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## Morven Man Jarvis Tereza Marsh Given 2 Life Sentences in Brutal 2013 Rampage



**During 24 hour crime spree Marsh and Robert Lamar Smith of Morven beat and severely injured a 92 year old woman**

Jarvis Tereza Marsh, 32, of Morven was given two life sentences by a Cabarrus County judge last week. Marsh and two other Anson County men, Edward Hudson and Robert Lamar Smith, 25, both also from Morven, went on a violent and dangerous rampage through Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Stanly and Anson Counties on May 7 and 8, 2013. Their crime spree included armed robbery, a home invasion, beating a 92 year old woman and her son, carjacking, a shootout with law enforcement, stealing a law enforcement vehicle and a wild chase.

Marsh was convicted in December of armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, first degree burglary, and possession of a firearm by a felon. Because he had prior convictions for crimes in North Carolina, Marsh was found guilty of being a habitual felon. That conviction by itself carries a life sentence. His prior convictions were for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in 2009 and 2010, and 2nd degree kidnapping in 2003.

Smith is awaiting trial and is being held under \$1.75 million bond. Police said Edward Hudson took part in the home invasion in University City in Charlotte that started it all.

The chain of events began on Tuesday evening, May 7 with two men committing an armed robbery in Charlotte and the victim's car being stolen, according to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. Then the Stanly County Sheriff's Office assisted on a call for a home invasion and assault in the Midland area of Cabarrus County around 3 a.m. Wednesday. Officers searched for the suspects with the assistance of a K9 unit, but no suspects were found. In Midland a man reported that he had gone outside and started up his truck, went back inside his mobile home, and then was confronted by a man pointing a gun at him. The man and his 92 mother were tied up and beaten, with the 92 year old suffering serious injuries. His truck and two guns were stolen. At about 7:20 a.m. a Stanly County Deputy spotted the truck speeding down Highway 52 away from Albemarle, but was unable to stop it.

Shortly after that Marsh was spotted in a field south of Albemarle near Stony Gap Road. When deputies arrived on the scene Marsh fired a handgun at them and managed to steal a law enforcement vehicle. As he fled the scene, Marsh exchanged gunfire with a second deputy, but was able to escape, heading south on Highway 52 toward Norwood. After a chase that went through Norwood and into Anson County, Marsh wrecked the vehicle and was arrested. He had sustained wounds in his confrontation with the deputies, but they were not life threatening.

Marsh told investigators that Smith was with him at the time of the crime spree. Smith and Hudson were arrested several days after the rampage.

## Union County Man Accused of 1988 Anson County Murder Tries to Hire Inmates to Murder Witness

**Helms accused of two murders, including the 1988 killing of Anson County citizen, John Griffin.**

Eddie Clyde Helms, 61, of Union County is facing charges that he attempted to hire fellow inmates to kill a key witness in one of his upcoming murder trials. Helms is charged with two murders that occurred 24 years apart - the November 1988 murder of John Terow Griffin III and the 2012 murder of Charles Ronald Godwin in Union County. Jealousy and anger were factors in both murders according to investigators.

Deputies learned of Helms' attempt to hire the inmates, and have charged him with solicitation. He is being held without bail.

A detailed article about this case is available in the archived online edition of The Express dated August 13, 2014.

## Anson County Could be Targeted for Coal Ash Disposal

**Anson County identified in Duke Energy excavation plan according to Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League**

On Wednesday, January 14 the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL) released new information pointing to a commercial landfill in Anson County for coal ash disposal. The information, obtained from Duke Energy's Riverbend and Sutton power plant coal ash excavation plans, states that "In the event the structural fill options are not available in Lee or Chatham County, the Anson County Landfill, a permitted solid waste landfill, has been identified as the alternate location." The plan indicates that coal ash would be transported from the power plants to the landfill by rail.

Cary Rodgers, BREDL organizer and a resident of Anson County said, "This is another major environmental disaster that is hanging over our beautiful Anson County community. The county commissioner's approval to expand Waste Connection's mega-dump capacity over a year and a half ago is proving to be a very bad mistake. That expansion puts Anson County on the radar screen to be Duke's next coal ash dumping ground. This must not happen."

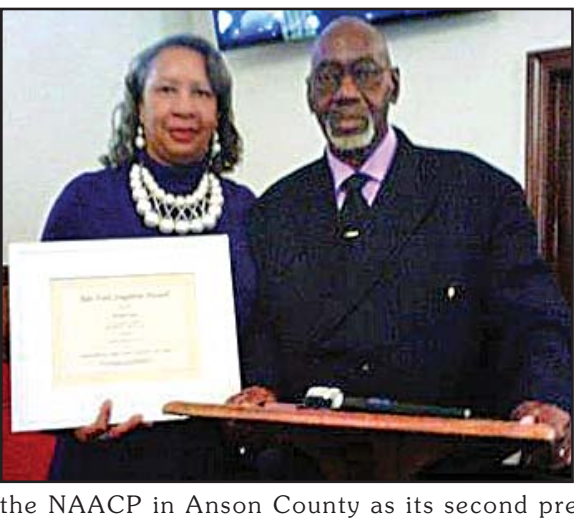
Denise Lee, of Pee Dee Water, Air Land, and Lives (WALL) blasted the plans. "There is already a witch's brew of toxic poisons in the Waste Connections landfill. It is a known fact that all landfills leak. The liability for Duke Energy's coal ash problem should not be passed off to another poor, rural community."

Therese Vick, the BREDL organizer who discovered the plan pointed out the threat to many other North Carolina communities. "This shows that any landfill in the state is a potential dump for Duke's coal ash."

Earlier, Duke Energy targeted clay mines in Lee and Chatham counties for the disposal of millions of tons of coal ash. The Lee and Chatham permits are currently under review by the state. Last week, BREDL released and investigative report showing the location of almost 100 active and inactive clay mines in North Carolina, including 4 in Anson, 11 in Montgomery and two in Stanley counties.

Founded in 1984, the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League is a non-profit environmental organization with projects and chapters in seven states. Pee Dee W.A.L.L. is a grassroots organization working in the Anson County area. W.A.L.L. is a chapter of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League.

## Donnie Lewis Recipient of Ada Ford Singleton Award



Donnie Lewis (left) was recognized for her outstanding leadership of the Anson County NAACP by receiving the inaugural Ada Ford Singleton Award during a ceremony held at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wadesboro on Sunday, January 11. The award was presented to Lewis by Rev. Charles Ford, Sr. (pictured left), son of Mrs. Singleton.

Ford formed the Ada Ford Singleton Biography Committee this year and serves as Chairman. Singleton is remembered for her 30 year service to the NAACP in Anson County as its second president.

## School Board Meeting is Monday, January 26

The Anson County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, January 26 at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a Closed session. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to participate.



## Hats off to Ansonville Elementary School Faculty and Students

Burnsville Emergency Food Pantry volunteers bow and take their hats off to faculty and students of Ansonville Elementary School. AES students collected canned goods and other non-perishable items in support the BRLC Food Pantry. Items such as these are always very much needed at this time of the year.

As family members and individuals take advantage of the Emergency Food Pantry they also say thank you AES faculty and students.

## Motorsports Park to Open in Wadesboro

Nolan and Ashlee Scarborough of Wadesboro have announced the creation of Perimeter Park Motorsports. This racing venue will cater to many kinds of offroad racing, including ATV TT racing, UTV MX racing, Lawn Mower racing, Tire Pulls, Back-to-Back Grudge Pulls, National races and other events to be announced. The track manager is David Canup. The park's Grand Opening is set for Saturday, March 14.

"Perimeter Park Motorsports, LLC has been a vision of ours since we became parents ten years ago," said Nolan Scarborough. "In particular, we knew that we wanted to bring an opportunity such as this not only for the entertainment of the people of Anson County, but also to create something that is intriguing to people from other counties,



which will bring them here to visit. Ten years ago we never knew that this vision

would be molded into a motorsports park, but now we are pleased that this is what has come to pass. Surrounding counties are growing with their businesses and tourism, which ultimately brings additional revenue to those counties. Why not allow Anson County that opportunity for growth as well."

Perimeter Park Motorsports, LLC (PPM) is placed on over 70 acres on Joe Jones Road in Wadesboro. This motorsports park will be hosting 1 or 2 events a month in ATV (4-wheeler), UTV (side by side off-road vehicle) and lawn mower races from March through October. The facility will not be open through the week.

Two events on the schedule for 2015 are National events. These events take place in only five locations in the United States, and the PPM facility here in Anson County is one of those five locations! These national races are part of a point series for professional riders, therefore their attendance and entry is a requirement. What does this mean for Anson County? Action packed events for the community, as well as a weekend of increased revenue for many area businesses.

"We are excited to be bringing this to the community and currently have a schedule full of enthralling entertainment for 2015," said Ashlee Scarborough.

Nolan Scarborough continued, "We have plans for our facility to have ample, lit parking, bleachers and areas to sit in your own chair if you want, covered picnic areas, concession stands, adequate bathroom facilities, a variety of play equipment for the children, corn hole and horseshoe pits, and a campground."

PPM is bringing modern amenities for the racers with an in-ground irrigation system. This should provide the perfect race surface, while decreasing time spent on having to water the track with a truck.

Perimeter Park has plans to host many events in honor of different charities with the hope of spreading awareness and assisting the community. Thus far these consist of: Anson County Partnership for Children's "Prepare Children for a Summer of Reading" Book Drive, Cranio Care Bears (Craniofacial Awareness month), Breast Cancer Awareness, First Responders Weekend, a Jacket Drive, and a Toys for Tots event. "We have two children of our own, and we want to instill values, morals, and community involvement within them," adds Ashlee Scarborough. "What better way to teach them than to demonstrate these qualities firsthand? These charitable events will protect them from potentially negative societal influences and lay the foundation for them to become good citizens."

Join in on the excitement! Visit PPM's website at [www.perimeterparkmotorsports.com](http://www.perimeterparkmotorsports.com) for in-depth information and a schedule of events to come. Vendors looking to sell their products and services at events are asked to visit the website to contact PPM.

Nolan Scarborough concluded, "We take a lot of pride in being involved with the community, and we humbly appreciate their support. Rest assured that our mission, vision and intentions are to create a friendly, family based operation to promote a safe, entertaining environment for the community for generations to come, while also bringing much needed revenue and tourism to our county."

The address for PPM is 282 Joe Jones Road, Wadesboro, NC 28170. The directions are: take Highway 109 South, go approximately 1/2 mile past Wadesboro IGA through the flashing caution light at Capel Dairy Road. Joe Jones Road is the second road after that on the left. PPM is at the end of the road on the right. The website is [www.perimeterparkmotorsports.com](http://www.perimeterparkmotorsports.com), and they are on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/perimeterparkmotorsports](http://www.facebook.com/perimeterparkmotorsports). For more information email [nolan@perimeterparkmotorsports.com](mailto:nolan@perimeterparkmotorsports.com) or [ashlee@perimeterparkmotorsports.com](mailto:ashlee@perimeterparkmotorsports.com).

## Relay for Life Kickoff is Today

The official kickoff for the Anson County Relay for Life will be held at the Lockhart-Taylor Center on Wednesday, January 21 at 6 p.m.

For more information contact Carrie Bunn at 704-294-0071.

## Wadesboro Town Council Annual Retreat is Saturday

The Wadesboro Town Council's annual budget retreat will be held Saturday, January 24, 2015, starting at 9 a.m. at the Carolina HealthCare System-Anson Community Room. The approval of the Amended Audit Contract for the FY 2013-2014 will also be discussed.

A closed session as specified in the Statute G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) will be held to discuss a personnel matter.

## Free Food At BRLC Jan. 26

This is a release sent from Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: Burnsville Recreation & learning Center Emergency Food Pantry receives shipment of TEFAP Products. The food commodities are provided by the United State Department of Agricultural. The U. S. D A. Federal Income Guidelines will be one of the determining factors for each individual's eligibility. Food stamp recipients automatically qualify. The Food items are available to only Ansonians that qualify. If you are not currently registered with the BRLC Emergency Food Pantry and would like to be a potential recipient, we ask that you please bring the qualifying documents. (Income statement, Food stamp voucher or etc. We do not discriminate for any reason. Individuals will only be served the TEFAP Commodities on Monday, January 26, beginning at 2:30 P.m. until 4:30 p.m. Due to the limited parking space we ask that you not arrive before 2:00p.m. For more information call 704-826-8066.

## Free Movie is Unconditional

The Hampton B. Allen Library's free movie for Monday, January 26 is *Unconditional*. It will be shown in the Little Theatre at 10 a.m. The movie stars Lynn Collins, Bruce McGill, Michael Ealy and Diego Klattenhoff. It is rated PG-13. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

For more information call 704-694-5177.