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to: American Legion, 613 East Gold St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086; Eastside Baptist Church, 308 York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; or National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com.

The family is being served by Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, NC.

Harris Funeral Home

Elizabeth "Libby" Dettmar Posey

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Elizabeth "Libby" Dettmar Posey, 74, passed away Thursday, June 6, 2013 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Kings Mountain, with Rev. Jerry

Millwood officiating. Visitation was from 12:30 - 1:30, prior to the service, at Harris Funeral Home.

Interment was at Gaston Memorial Park, Gastonia, NC.

Doris Camp Short

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Doris Camp Short, 79, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2013 at Peak Resources, Shelby, NC.

A funeral service will be held at Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 3 p.m. with Dr. Tim Hendricks officiating.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at Harris Funeral Home.

Interment will be at Patterson Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain, NC.

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