

# January 2009

## Selma Couple Welcomes Baby Daughter On New Year's Day

**Rafael Solis** and his wife, **Teresa Rodriguez**, are the parents of the first Johnston County baby born in 2009.

The first Johnston County baby of the New Year arrived about breakfast time, 8:44 a.m. **Desy Yolete Solis Rodriguez** weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20½ inches long. "It's more special that she was born on New Year's," said her mother, Teresa Rodriguez, 28, of Selma. "It's a happy day." On New Year's Eve, Rodriguez kept a 2 p.m. appointment at the public health clinic. A short time later, her doctor admitted her to the labor and delivery department of Johnston Medical Center-Smithfield. "I was thinking she would be born before midnight, but it was much later," she said. Rodriguez and her husband, Rafael Solis, have four other children: an 8- and 10-year-old, and 4-year-old twins.

### Jan. 2, 2009

Vicente Almanza-Ramirez, driving while license revoked, 120 days in prison, suspended, credit for three days served, 18 months supervised probation, do not operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, \$200 fine and court costs.

Angela S. Domingo, misdemeanor worthless check fourth sub-offense, pay \$112.90 restitution and court costs.

### Jan. 5, 2009

Jose Miquel Ventura, felony first-degree murder, life in prison without parole; felony robbery with dangerous weapon, 77 to 102 months in prison to run consecutive with previous sentence.

## No leads in disappearance of mother and son

### A staff report

CLINTON — Sampson County sheriff's deputies are exploring a Mexican connection in the death of Mary Ester Avellaneda, 38. Avellaneda's body was found Saturday in a wooded area not far from her Salemburg home. She was last seen Jan. 4 with her estranged husband and the couple's 13-year-old son. Her estranged husband, Jose Cruz Avellaneda, is suspected in the murder.

The whereabouts of **Jose Cruz Avellaneda** and his son, Jose Andres, are unknown, said Capt. Eric Pope. But family members believe they may be in Mexico.

"Right now, we have some family members who are claiming that they have heard from some of the father's family members, and the son is down there," Pope said.

Jose Avellaneda was last seen driving a white four-door Chevrolet Lumina with North Carolina license plate XZX-8054, Pope said.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at (910) 592-4141.

## **Illegal sentenced to prison for fatal wreck**

January 06, 2009

RALEIGH - A local painter found out this afternoon that he will spend the next 13 to 16 years in prison for a fatal wreck that killed three people in May after his van slammed into their car while he was driving drunk and heading the wrong way on Raleigh's Beltline.

Francisco Javier Martinez, 30, an illegal immigrant who came to the country five years ago, received the prison sentence this afternoon after he pleaded guilty to three counts of second-degree murder and two counts of felony injury.

Martinez had been drinking with friends in the hours before the 4:30 a.m. crash on May 25, his attorney Charles Christopher said.

He was headed home to his wife and three children when he got on the Beltline near Rock Quarry Road going the wrong way. A police officer spotted him and tried to stop him but, before that happened, Martinez's van slammed into a Lexus. Martinez had a blood alcohol content of 0.17, more than twice the legal limit to drive of 0.08.

Six hours before the wreck, Martinez was pulled over by a Raleigh police officer and found that his license had just expired a few days earlier. The officer did not detect any alcohol on Martinez at that time and released him, said Wake assistant district attorney Jeff Cruden.

The wreck took the lives of two brothers Guillermo Jimenez, 26, and Dagoberto Jimenez, 21, as well as the life of Santiago Pascual Tellez, 14, of Knightdale. Two other passengers in the Lexus were hurt but recovered from their injuries.

Guillermo Jimenez, who was driving the Lexus, had a blood alcohol content of 0.05 while Santiago, the 14-year-old, had enough alcohol in his system to register a 0.14, Cruden said.

Santiago's family said they didn't know he had been drinking that night. They remembered him as a teenager who was popular at Durant Middle School. Santiago came to the United States from Mexico with his family when he was 4 and dreamed of one day being a police officer.

The deaths of the Jimenez brothers was especially hard on their families, marking the second time a loved one was killed in a traffic accident. In 2005, then 14-year-old Jose Jimenez, brother of the two men, was killed when the family's car broke down on Interstate 540 and another vehicle slammed into them.

# Burlington Crime Report

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January 8, 2009 - 12:44 AM

**Frank Cruz**, 31, of Rolling Road, Burlington, was charged Monday by the Alamance County Sheriff's Department with two counts each of attempting to obtain property under false pretenses and misdemeanor financial card fraud. According to warrants, Cruz used stolen credit cards from two people to get gas from Sheetz in Mebane and a power saw from Lowe's Home Improvement. Bond was set at \$30,000.

**Jorge Marcelino Marquez**, 21, of Grace Avenue, Burlington, was charged Saturday by the Burlington Police Department with felony possession of cocaine, no operator's license and possession/manufacturing fraudulent identification. According to warrants, Marquez is accused of possessing cocaine and fraudulent identification. Bond was set at \$3,500.

**Eduardo Perez Ramirez**, 34, of Burch Bridge Road, Burlington, was charged Saturday by the Burlington Police Department with felony possession of cocaine and possession/manufacturing fraudulent identification. According to warrants, Ramirez is accused of possessing cocaine and fraudulent identification. Bond was set at \$3,000.

## Newton Grove Crime

- Jan. 4 — **Manuel Rhapiel Garcia**, 35, of 109 Rossie Lane, Newton Grove, was charged with domestic assault on a female and communicating threats. No bond was set; court date is Jan. 20.

## Rutherford County News

### Detective: Man had sex with 14-year-old

By [Richelle Bailey](#) | The McDowell News

Published: January 7, 2009

A Rutherford County man is behind bars after authorities say he had sexual relations with an underage girl.

Investigator Rick Gutierrez of the Marion Police Department charged **Mateo Garcia Hernandez**, 27, of Forest City with one felony count each of statutory rape and statutory sexual offense. He was taken into custody in lieu of a \$200,000 bond.

Gutierrez said Hernandez and the 14-year-old Marion girl met through friends and talked on the phone.

She encouraged him to come to her residence on an occasion in late December, and the two had sexual intercourse, according to the detective.

## Greene County News

### Two arrested on sex and kidnapping charges

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#### ***16-year-old male accused of engaging in intercourse with 12-year-old***

January 7, 2009 - 2:56 PM

[Jon Dawson](#)

Staff Writer

HOOKERTON - Two males from Greene County have been arrested on rape, kidnapping and felonious restraint charges.

On Dec. 30, the Greene County Sheriff's Department arrested a pair of cousins on kidnapping and statutory rape charges.

**Hugo A. Marquez**, 16, of 64 Cardinal Drive, Hookerton, was charged with first degree statutory rape and kidnapping of a 12-year-old Greene County girl.

**Johnny Marquez**, 20, of 75 Margaret Drive, Snow Hill, was charged with felonious restraint.

"The victim, along with a 15-year-old girl from another residence, willfully got into a car with Hugo and Johnny Marquez," Greene County Sheriff Lemmie Smith said. "Based on our investigation, the girls snuck away from their homes."

According to Detective Violet Mills, the girls were taken to a public park by the cousins.

Smith says that although the girls were not held against their will, their age dictates the charges.

"Neither Hugo or Johnny Marquez got permission from these girls' parents to transport them," Smith said. "That's why they were charged with felonious restraint and kidnapping."

According to Mills, the parents of the 15-year-old contacted the Sheriff's Office.

"When the parents discovered their daughter had snuck out of the house, they called us," Mills said. "A deputy from our department went to the residence of the 15-year-old and while he was there, the suspects returned with the girls."

Johnny Marquez was placed in the Greene County Jail under a \$25,000 bond. Hugo Marquez was placed in the Greene County Jail under a \$30,000 bond.

#### **Fayetteville Observer Times**

Published on Monday, January 12, 2009

## Man charged with murder in Palomino shooting

**Carlos Javier Serrano** has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of **Alejandro Gonzalez Reves**, according to Fayetteville police.

According to a news release, Serrano shot Reves at the Palomino night club at 2869 Owen Drive early Sunday morning.

Serrano was captured near the scene of the shooting, the news release says. The motive for the shooting is not known.

Serrano is being held at the Cumberland County Jail.

Reves was 31 years old.

### **Winston-Salem Journal**

1 killed, 2 hurt in shooting

By Mary Giunca | Journal Reporter  
Published: January 12, 2009

Police are investigating the shooting death of a man early yesterday at an apartment complex in southeastern Winston-Salem.

Shortly before 4 a.m., police responded to a call at the complex at 803 Utah Drive, off Cole Road. Upon arriving, they found that three men had been shot outside the complex including **Jose Luis Guzman**, 24. Guzman was taken to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, where he died as a result of his injuries, Winston-Salem police officials said.

The killing was the city's first homicide of 2009.

**Valentin Francisco Organis**, 22, and **Antonio Adolfo Hernandez**, 33, were also shot. They were treated for injuries not considered life-threatening and released from Baptist Medical Center. Police said that Organis lives at the apartment complex but addresses for the other two men had not been determined.

Detectives spent much of yesterday at the apartments trying to figure out exactly what happened. Police Capt. David Clayton said that according to interviews officers had with residents, they believe that a fight started inside an apartment and continued outside in the parking lot, where the shootings occurred.

However, police still didn't know yesterday afternoon what weapon was used, or even how many times Guzman was shot, he said.

An autopsy scheduled for today is expected to give officers more information, Clayton said.

He also said that it had been difficult to get information from residents about what had happened. "We're still working on it," Clayton said.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 727-2800 or 728-3904 for Spanish speakers.

### **Winston-Salem Journal**

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT  
Published: January 12, 2009

A Winston-Salem man was charged with driving while impaired yesterday after he was involved in a crash that killed a passenger in his car, police said.

The crash occurred just after 3 a.m. Sunday. **Augustine Mucio Perez** was driving northbound on U.S. 52 when he lost control of his car near Vargrave Street, police said. The car flipped end-over-end several times before coming to rest on the side of the roadway.

A passenger in the car, **Sergio Humberto Morales-Arriaga**, 28, of 1600 N. Martin Street Apt. N, was ejected from the car. He was taken to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, where he later died.

Perez 29, of 2232 Marble St., was treated and released for his injuries. He was charged with DWI and driving without an operator's license. He was being held in the Forsyth County jail under a \$5,000 bond.

### **Gaston County Jail Report**

**Name: Mario Alenjardo Andrade**

**City/State:** Crouse, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, DWI
- 2, License, No Operators
- 3, Drive After Consuming, Less than 21
- 4, Traffic Lane, Improper Use, T

**Name: Javier Avorresco**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Probation Violation

**Name: Edgar Omar Blas-Melendez**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, License, No Operators
- 2, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Jose Victor Roca Flores**

**City/State:** Wilmington, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, License, Driving While Revoked
- 2, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Sihrab Sami Owais-Elias**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Assault, Female

**Name: Arroyo Reyes - Alejandro**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, DWI

2, Lighting, Rear Lamps Violation

3, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Francisco Javier Sanchez-Ramos**

**City/State:** Pineville, NC

**Charge(s):** 1, DWI

**Name: Mario Jose Tenorio**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Break/ Enter

2, Larceny, Larceny

3, False Pretense

**Name: Miguel Ernesto Tenorio**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Failure to Appear, Misdemeanor

**Name: Sandra Elizabeth Tenorio**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, School Attendance Law Violation

**Name: Elel Vargas Aquino**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, License, No Operators
- 2, Speed, Faster than Reasonable
- 3, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Vicente Cano Garcia**

**City/State:** Kannapolis, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, License, No Operators
- 2, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Enrique Antonio Fernandez**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Disorderly Conduct

**Name: Lolita Kor Rodriguez Garcia**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Larceny, Misdemeanor
- 2, Sch VI, Possess

**Name: Mario Gurra Hernandez**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, DWI
- 2, License, No Operators
- 3, Speed, Failure To Reduce, T
- 4, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Carlos Mario Lopez Vidal**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, False Pretense, Attempt
- 2, Failure to Comply
- 3, Probation Violation, M

4, Probation Violation, M  
5, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Luis Hernandez Mejia**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Assault, Child Under 12  
2, Awdwisi  
3, Awdw  
4, Awdw  
5, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Adriana Marcella Ruiz Fernandez**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Speed, Exceed Posted  
2, License, No Operators

**Name: Hugo Renee Hernandez Santos**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Break/ Enter, Motor Vehicle  
2, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Juan Trejo**

**City/State:** Shelby, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Assault, Female  
2, Resist/Obstruct Public Officer  
3, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Jorge Gabriel Trejo**

**City/State:** Bessemer City, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, License, No Operators  
2, Fail to Report Accident  
3, DWI  
4, Speed, Failure To Reduce, T

**Name: Consuelo Cruz Vazquez**

**City/State:** Charlotte, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Larceny, Anti-Inventory Device
- 2, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Fani Vazquez-Cortez**

**City/State:** Charlotte, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Larceny, Anti-Inventory Device
- 2, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Enrique Rafael Alvarez**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Cocaine, Possess w/ Intent Sell/Deliver

**Name: Gabino Flores**

**City/State:** Concord, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Hit/Run Fail Stop Property Damage
- 2, License, No Operators
- 3, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Rigoberto Romero Garcia**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, DWI, Habitual
- 2, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Conrado Temaj Mendez**

**City/State:** Charlotte, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, License, No Operators

2, Open Container after Consuming Alcohol, 1st  
3, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Carlos Manuel-pena Alberto**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, License, Driving While Revoked  
2, Failure to Appear, Misdemeanor  
3, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Jose Luis Bosquez**

**City/State:** Bessemer City, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Awdw  
2, Assault, Female  
3, Threat, Communicate

**Name: Cipriano Diaz-Ordonez**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Assault, Emergency Personnel  
2, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Danny Garcia-Martinez**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Weapon, Carry Concealed  
2, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Ramon Torres Natividad**

**City/State:** Lowell, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, License, No Operators  
2, DWI  
3, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Juan Perez**

**City/State:** Charlotte, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Larceny, Anti-Inventory Device
- 2, Habeas Corpus

**Name:** Genaro Covarrubias Ruiz

**City/State:** Walworth, Wi

**Charge(s):**

- 1, DWI
- 2, Habeas Corpus

**Name:** Joel Rosado Cruz

**City/State:** Belmont, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Sch VI, Manufacture
- 2, Sch VI, Possess
- 3, Paraphernalia

**Name:** Luis Antonio Dinarte-Perez

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Assault, Female
- 2, Habeas Corpus

**Date (yyyy-mm-dd):** 2009-01-05

**Name:** Tone Douangdara

**City/State:** Kannapolis, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, Habeas Corpus

**Name:** Carlos Lucas Gallardo

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, License, Driving While Revoked
- 2, License, No Operators
- 3, License, Possess/ Display, Alter/ Fictitious/ Revoked

4, Speed, Exceed Posted  
5, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Jose Asenion Mejia**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Injury, Personal Property

**Name: Jher Hreey Phommabouth**

**City/State:** Belmont, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Failure to Appear, Misdemeanor  
2, Failure to Appear, Misdemeanor  
3, Failure to Appear, Misdemeanor

**Name: Jose Santos Sanchez Carrion**

**City/State:** Lincolnton, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, DWI  
2, Unsafe Movement, I  
3, Habeas Corpus

**Name: Eduardo Soto**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

1, Assault, Female  
2, Habeas Corpus

FAYETTEVILLE -- Fayetteville Police have arrested a suspect in a fatal bar shooting.

Fayetteville Police Sgt. John Somerindyke says officers arrested 24-year-old **Carlos Javier Serrano** early Sunday morning as he attempted to flee the scene of the incident.

Serrano is charged with first degree murder in the shooting death of 31-year-old Alejandro Gonzalez Reves.

Police say Reves was shot on Sunday shortly after 2 a.m. at the Palomino Night Club on Owen Drive

**Richmond County News**

**Francisco M. Ramirez** pleaded guilty to felony trafficking in cocaine and was sentenced to from two years and 11 months to three years and six months in prison. He is also to pay a \$50,000 fine

## **Rutherford County News**

### ***Detective: Man had sex with 14-year-old***

By Richelle Bailey | The McDowell News

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## **Havelock News**

1) **Jose Torres**, 31, Havelock, charged with driving while impaired, no operator's license, expired/fictitious/revoked registration

2) **Justo Jiminez**, 24, Havelock, charged with driving while license revoked

## **Wayne County**

**Marah Lynn Vasos**, 20, of 4587 US 117 N, Pikeville, was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle with no insurance, one count of an expired registration and one count of an expired inspection. She was confined to the Wayne County Jail and bonded out on a \$100 secured bond.

**Juan Rodriguez**, 17, of 108 Terri Drive, Pikeville, was arrested and charged with one count of felony statutory rape. According to police reports, Rodriguez had sex with a 12 year old girl. He was confined in the Wayne County Jail and bond was set at \$75,000.

**Pool Romero Castillo**, 17, of 119 King Arthur Lane, LaGrange was charged with driving without a license and failure to reduce speed after a vehicle he was operating struck the rear of a vehicle operated by Jean Elizabeth Whelan, 49, of 202 Halston Drive, Pikeville on US 117. Damage was estimated at \$1,000 to Castillo's 1991 Honda and \$1,200 to Whelan's 2006 Honda.

## **Chapel Hill**

**Juan Lopez Gomez**, 31, of 1105 N.C. 54 Unit H3, was arrested Monday and charged with felony possession of stolen goods. According to a police report, he stole a fire department jacket from a fire truck on West Rosemary Street. The jacket was valued at \$500

## **Rocky Mount**

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

By KEN BRADLEY - Staff Writer

A man who is in the U.S. illegally will serve two years and four months in prison after pleading guilty Tuesday to attempted malicious wounding and three firearms charges.

**Victor Mendoza**, 39, was set to be tried by a jury, but after a jury of four men and eight women was seated, Mendoza agreed to plead guilty to the charges through an agreement with the Franklin County Commonwealth's Attorney's office.

## **Smithfield**

### Man Charged With Raping 13 Year-Old Neighbor

A neighbor has been arrested for the alleged sexual assault of a 13 year-old girl. The incident happened in Blackmon's Mobile Home Park on Galilee Road. **Horacio Melchor Lopez**, 23, was charged with statutory rape and jailed under a \$150,000 bond. Police said it appeared Lopez and the victim had consensual sex. The victim's parents found out about the alleged incident and contacted authorities who arrested Lopez.

### Man, Stepson Killed In Clayton Crash

A Clayton man and his stepson died in a two vehicle collision Sunday night on Winston Road outside of Clayton. The victims have been identified as 43 year-old Nathan Jerome Hudson and his stepson, 19 year-old Jared Austin Johnson, also of Clayton. Troopers said Hudson was traveling east on Winston Road around 6pm when he lost control of his car, which crossed the centerline and struck a pickup truck traveling west. The driver of the truck, **Cirilo Luz-Medina**, 23, of Clayton was transported by Clayton EMS to WakeMed for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. Luz-Medinsa was charged with driving without a license.

**Date:** 01/13/2009

**Name:** **Javier Hernandez Martinez**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, License, No Operators
- 2, Drive Left Of Center, I
- 3, Reckless Driving, To Endanger
- 4, Habeas Corpus

**Date:** 01/12/2009

**Name:** **Cesar Ramirez-Alvarado**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, License, No Operators
- 2, Seat Belt, Fail To Wear
- 3, Habeas Corpus

**Date:** 01/16/2009

**Name:** **Felipe Alvarado Santiago**

**City/State:** Gastonia, NC

**Charge(s):**

- 1, License, No Operators
- 2, Inspection, Fictitious/Other Improper
- 3, Registration Plate/Card, Fictitious/Canceled/Revoked
- 4, Habeas Corpus

**January 21, 2009 - 11:13 PM**

The following have been charged with driving while impaired. A registration of .08 or higher on the Intox EC/IR II results in an automatic 30-day revocation of a driver's license.

n **Wilman Antonio Moya**, 28, of Friendly Road, Burlington, was stopped Monday at 2:45 a.m. by the Burlington Police Department on N. Main Street and Ireland Street in Burlington. He registered .15 and was also charged with speeding, driving without an operator's license and reckless driving to endanger. According to warrants, Moya attempted to make a left turn and struck a utility pole at 45 mph in a 20 mph zone. Bond was set at \$1,200.

## Traffic stops net drugs in two counties

**Jan. 19, 2009**

Vehicle stops in two Western North Carolina counties resulted in drug charges against five people and the seizure of cocaine and methamphetamines, investigators said Monday.

Authorities in Buncombe County charged a Weaverville man with drug trafficking after officers reported finding 1 kilogram of cocaine in his car.

**Jamie Leon Figueroa**, 26, of Earnhardt Court, was jailed in lieu of \$30,000 bond.

He had been stopped Monday for a traffic violation, said Lt. Ross Dillingham of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office. The officer found the cocaine and called in narcotics detectives.

Authorities in North Carolina in 2007 seized 385.5 kilograms of cocaine and 14 kilograms of methamphetamine, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Atlanta. Statistics for 2008 were not available.

The DEA says North Carolina's interstate networks and its growing population have caused an increase in drug trafficking in recent years.

The federal agency considers the state a destination for street-level cocaine as well as a staging and shipment location for sending the drug to other states in the Northeast.

**Jan. 22, 2009**

In an unrelated arrest, a drug dog at a Thursday traffic checkpoint alerted officers in Jackson County to a car where they found 22.7 grams of methamphetamine.

Officers arrested the driver and passengers on charges of possession with intent to sell and deliver methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and felony conspiracy.

Travis McKinley Trull, 28, of Cashiers, and **Hector Mendoza**, 25, of Fletcher, were in jail Monday with bail set at \$10,000 each.

**Misty Dawn Ramirez**, 31, also of Fletcher, and Kendra Gibson Creson, 36, of Canton, were released on bond.

## Rock Hill Area Men Allegedly Gang Rape Woman

Jan 23, 2009 10:46 PM

Updated: Jan 23, 2009 10:47 PM

By Tom Roussey

"CHARLOTTE, NC (WBTV) - Law enforcement tells WBTV that six suspected illegal immigrants from the Rock Hill area allegedly gang raped a woman on the North Carolina coast. Three suspects have been

caught in and around Rock Hill; three are still on the loose and it's feared they've escaped to Mexico.

The alleged rape happened January 6th in Sunset Beach, a North Carolina coastal town not too far from the South Carolina border.

An officer from the area says a 21 year old woman had gotten into an argument with someone she was staying with. She began walking toward the nearby town of Calabash. At the Continental Motel she came in contact with the suspects and asked them for a ride. We're told they agreed but got her to walk upstairs with them first. They then allegedly raped her for six hours.

Among those arrested back in the Rock Hill area are **Genaro Castillo Solis** and **Raymundo Romero Cruz. Wiferdo Avarado** was arrested at a Rock Hill Days Inn. The officer says the three men still on the run may have run to Mexico. We're told one of them has a wife who is still in the Rock Hill area." -

## January 27, 2009 - 7:14 AM

A Gastonia man faces 14 drug charges for incidents dating back to 2007 involving the sale of marijuana and cocaine to a confidential informant for the Gaston County Police Department.

**Gabriel Omar Davila**, 23, of 1729 E. Hudson Blvd., was released from custody on an unsecured bond of \$1 million, meaning that he did not have to put up any money for a bond but could have to if he fails to appear in court.

Davila allegedly sold more than 3.7 pounds of marijuana to a confidential informant working for the Gaston County Police Department on Jan. 12, 2007, according to warrant affidavits. He also allegedly sold cocaine to a confidential informant.

Davila faces nine charges of trafficking in cocaine and manufacturing a controlled substance.

## Driver will face charges in fiery I-40 wreck, troopers say

Posted: Today at 3:51 p.m.

**RALEIGH, N.C.** — The driver of an SUV who investigators believe triggered Monday night's fiery, five-vehicle wreck on Interstate 40 will face criminal charges after he is released from the hospital, Trooper Beckley Vaughan of the highway patrol said.

Troopers investigating the wreck say **Osmar Guillermo Perez Vicente**, 28, caused it when he cut across multiple lanes to try to exit onto Wade Avenue.

Vicente was in serious condition at Wake Med Tuesday. Vaughan said that after Vicente is released from the hospital, he will face charges of careless and reckless driving and operating without a license.

Vaughan said troopers also intend to investigate whether Vicente is in the United States legally.

Vicente does not speak English and told investigators, via a translator, that he has been in the U.S. looking for work for two years.

## 6 Injured In Head-On Collision Jan, 26, 2009

Three children and three adults were injured in a head-on collision Monday afternoon on Bailey's Crossroads Road. The Highway Patrol said a Chevy van headed towards McGee's Crossroads crossed the centerline and hit a car head-on. The driver of the van, **Juan Cruz**, 26, of Angier, his wife and their two children, ages 2 and 3, were all injured. The driver of the car, Rebeka Surles, 35, of Dunn and her 3 year-old daughter were hurt. Emergency crews from Johnston and Harnett County were called to the scene to extricate patients from both vehicles. Both drivers were listed in fair condition Tuesday at WakeMed. Cruz was charged with driving left of center and driving without a license. Trooper J.B. Harvey said, "He didn't just go left of center. He went completely into her lane." Harvey estimated both vehicles were traveling at approximately 55mph at the time of impact. All the occupants were wearing seat belts. The children were in child safety seats. Although one safety seat broke during the impact, none of the children were seriously injured.

## Employee Accused Of Embezzling \$42,000 Jan 26, 2009

A former employee at a Selma business has been arrested on charges she stole approximately \$42,000 over a six year period. **Carolina Avellaneda**, 23, of Angier was arrested Monday following a three month investigation by the Johnston County Sheriff's Office. Avellaneda was employed at the Red River Western Wear on JR Road when the thefts reportedly occurred. She was allegedly captured on a store security video taking money in one of the incidents. Avellaneda was charged with felony larceny and jailed in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

## Two face cocaine charges in Moore County

Jan. 28, 2009  
A staff report

CARTHAGE — Two people have been charged with trafficking cocaine following a two-month undercover investigation by drug officers with the Moore County Sheriff's Office.

Members of the Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit and Special Response Team executed a search warrant Friday at 272 Gillespie St. in Pinebluff.

Officers found 82 grams of crack cocaine, 2 grams of powder cocaine, \$4,029 and drug paraphernalia, according to a release from the Sheriff's Office.

Officers also purchased and seized an additional 62 grams of crack cocaine during the investigation.

The estimated street value of the drugs is \$14,600.

Officers charged Carlton Ladell Core, 30, of 272 Gillespie St., and **Jose Perez Maldonado**, 24, of Patsy Lemons Lane in Lillington.

Core was charged with four counts of trafficking in cocaine, four counts of conspiracy to traffic in cocaine, two counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, and one count each of selling cocaine, delivering cocaine, conspiracy to sell or deliver cocaine, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor child abuse.

Maldonado was charged with four counts of trafficking in cocaine, four counts of conspiracy to traffic in cocaine, two counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, and one count each of selling cocaine, delivering cocaine, conspiracy to sell or deliver cocaine and misdemeanor resist, obstruct or delay a law enforcement officer.

Bail for each was set at \$250,000.

## Police blotter

Jan 22, 2009

Carrboro

Police arrested and charged the following people with driving while impaired in separate incidents this weekend, according to reports: James William Halye, 21, of 1601 Phoebe Drive Unit 57 in Hillsborough; **Eduardo Aldo Pacheco**, 40, of Burlington; Nathan Alexander Price, 24, of 211 E. Peace St. Unit 4; and **Michelle Marie Albaladejo**, 31, of 250 S. Estes Drive Unit 82.

Chapel Hill

**Feliciano Perez Flores**, 29, of 901 Chalk Level Road Unit L5 in Durham, was arrested Thursday and charged with driving while impaired, resisting arrest and driving without a license. According to a police report, his blood alcohol level was 0.17. **Guillermo Diego Flores**, 41, of the same address, was also arrested and charged with resisting arrest. According to a police report, he failed to obey a lawful command, "thus delaying an investigation."

Police arrested seven people over the weekend and charged them with driving while impaired in separate incidents: Sho Jeffrey Yamagashi, 22, of 2122 Baycourt Trail in Hillsborough; Joo Hee Shin, 24, of 4357 Karlbrook Lane in Raleigh; **Jaime Rojas Morales**, 39, of 6421 N.C. 86 Unit C10; **Gabriel Torres-Mendez**, 32, of 174 Hayes St. in Hillsborough; Rovennia Bullock-Clayton, 50, of 1119 Penzance St. in Durham; John Wilbur Dobbs III, 41, of Atlantic Beach, Fla.; and **Leonel Gomez Lopez**, 24, of Royal Park Apartments Unit N10 in Carrboro. This was an unusually high number of arrests, Gunter said, but police were not conducted any additional enforcement measures.

## Federal, state and local authorities seize drugs, guns and money

Jan. 31, 2009

DOBSON - A cooperative investigation by Federal, State and Local Drug Agents has led to the arrest of four men living in Surry County on charges of conspiring to smuggle and distribute illegal drugs into the

area, authorities said.

On Wednesday, the Surry County Sheriff's Office, State Bureau of Investigation, U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Stokes County Sheriff's Office, Elkin Police Department, and the Mount Airy Police Department searched a total of nine individual residences in various locations in Surry County. Officers seized about 17 ounces of crystal methamphetamine, two AK-47 assault rifles, four semi-automatic hand guns, two four-wheelers, and \$12,818.00 in cash.

The nine residences searched were the result of several months of intense investigation by undercover officers into the trafficking of methamphetamine and cocaine in Surry County and surrounding areas. During the investigation officers were able to purchase methamphetamine from members of the organization. As the investigation continued officers were able to gain the trust of key members of the group and were able to use those relationships to develop valuable intelligence that helped "connect the dots" and establish the criminal connection between group members, authorities said.

**Leon Alberto Sierra**, 20, of 180 Chestnut Oak Lane, Elkin, was arrested Wednesday and charged with two counts trafficking in methamphetamines, possession with intent to sell & deliver methamphetamines, two counts of maintaining a drug house, and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released from the Surry County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

**Anacleto Ponce-Aguado**, 22, of 2457 Dobbins Mill Road, Elkin, was also arrested Wednesday and charged with two counts of trafficking in methamphetamines and conspiracy to traffic methamphetamines. He was still being held yesterday in the Surry County Jail. His bond is set at \$100,000.

**Luiz Lazo Hernandez**, 32, of 119 W Hampton Ln Lot#24 Mount Airy was arrested Thursday and charged with trafficking in methamphetamines, maintain a drug house, possession with intent to sell & deliver cocaine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was still being held in yesterday in the Surry County Jail. His bond was set at \$150,000.

Charges of conspire to traffic methamphetamines are pending against **Julian Chavez**, 36, of 157 Amelia Lane, Elkin.

Additional federal charges related to firearms, narcotics and immigration violations are also pending against the four men

## Man charged with indecent liberties

Jan 31, 2009

RALEIGH -- Police have charged a man with taking indecent liberties with a 10-year-old.

**Sheriff Jobe** of 1632 Belafonte Drive faces three counts of indecent liberties with a child, according to warrants issued Friday.

Agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement have asked that Jobe, who is from Gambia in western Africa, be held in the Wake County jail while they investigate whether he is in this country illegally, according to documents