

POLICE

ARRESTS

SEPT. 16: A 16-year-old male was charged with assault on a medical responder and assault on a public official, \$5,000 bond, secured.

SEPT. 16: A 16-year-old male was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and carrying a concealed weapon (knife) on the grounds of KMHS, \$3,500 bond, secured.

SEPT. 16: Reginal D. Murriel, 47, Charlotte, 2nd degree trespass, \$500 bond, secured.

SEPT. 17: Lareina G. Holt, 45, Charlotte, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$10,000 bond, secured.

SEPT. 17: Karen E. Dowell, 40, 4515 Sandy Crest Ct., possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$5,500 bond, secured.

SEPT. 17: Justin L. Allen, 29, 207 Parrish Dr., simple assault/failure to comply, possession of marijuana, \$557.50 bond, secured.

SEPT. 20: William V. Carver, 28, 401 Baker St., simple possession of schedule IV narcotics, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, \$1,780 bond, secured.

SEPT. 22: Michael S. Hall, Jr., 24, 1230 2nd St, 2nd degree trespass, indecent exposure, disorderly exposure, \$1,500 bond, secured.

CITATIONS

SEPT. 16: A 17-year-old male was cited for possessing an air pistol on the grounds of KMHS.

SEPT. 16: William F. Bridges, 18, 106 Candlewood Dr., speeding 50/ 20 mph school zone.

SEPT. 17: Anthony F. Rachalla, 39, 4515 Sandy

Crest Ct., lack of liability insurance, displaying a fictitious registration number.

SEPT. 17: Justin L. Allen, 29, Bessemer City, possession of less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana.

SEPT. 17: Ashely J. Riley, 28 York, S.C., speeding 51/35 mph zone.

SEPT. 17: Ricky T. Marable, 32, Shelby, speeding 62/35 mph zone.

SEPT. 17: Tishawana D. Leach, 29, Dallas, speeding 54/35 mph zone.

SEPT. 20: Nydia E. Edwards, 22, Dallas, speeding 50/35 mph zone.

SEPT. 20: Calvin O. Gulate, 24, Kingstown, speeding 53/35 mph zone.

SEPT. 20: Marcus D. Garvin, 31, Bessemer City, speeding 54/35 mph zone.

INCIDENTS

SEPT. 15: A resident of E. Parker St. reported the theft of a John Deere riding mower valued at \$2,500.

SEPT. 15: A resident of Third St. reported the theft of black Sony Playstation 3 valued at \$300.

SEPT. 16: A resident of Marigold Ave. reported financial card fraud in the amount of \$995.

SEPT. 16: A resident of W. Gold St. reported the breaking and entering of a vehicle and theft of an air compressor, framing nailer, finish nailer and sawzall with a total value of \$630. A door lock, CD player and interior dome light were also damaged in the incident.

SEPT. 16: A resident of Afton Dr. reported the theft of \$200 in cash, an Electronic Benefit Transfer card valued at \$27 and a gold ring valued at \$50.

SEPT. 17: A resident of E. Gold St. reported the theft of a car wash pump station

valued at \$2,500-\$3,000.

SEPT. 17: Premier Credit Union on 1113 Shelby Rd. reported financial card fraud in the amount of \$576.

SEPT. 18: A resident of Second St. reported the theft of 42-inch Sanyo flat screen television with an unknown value and \$40 in cash.

SEPT. 20: Twelve campaign signs for two local candidates were reported stolen at the intersection of Walker St. and Waco Rd. The signs had an estimated value of \$120-\$144.

SEPT. 20: A resident of 905 Woodside Dr. reported being bitten by an unleashed dog.

SEPT. 21: A resident of Gastonia reported an armed robbery in the parking lot of Kentucky Fried Chicken on E. King St. resulting in damage to a vehicle's drivers side window and the theft of an unknown amount of cash.

SEPT. 23: Tom's Family Mart on Stony Point Rd. reported breaking and entering and \$1,000 worth of damage to a front glass door window.

WRECKS

SEPT. 13: Officer H.W. Carpenter said a 1990 commercial truck operated by Michael E. Bumgardner II rear-ended a 1998 Jeep operated by Douglas A. Wallace Jr. at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 74 Business and Hwy. 216. The estimated damage to the commercial truck was \$2,000.

SEPT. 16: Officer B.C. McGinnis said a 2010 Honda operated by Laura H. Merrill rear-ended a 2012 Ford operated by Shirley S. White near the intersection of King St. and City St. The estimated damages to the Honda and the Ford were \$500 each.

SEPT. 17: Officer B.M.

Black said a 2011 Chrysler operated by Ronald E. Costner rear-ended a 1997 Mazda operated by Frank Burris at the intersection of U.S. 74 bypass and Hwy. 161. The estimated damages to the Chrysler and the Mazda were \$800 and \$200, respectively.

SEPT. 18: Officer H.W. Carpenter said a 2009 Honda operated by Stephanie N. Mendenhall struck a 1993 Dodge operated by George T. Pasour at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 74. The estimated damages to the Honda and the Dodge were \$15,000 and \$2,500, respectively.

SEPT. 19: Officer D.K. Davis said a parked 2000 Ford owned by Karen P. Griffie was struck by an unknown driver in the parking lot of the Kings Mountain

Post Office. The estimated damage to the Ford was \$200.

SEPT. 20: Officer S.M. Skinner said that a 1997 Honda operated by Judy B. Holcomb struck a 1995 Toyota at the intersection of Grace St. and James St. The estimated damages to the Honda and the Toyota were \$200 and \$300, respectively.

SEPT. 20: Officer S.M. Skinner said that a 2003 GMC operated by Johnsie R. Adams backed into a parked 2000 Lincoln owned by Antoine E. Mack. The estimated damages to the GMC and the Lincoln were \$100 and \$1,000, respectively.

SEPT. 20: Officer B.C. McGinnis said that a TaoTao scooter operated by Jeremy M. Gaddis struck a parked 1999 Chevrolet owned by

Denise H. Cobb on Mountain St. The estimated damages to the scooter and the Chevrolet were \$1,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

SEPT. 21: Officer J.L. Dee said that a 1999 Mitsubishi operated by Jamie R. Baker struck a utility pole after leaving the roadway along N.C. Hwy. 216. The damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$3,500.

SEPT. 21: Officer H. Yarborough said that an unoccupied 1992 Chevrolet came out of gear and rolled through the Silver Villa parking lot on E. King St. and struck a parked 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle. The estimated damages to the Chevrolet and the motorcycle were \$500 and \$1,000, respectively.

CRIME

From page 2A

Pagan, 43, James Russell (Rusty) Coulter, 34, all of Gastonia, and Torben Lamont Jackson, 33, of Charlotte. Coulter remains a fugitive.

While executing the arrest warrants and search warrants, law enforcement seized three firearms, \$67,000 in cash, two motorcycles, three vehicles, bullets, drugs and drug-making paraphernalia.

The drug-conspiracy charge against Durham and Barber carries a statutory mandatory life sentence and \$20 million fine. The drug con-

spiracy charge against Pagan and Jackson carries a statutory minimum term of 20 years and a maximum of life in prison and \$20 million fine. And the drug conspiracy charge against the remaining defendants carries a statutory minimum term of 10 years and a maximum of life in prison and \$10 million fine.

Detention hearings were held Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Keesler.

The investigation was handled by the FBI, HSI, SBI, the Gastonia Police Department, the Mount Holly Police Department, and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven R. Kaufman of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charlotte.

LTE - MILLER

From page 4A

important because companies that are thinking about coming here order back copies of the papers and look for stable professional leadership before locating jobs in our community.

Now let me offer some thoughts regarding each of the races. Mike Butler is being challenged by Patty Hall. I would recommend that we observe Ms. Hall serving on one of our ad hoc boards, like tourism or planning, so we can see her decision making process, view about government, and her ability to interact with others in a board setting. I do not want to put a newcomer that we know little about onto our most important board in the city. I am very comfortable with Mike Butler's decision making process, I know he does his own research on the issues and I know Mike may spend days praying about certain issues before we ever get to council.

Tommy Hawkins is being challenged by Jerry Mullinax. I have served with both of them. Both tend to be fiscally conservative but, in my opinion, it appears that there may be significant differences in their decision making processes. I know that Tommy Hawkins does his homework on the issues and may spend many days in prayer before casting his vote at council. Tommy also seems to have a grasp of business and financial statements. I did not have the same

impressions regarding Jerry's decision making process which is why I recommend Tommy Hawkins.

Dean Spears is a valuable asset to the city. He has served for most of 20 years, has been a contractor and business owner. There are few people in the city that know more about our budget, infrastructure, staff, history, policies and the importance of making economically sound business decisions. Many of our votes require technical and financial understanding. I want to keep Dean's expertise on the council. Dean is also willing to be bold and not cower to pressure. For instance, I remember one time we were voting on demolishing several dilapidated homes. The applicant asked for another extension, after having been given several. Dean told the applicant that he has known him since he was born and both knew he would never fix up those homes no matter how long we gave him. Few people in town have that kind of personal knowledge and bluntness. Dean is not easily swayed and will vote for what he believes is good and right. Dean is being challenged by Curtis Pressley. I have served with both Dean and Curtis and I recommend Dean.

Please re-elect Mike Butler, Tommy Hawkins and Dean Spears.

If you have questions feel free to call city hall at 704-734-0333 and they will put you in touch with me.

Keith Miller,
City Council member At-large.

LTE - BURTON

From page 4A

It should be evident to most that our government is doing the same with our citizens as bad parents do for their children, and that is allowing them to become too dependent. I know you have witnessed 20 year olds, 30 year olds and even older people not working and still living at home with their parents. Some of those have bad habits to support such as drinking, smoking and some cases drugs. Yes, the parents love their children but they haven't insisted the children make it on their own. Many grandparents are raising grandchildren because the parents won't work to support the children. It's the same with governmental handouts; they create dependency because there is no limit to the handouts.

If someone is able to work but cannot find a job then have them work for the state to pay for their unemployment compensation. It seems we have plenty that needs to be done and if not, do it like the military used to; have them move a sand pile from one spot to the next. I'll bet soon they'll find something better.

Obama and his cohorts are feeding us crap and we're lapping it up like it was gravy, on a biscuit. Barack Obama says

he's doing everything for the good of the poor and middle class but who is having multiple \$6 million vacations, private aircraft flights for his dog and weekly golf on the backs of the working people. I'll give you a hint; it's not the middle class or the poor. I've heard all the comments about Obama wanting the rich to pay more but how many do you think he could have fed if he gave up just one of his vacations? And how many could he have fed with the money and weapons he sent to our enemies?

Some have said that my letters and articles are judgmental. I want to make it clear that I know I cannot judge anyone's life or behavior but I can evaluate what is visible in that life or behavior. I also want to be up front with the fact that I am a sinner saved only by the Grace of God through repentance of my sins and acceptance of Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. With that said, I also need to stress that as a Christian I am required to bring the message about Jesus to any who doesn't know Him as their Savior, until they accept Jesus or outright refuse Him.

God has given everyone the freedom of choice but He also wants everyone to understand the options available only include eternity in Heaven or Hell.

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