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Police Charge 5 People With Selling Counterfeit CD's, DVD's

<http://www.wtsbradio.com/pages/localnews.html>

Five people have been arrested by Smithfield Police on charges of selling counterfeit CD's and DVD's. On Sunday, officers said they seized several thousand pirated CD's and DVD's from the suspects who were allegedly vendors at Brightleaf Flea Market at 2320 South Brightleaf Boulevard. If genuine, they would have had a street value of approximately \$300,000.

Charged with **possession of a fictitious recorded device**, which is a felony offense is: **Jose Antonio Hermegilda-Martinez**, 30, of Black Creek Road, Four Oaks; **Alejandro Rincon Cruz**, 38, Rolling Green Court, Raleigh; **Noel Garcia Guevara**, 32, Boss Lane, Greenville; **Tomas Huerta-Ibarra**, 37, Wilmington Road, Turkey; and **Armando Manuel Martinez**, 48, Cobblestone Road, Greenville.

3 Kenly Men Charged In Cocaine Bust

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Three accused large scale cocaine dealers were arrested Friday during a drug bust near Kenly. The Johnston County Sheriff's Office said the three suspects, two of whom are in the US illegally, had been the target of a three month long undercover investigation.

Friday morning, drug agents executed a search warrant at 3209-A Highway 222 East, Kenly and **arrested Jose Servero Bustos**, David Villareal, and **Ernesto Padilla Cruz**. Sheriff's Captain A.C. Fish **said the three are tied in to a much larger drug trafficking organization, but all are very large drug dealers, who have allegedly been selling cocaine in Johnston and surrounding counties.**

Among the items seized during Friday's search were 9 ounces of cocaine, which was in addition to 3 ounces confiscated during the investigation. Agents also seized two vehicles and an undetermined amount of US currency. The cocaine had a street value estimated at \$33,600.

Authorities said **Bustos and Cruz**, the alleged main drug dealer, out of the trio, **were in the United States illegally.**

Illegal rapes 15 year old girl

<http://www.lohud.com/article/20110922/NEWS02/109220362/Man-extradited-from-N-C-Bedford-Hills-sex-assault-case>

BEDFORD — Town police have **charged a North Carolina man with a felony count of third-degree criminal sexual act for his suspected role in an alleged incident with a 15-year-old girl.**

Jose Toapante, 38, of Raleigh, N.C., was turned over to Bedford police Tuesday after he was extradited from North Carolina and taken into custody by the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, police said.

Police provided few details of what transpired between Toapante and the teenager, but accused him of acting improperly toward her on Feb. 12 in the hamlet of Bedford Hills.

Police said several additional law enforcement agencies were involved in the extradition, including the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Wake County Sheriff's Office in North Carolina.

Toapante was arraigned in town court and taken to the Westchester County jail, where he was awaiting a court appearance today.

Deaths at Robbins home were murder-suicide

http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/story/10109164/

ROBBINS, N.C. — Authorities say two people whose bodies were found last month inside a burning house in Robbins were victims of a murder-suicide.

Officers responding to a report of shots fired from a house at 581 E. Lake St. Aug. 29 found the house ablaze, officials said.

Firefighters extinguished the fire and found the bodies of **Santana Vernal Sanchez**, 28, and **Apolonio Barrita Bustamonte**. A 2-year-old child who was in the home at the time of the fire was rescued by a neighbor.

Officials said Friday that Bustamonte killed Sanchez before killing himself.

Terror defendant guilty on immigration charges

<http://www.newsobserver.com/2011/09/23/1512393/terror-defendant-guilty-on-immigration.html>

GREENVILLE -- A North **Carolina man charged in a terrorist plot to attack a Marine base has been found guilty on immigration violations in a separate case.**

A jury on Friday found **Anes Subasic** guilty on two counts. Prosecutors say Subasic lied about having a criminal record when he applied in the 1990s to become a U.S citizen. **He had at least 10 prior criminal charges in his native Bosnia.**

Subasic is one of seven men charged in an alleged terrorist conspiracy to attack the U.S. Marine base in Quantico, Va., and targets overseas. Ringleader Daniel Boyd has pleaded guilty, as did two of his sons. A trial for three others began in New Bern this week.

Subasic is representing himself in court and will be tried separately on the terrorism charges.

Man arrested in connection with Glen Lennox peeping

http://www.dailytarheel.com/index.php/article/2011/09/man_arrested_in_connection_with_glen_lennox_peeping

Chapel Hill police **have charged Antonio Aleman-Hernandez, 23, of Hamilton Road, with four counts of secret peeping and one count of attempted breaking and entering.**

Aleman-Hernandez is being held in Orange County Jail on a \$10,000 bond, according to a police report.

During the past months, Glen Lennox residents have reported that a man has looked into their windows and scratched on their doors, prompting police to increase patrols in the area.

Sgt. Josh Mecimore, Chapel Hill police information sergeant, said extra monitoring of the area brought about the arrest.

“The arrest was made after a peeping call last night where officers were in the area,” he said.

Police arrested Aleman-Hernandez at 132 Hamilton Rd. at 12:33 a.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

An incident in which someone knocked at a window and spoke to the resident was reported at 127 Hamilton Rd. at 11:32 p.m., according to reports.

Aleman-Hernandez was also charged with peeping on Hamilton Road in January, according to police reports.

Mecimore said though Aleman-Hernandez has been charged with four counts of peeping this time, **he might be linked to at least six incidents that have recently been reported.**

He said even more peeping incidents might have taken place but been classed as suspicious person reports.

Mother now facing charges relating to 2-year-old son's death

<http://www.wbtv.com/story/15428149/man-charged-with-murder-in-toddlers-death#.Tn8fDXD7Dek.facebook>

CHARLOTTE, NC (WBTV) - Police have arrested the mother of a toddler who died earlier this month.

Ariacna Romero, 21, was taken into custody Thursday night on felony accessory charges in the murder of her 2-year-old son.

A friend of Romero, James Gregory Cleveland, 25, is charged with felony child abuse inflicting serious bodily injury, and murder in relation to the death of Demytre Rashaad Pendleton Jr.

According to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Demytre's mother took her son to Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Due to the severity of the boy's injuries, he was airlifted to CMC-Main.

An examination at the hospital revealed injuries in which hospital staff believed were serious enough to involve police. The next day, CMPD detectives with the Youth Crimes Unit were called to CMC to investigate how the child was injured.

Demytre died at the hospital two days later as a result of his injuries.

This latest incident, however, is not the first time the child has ended up in the hospital due to a severe injury.

Officers were called to CMC-Main on August 24, 2011, at 10:24 p.m. after Demytre was admitted with a skull fracture and several bruises which police deemed possibly consistent with a fall.

Immigration sweep nets arrests in NC and SC

<http://www.reflector.com/ap/staten/immigration-sweep-nets-arrests-nc-and-sc-705993>

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A week-long operation by federal immigration officials across the country has led to hundreds of arrests, more than 160 in North Carolina and South Carolina.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Wednesday that the operation targeted people who had been previously convicted of crimes who were illegally living in the United States.

The agency reported 139 arrests in North Carolina and 24 in South Carolina.

Among those arrested was a man living in West Columbia, S.C. who had been previously convicted of assault charges and is charged with first-degree murder in Florida.

Officials say that over 2,900 people were arrested in the operation across the country, including nearly 1,300 people with multiple criminal convictions.

Head-On Collision Killed Everyone Involved

<http://www.wyff4.com/r/29228939/detail.html>

HENDERSON COUNTY, N.C. -- The North Carolina Highway Patrol says four men died in a head-on collision near Brevard.

Trooper Gene Williamson said a Nissan Sentra was going west on Highway 280 near Snyder Lane with three men inside.

He said the Nissan went across the road and hit a Dodge Neon head-on. Williamson said the second vehicle only had a male driver inside.

The driver of the Neon was Calvin Raines, 83, of Brevard.

The driver of the Nissan was **Manuel Andres-Bomaye**, 26, of Asheville. The front-seat passenger was Roberto Sanchez-Mendez, 23, of Asheville and the backseat passenger was Ramundo Garcia Garcia, 34, of Asheville.

The Highway Patrol said **Andres-Bomaye, the 26-year-old driver of Sentra, had a suspended license because of a driving-while-impaired conviction from 2010.**

The crash happened at 7:08 a.m. Monday.

Marshals arrest man who's been on the run for a year

<http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2011/09/16/marshals-arrest-lorain-man-whos-been-on-the-run-for-a-year/>

A man who has been on the run from U.S. Marshals for a year was arrested this week in North Carolina.

Luis Leiva, 49, was picked up Monday in Raleigh, N.C., using a fake identity, according to Marshals.

Leiva was wanted for charges of domestic violence, violating a protection order, burglary and assault stemming from an April 2009 incident and was added to the U.S. Marshals' "Dangerous Dozen" most wanted list.

Deputy Tony Keffer, U.S. Marshals Service task force coordinator for Lorain County, said Leiva was taken into custody without incident by Marshals and Raleigh law enforcement. He was booked in the Wake County Jail.

When arrested, Leiva thought he was being arrested for an immigration violation Keffer said. Keffer didn't have information on Leiva's citizenship status but said Leiva was born in Peru. If convicted of a felony, it's likely he could be deported, Keffer said.

Leiva's year on the Dangerous Dozen list is long and is due to the fact that he left the area and changed his identity, Keffer said.

Keffer attributed his arrest to "a lot of investigating" and "good work by the Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S. Marshals."

Human Trafficking Cases Up 600 Percent In NC

<http://www.wxii12.com/news/29183937/detail.html#ixzz1Y9l2sVqo>

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. -- **The number of incidents of human sex trafficking across North Carolina are up 600 percent over the past 18 months**, according to local World Relief Inc. Director Tony Williams.

"Slavery did not end. It just changed forms." Williams said.

Williams said his organization works with local churches to identify those who are most vulnerable and provide assistance. Most victims are illegal immigrants who are afraid to go to authorities for help, he said.

"Identification is really the first step towards rescue," Williams said.

World Relief provides victims with food, rent, job training, counseling, medical help and other broad services, he said.

Pitt County Grand Jury

<http://www.reflector.com/crimerescue/pitt-county-grand-jury-688563>

Santana Carmelo Huerta, 23, 3312 Mills Road, possession with intent to sell and deliver heroin and maintaining controlled substance in motor vehicle

Man extradited from N.C. in sex assault case

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4 Year Old Dies, Man Charged After South Charlotte Shooting

<http://www.foxcharlotte.com/news/top-stories/4-Year-Old-Shot-In-South-Charlotte-Neighbors-Call-For-Gun-Control-130512938.html>

CHARLOTTE, NC (WBTV) - Police charge a man for improperly storing a gun after a four year old was shot to death.

Erin Melendez is charged with storing a firearm in a manner accessible to a minor.

Police were called to the Highlands Apartments at 1:22 pm on Saturday.

When officers arrived, emergency workers were treating four-year-old Katherine Palma for a gunshot wound. She was taken to Carolinas Medical Center where she was pronounced dead.

Neighbor Joe Alpizar says he heard screaming from the 2nd story apartment and saw a woman running out. He says he also watched as a little boy told police "I'm sorry, it was an accident."

Alpizar says the woman is the little girl's aunt and the boy who pulled the trigger is an older cousin.

Police say the shooting happened in a bedroom. A total of five children, including the victim, were in the apartment when the gun went off.

Burglary charge filed against man

<http://www.salisburypost.com/Crime/092611-Cops-brief-4-yes-mug-qcd#.ToCjqjPcykE.facebook>

KANNAPOLIS — **Custodio Anastacio, 35, of 1416 Cove Road in Kannapolis, has been charged with attempted first-degree burglary and resisting police.**

He is accused of running from a Kannapolis police officer Sunday and was being held on \$5,000 bond in the Rowan County Detention Center. He is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

Two Men Arrested in Greenville Cocaine Bust

<http://www2.wnct.com/news/2011/sep/14/two-men-arrested-greenville-cocaine-bust-ar-1392504/>

GREENVILLE, N.C. - **Two men from Texas are in jail under a \$1.5 million bond for trafficking cocaine.**

The men were arrested Sunday at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Johny Covarrubias Flores of Arlington, TX and **Manuel Dejesus Reyes** of Houston, TX were stopped for a traffic violation at Highway 264 and Mazingo Road in Greenville.

A drug detection K-9 was deployed on the vehicle and alerted to the odor of narcotics.

Law Enforcement Officers seized 4.5 kilograms of powder cocaine with a street value of \$450,000