

POLICE

ARRESTS

JAN. 3: Mark W. Russell, 50, 210 Cleveland Ave., Apt. 10B, larceny, possession of stolen goods, \$1,000 bond, secured.

JAN. 5: Amber Clemmer, 27, 306 Blanton St., assault, no bond.

JAN. 9: Cedrick R. Roberts, 23, 404 Gold Creek Trail #202, domestic violence assault on a female, no bond.

JAN. 9: April L. Wensil, 32, 143 Yarbrow Rd., issued criminal summons for school attendance violation.

JAN. 11: Christopher S. Crocker, 40, Grover, DWI, \$1,000 bond, unsecured.

JAN. 12: Jaime Gonzalez, 25, Gaffney, S.C., DWI, no operator's license, no bond.

JAN. 12: Billy J. Meeks, 49, 227 Walker St., domestic violence assault, no bond.

JAN. 12: Jason M. Greene, 34, 101 Center St., domestic violence assault, resist delay obstruct, communicating threats, no bond.

JAN. 12: Shamika S. Moser, 35, 303 Juniper St.,

driving while license revoked, child restraint violation, \$1,000 bond, secured.

JAN. 12: Carol M. Moody, 32, Lincolnton, filing false police report, \$5,000 bond, secured.

CITATIONS

JAN. 6: Eric S. Richardson, 40, 413 Clinton Dr., displaying expired registration plate, failure to secure load.

JAN. 7: Shawthi S. Reddy, 29, Marlboro, N.J., speeding 80/65.

JAN. 7: James E. Walker, 47, Grover, displaying expired registration plate.

INCIDENTS

JAN. 3: A resident of Shelby Rd. reported damage to the rear bumper of a vehicle with a value of \$250.

JAN. 4: A resident of Pennington Pl. reported the theft of a 4-door Honda Accord with a value of \$1,200.

JAN. 5: Three Points Market on Goforth Rd. reported damage to a gas pump hose with a value of \$215.

JAN. 6: Cleveland County Schools reported damage to a vehicle at its 105 E. Ridge St. office.

JAN. 6: A resident of Bridges Dr. reported breaking and entering and theft of a high-definition television, an LCD television and a wedding ring set.

JAN. 8: Industrial Storage on York Rd. reported the theft of 25 tractor wheels and tires, a trailer, two gate locks and a safety chain, with a total value of \$3,030.

JAN. 8: A resident of S. Cansler St. reported the theft of a .45 ACP Ruger handgun, a 20 ga. Springfield shotgun, an M1 carbine and a .22 caliber white derringier handgun.

JAN. 9: A resident of Morris St. reported the theft of a maroon 4-door 1988 Oldsmobile Delta with an unknown value.

JAN. 10: The Walgreens at 900 Shelby Rd. reported the theft of two cartons of Newport cigarettes valued at \$92.

JAN. 12: A resident of Walker St. reported domes-

Missing girl found

A 5-year-old girl missing from her home in Massachusetts, and for which an Amber Alert had been issued, was found in a residence on Yarn Mill Road in Cleveland County January 11 by officers of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Alan Norman said that Lt. Billy Fredell and Sgt. John McIntyre went to the residence on Yarn Mill Road and took the child into protective custody until authorities from Massachusetts DSS and Cleveland County DSS could make arrangements for the child's return to Massachusetts.

Leanne Rose Wilson of Fittsburg, Massachusetts was arrested for parental kidnapping of a minor and was held without bond on out-of-state fugitive warrant in the Cleveland County Detention Center.

Lewis charged

James William Lewis Jr., 31, Kings Mountain, faces federal charges in connection with the Dec. 12, 2013 armed robbery of a Charlotte area Jack in the Box Restaurant, according to Anne M. Tompkins, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

Tompkins was joined in making the Jan. 10 announcement by John A. Strong, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Charlotte Division, and Chief Rodney D. Monroe of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

A federal criminal complaint filed Friday in U.S. District Court charges Lewis with one count of Hobbs Act robbery. According to the criminal complaint, on Dec. 12, 2013 Lewis entered the restaurant and asked the manager for money while brandishing a weapon. The manager handed Lewis cash and fled the scene.

Lewis is currently in federal custody. His initial court appearance was Friday before U.S. Magistrate Judge David S. Cayer. The statutory maximum sentence for Hobbs Act robbery is 20 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

The charges contained in the complaint are allegations. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The investigation is handled by the FBI and CMPD. The prosecution is being handled for the government by Assistant U.S. Attorney George Guise of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charlotte.

BUSINESS

Brackett joins Moore Law

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Justin Brackett, 27, who has joined the legal team of Tim Moore, attorney-at-law, didn't always want to practice law.

"As a little kid I always questioned things," said Brackett, who as a 6th grader went to space camp in Titusville, Florida and dreamed of a career as an astronaut. But then his passion turned to racing go-carts and he wanted to be a racecar driver. But finally as a Crest High School student he attended Presidential Classroom in Washington, DC and at age 16 delved into politics.

He met Rep. Tim Moore and worked on his first reelection campaign. In 2008 at the age of 21 he ran then-State Auditor Les Merritt's campaign for reelection. His next job was as an intern for Moore in 2010 and 2011, and he received his Juris Doctor from Oklahoma City University School of Law as a Phi Delta Phi Scholar in May 2012. He joined the Moore law firm in August 2012.

Brackett attended Furman University in 2005-2007 and received his BA in Political Science from N.C. State University in 2009, graduating summa cum laude with a GPA of 3.78/4.00.

He is licensed to practice law in all state courts in North



Justin K. Brackett in his office in the Moore Law firm on King Street.

Carolina, and in the US District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of North Carolina to represent clients in criminal defense, civil, domestic and personal injury cases and as in-state counsel for various mass torts/products liability cases. In addition, he prepares wills, trusts, powers of attorney and other estate planning documents for clients. He is secretary-treasurer of the 27B Judicial District Bar Association. He was a committee staff and legislative intern in Raleigh from January-July 2009 and May-July 2011 and from January-May 2011 he was a legal extern for Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, assisting with weekly Pro Se Divorce waiver docket clinic and drafting divorce documents on behalf of the clinic's

clients. "I really love my job," said Brackett, who is single and resides in Mooresboro. He is a deacon in Camps Creek Baptist Church and an Eagle Scout. He is the son of Curtis and Glenda Brackett of Mooresboro. The decorations in his upstairs office in the Moore Law building on King Street explain his hobby. A big Carolina Panther fan, he has an autographed Jake Delhomme 2003 Super Bowl shirt on the wall and a football signed by the Super Bowl team. Another hobby is golf. His role models are Rep. Tim Moore and former State Auditor Les Merritt. "I can't say enough about these two friends and how they have encouraged me in my career over the years," he said

tic violence assault. JAN. 12: A resident of Center St. reported domestic violence assault.

WRECKS

JAN. 3: Officer D.K. Davis said a 2007 Honda operated by Monzell S. Moore, Kings Mountain, struck a 2003 Toyota operated by Chiquita J. Womic, Kings Mountain, at the intersection of S. Gaston St.

and E. Gold St. The estimated damages to the Honda and the Toyota were \$800 and \$1,100, respectively.

JAN. 3: Officer G.L. McKinney said a 2002 Chrysler operated by Betty B. Heafner, Kings Mountain, struck a 1995 Ford operated by Anthony R. Burke, Kings Mountain, along Cleveland Ave. The estimated damages to the

Chrysler and the Ford were \$300 and \$500, respectively.

JAN. 6: Officer D.B. Warlick said a number of unsecured items fell from the 1988 Ford pick-up truck operated by Eric S. Richardson, Kings Mountain, and subsequently struck a 2013 Chevrolet operated by Marilyn M. Petty, Shelby. The estimated damage to the Chevrolet was \$750.

SMART METERS: to track utility costs

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and looking at every meter."

"We are a leader," said Mayor Rick Murphy. "This is a win/win for the city and customers."

"We are the only city in the state looking to implement this now. Hats off to Nick Hendricks and his department," said councilman Keith Miller.

"Some of us had reservations but this has turned out to be a good thing," said councilman Tommy Hawkins.

Council's remarks came during a PowerPoint presentation in the conference room of the Public Works building last Tuesday.

The city is looking at financing the \$3.1 million cost of the program in a 5-year payback with low interest rate and Hendricks said the project "is revenue neutral" and a partnership with Science Applications International Corporation and Elster Metering.

The benefit to customers is saving money, said Hendricks, but the city will also save money by being able to detect leaks or problems easily, bill customers at specific times instead of just monthly, detect thefts, reduce the amount of meter reading, handle re-reads, access meter reading issues such as locked gates, and size transformers appropriately for each area's use. Some 537 electric meters, 328 gas meters and 389 water meters are scheduled to be replaced with the new models.

Hendricks said the overall project must maintain a neutral/positive cash flow for the entire five-year duration of the project. "Electric has excellent positive cash flow, gas maintains a good positive cash flow and

we are still evaluating the water cash flow and the benefits versus the cost," he added. An extra month of revenue benefit is projected for the electric and gas departments, the latter due to lowest cost of infrastructure implementation.

Responding to questions of councilmen, Hendricks said that natural gas module concerns, meter collecting in enclosed areas, water meter infrastructure dilapidation, and price finalization are some of the "hurdles" to be addressed before he makes a final recommendation for city council action in March.

"Will customers be able to pre-pay utility bills and avoid late payments?" asked councilman Rodney Gordon.

"That's one of the goals of this program," said Hendricks, adding, "Smart Meter can reduce cutoffs too. We are offering citizens a product to manage their utility costs, not forcing it on them."

Updating city council on another major project - fiber optics - Energy Services Director Nick Hendricks said the loop was installed, a collaborative project between the Energy Services Department and Matthew Dull of the Information Technology Department.

"It's going good and providing communication between city buildings and utility infrastructure, reducing cost of phone lines and allowing us to operate at a much higher speed and with higher availability."

He told council that the city is beginning to offer a "highway" for those who wish to utilize fiber optics, mentioning that dark fiber is available for lease to commercial and industrial customers.

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