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Robert Kevin Hurley Arrested After High Speed Chase and Alleged Intentional Ramming of Trooper

A high speed chase through Anson County resulted in multiple felony charges against the suspect driver. On Saturday morning, March 3rd, Anson County Sheriff's Deputies went to a residence in the northern part of the county looking for a suspect involved in an armed robbery, assault and domestic protection order violation from Stanly County.

The suspect, who lived in Anson County, was not at home, but a short time later the officers saw the suspect in a vehicle and tried to pull him over. The suspect, identified as Robert Kevin Hurley, fled from the officers and led the deputies on a chase through Ansonville, across Grassy Island Road, onto Highway 109 and on into Wadesboro. The suspect took Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, and after ramming and sideswiping a State Highway Patrol vehicle, wrecked about six miles south of Wadesboro.

Hurley was taken into custody. He was charged in Anson County with numerous traffic violations, Felony Fleeing to Elude Arrest and Felony Assault On An Officer.

Several thousand dollars of damage was done to the trooper's vehicle. The suspect's vehicle was totaled as it flipped several times. He was not seriously injured.

"These officers and our 911 dispatchers did a great job, under very trying conditions. That's where their training and experience comes in. With our new computer systems the 911 Center was able to follow the chase on their screens as it was unfolding and keep assisting agencies informed," Sheriff Tommy Allen said.

Hurley was placed under a \$50,000 bond for Anson County, and then taken to Stanly County to face charges there. The Crime and Drug Hotline is 704-695-3111.



Anson County Writers' Club Awards Contest Winners



Adult Awards: Winners of the 2011 contests in prose and poetry grades 7-9, 10-12 and adult are, front row, from left, Kayla Jones, Brooke Loftis and Wendy Baker. In the back row are Amber Smith, Leslie H. Wright, Keyara McKnight and Joshua Griffith

In a release from the Anson County Writer's Club: The Anson County Writers' Club gave certificates and cash prizes to 17 area writers Feb. 26 in the H.B. Allen Library's Little Theater. Beverley Getzen, ACWC president, welcomed the winners; and Randy Tarlton and Kaye Ratliff, contest co-chairmen, presented the awards. The ceremony was followed by a reception for the winners and their friends and families.

Winners of the grades 3-6 poetry contest were: first place, Casey Gathings, Wadesboro Elementary, "Rider;" second place, Justin Duncan, Lilesville Elementary, "Standing;" and third place, Amaya Swaney, Wadesboro Elementary, "Snow." Prose winners were first place, Savannah Sommerville, Ansonville Elementary, "On the Road;" second place, Radiya Amin, Wadesboro Elementary, "The Purple Fox;" and third place, Marley Tarlton, Ansonville Elementary, "The Hunt or the Hunted."

Poetry winner in grades 7-9 was Stephanie Carpenter, Anson New Tech, first place for "Never Say Never." Joshua Griffith, Anson High, won first place in the prose division for "The Road to Glory."

Poetry winners in the senior high (grades 10-12) division were Kayla Jones, Anson New Tech, first place for "This House;" Keyara McKnight, Anson High, second place for "Brutal Love;" and Wendy Baker, Anson Early College, third place for "Never Forgotten." Winners of the prose contest were Brooke Loftis, Anson High, first place for "The Perception of Happiness;" and Amber Smith, Anson New

Tech, second place for "Lyrical Meaning of My Life." Adult winners of the poetry competition were Emma Goodman of Wilmington, N.C., formerly of Polkton.



Youth Awards: Winners of the 2011 contests in prose and poetry grades 3-6 and 7-9 are, front row, from left, Marley Tarlton, Casey Gathings and Stephanie Carpenter. In the back row are Savannah Sommerville, Amaya Swaney, Justin Duncan and Radiya Amin.

Goodman won first place for her poem, "I Am the Ocean." Leslie H. Wright of Lilesville won second place for "A Pen in My Hand." Sasha Burns of Wadesboro won third place for "Freedom to My Soul."

Sandy Bruney of Wadesboro won first place in the prose division for "The Bracelet;" Sharon Little of Wadesboro won second place for "The Backdoor;" and Emma Goodman won third place for "9/11/."

Winners not shown are Emma Goodman, Sasha Burns, Sandy Bruney and Sharon Little.

More information about the ACWC and the prose and poetry contests may be found at www.ansoncountywritersclub.org.

North Carolina Veterans of Korean War Service Sought for Recognition

The N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs (NCDVA) is leading a statewide effort to recognize North Carolina service members and their families on the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. The project is part of the U.S. Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, which in June will launch "The Year of the Korean War Veteran."

"More than 177,000 North Carolina citizens served in Korea between June 27, 1950, and Jan. 31, 1955," Gov. Bev Perdue said. "We believe that more than 72,000 of these veterans are still living in North Carolina today, and many more have descendants who make their home here. I ask that everyone pitch in to help us provide formal appreciation of their service and sacrifice."

NCDVA Assistant Secretary Tim Wiperman has placed a link on the Division website (www.dva.nc.gov/vets/KoreanWarForm.aspx) to provide a Certificate of Appreciation signed by U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta to all Korean War veterans and the family members who supported them. "This may be one of our last chances to recognize the contributions of those who began the successful struggle to stem the tide of communism," Wiperman said.

No documentation is necessary and the form can be filled out and submitted online by the veteran, family member or a friend. Requests for certificates may also be downloaded and mailed to: Korean War Veterans Certificate, N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs, 1315 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1315.

According to NCDVA, North Carolina recorded 968 deaths in service during the conflict, of which 784 were battle deaths. An additional 2,272 service members were wounded; 109 were taken as prisoners of war (POWs), and 204 were designated as Missing in Action.

In addition to the Certificate of Appreciation, the U.S. Department of Defense encourages any Korean War veteran who would like to share his or her story with the Korean War Commemoration Committee's oral history project to visit koreanwar.defense.gov or call 703-545-0522.

SPCC Battle of the Bands Entry Deadline Drawing Near

Time is running out for bands and individuals to sign up for South Piedmont Community College's fifth annual Battle of the Bands, set for Saturday, April 21. Deadline to enter is March 22 and prize money has been dramatically increased for this year's event, making it much more lucrative for the winners.

The Battle of the Bands is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the L.L. Polk Campus on U.S. 74 in Polkton. The first-place band will receive \$1,500 – three times last year's prize – and will have the option of being the opening act at the Carolinas Emerging Music Festival on SPCC's Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe later in the fall.

The second-place band will receive \$750 and the third place band will receive \$500. The top individual performer will receive \$500, five times last year's prize.

As usual, the winner from the previous year – Fire For Effect, in this case – is not eligible to compete.

Bands will be required to use their own instruments, including drums. All performances during Battle of the Bands must be live, and no recorded accompaniment will be allowed.

Prospective performers should submit a recording of the band via online link or CD to Mike Maffucci by noon March 22. Maffucci can be reached at 704-290-5864 or mmaffucci@spcc.edu. Bands will be notified by 5 p.m. March 23 about whether they have been selected.

Auditions for Stage Play

D.I.P presents...*Dirty Secrets the Stage Play*. Casting auditions will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 at the Agricultural Center in Monroe. Male and female roles are available. The address is 3230-D Presson Road. Audition times are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and then 3 to 6 p.m. each day.

You are invited to come with the following: a prepared monologue along with a recent head shot and body shot. Professional pictures are not required. For more information contact divineimagepro@gmail.com.

Live Beach & Shag Music Coming!

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club will meet on Monday, March 12 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Ed Dement, formerly of the O'Kaysions, will be presenting a program of beach and shag music. The O'Kaysions big hit in 1968 was Girl Watcher. Please join us for this event.

For more information please call 704-694-5177.

Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church's Black History Program

Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church recognized and paid tribute to some of Anson County's African American "Firsts" during the Black History Program on Sunday, February 26. The following individuals were honored for their outstanding accomplishments:

- Theodore Horne for being Anson County's first African American male aviator to fly solo over Anson County in 1972.
- Dr. Bobbie J. Little for being Anson County's first African American elected to serve on the Anson County School Board, representing the Lilesville District.



Pictured here are, from left, Thomas Horne, Bobbie Little, Theodore Horne, Marlene Richardson, Weaver Thomas and Fannie Ratliff.

Principal of Anson Senior High School. Mrs. Marlene Richardson, Richardson's wife, accepted the plaque in his absence.

- John Lester Harris for being an Anson County African American in the 92nd Infantry Division Buffalo Soldier during World War II.
- Louis Samuel Davis, Jr. for becoming Anson County's first African American radio station owner (WADE) in 1992.

Mr. Harris and Mr. Davis were absent from the ceremony. Dr. Fannie Ratliff was the coordinator of the Black History Month activities. T. J. Horne is the Pastor of Rock Hill MBC.

Democratic Party Monthly Meeting

The Democratic monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Various elected officials running for office will be present to answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

For further information, please contact Vance Sturdivant, Democratic Party Chair, 704-848-4412.

Civitan Lucky Hot Dog Day

The Wadesboro Civitans will hold their annual benefit lunch for Anson Special Olympics on Friday, March 16, the day before St. Patrick comes to town. If this event raises more money than needed for Special Olympics, the remainder goes towards college scholarships for Anson County students.

The delicious lunch consists of 2 grilled all-beef hot dogs with trimmings, potato chips, and dessert. Hot dog lunches will be available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. If you come to the Civitan Scout Hut on North Washington Street you'll also get a drink and your choice of desserts.

If you don't have time to join your neighbors at the Civitan Hut, you can arrange for rapid pick up by pre-ordering. Civitans will also deliver orders of 5 or more plates. Call 704-694-4854 and mention "hot dogs" to arrange pick up or delivery. Call by Thursday, March 15.

Young Anson Boy Needs Community's Help



In a release from the family of Remington Allen: I need help. Hello my name is Remington Allen. I am 2 yrs old. I was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes on February 16, 2011. I am currently on an insulin pump, but my sugar (blood glucose) is still not stable. I have a a1c1 of 11.1. I have a lot of high and lows, and I am currently trying to get a Diabetic Alert Dog (DAD). The dog will tell Mom and Dad when my blood glucose is going up or down too fast, before I go in to a coma or pass out.

I have already passed out twice with a blood glucose of 25 and 22. This dog could help so much because it also would sleep with me at night time too. He would wake my Mom or Dad up to check my blood glucose. Right now My Mom or Dad wake up every other hour during the night to check my blood glucose, which I don't like.

If you could please help with my cause every cent donated could one day save my life. You could make a donation to us by credit card or debit card at www.GuardianAngelServiceDogs.org and select donate, then they will send an email back asking which child and you put "Remington Allen." Or you may call and ask to speak with Dan Warren to process a credit card over the phone at 540-543-2307. You can donate by check by making checks payable to GASD (Guardian Angel Service Dogs, Inc.). Be sure to put Remington Allen in the memo line of the check. The mailing address is: GASD, P.O Box 910, Orange, VA 22960.

Locally you can contact Candice Allen at 704-475-7321 or send mail to 1714 Blewett Falls Rd, Lilesville NC 28091. Thank you!

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