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Fire call ends in marijuana bust

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The fire was in the basement. The marijuana was in the bedroom.

The tarantula and the alligator were in the home, too. Greenwood firefighters found all of these items when they went to put out a fire at 582 Forest Ave. in Greenwood on Wednesday morning.

The homeowner, Lonnie J. Burroughs, 36, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana/hashish and maintaining a common nuisance. He was released on \$8,000 bond.

Greenwood police found a clear plastic bag on the floor of the bedroom and burned hand-rolled cigarettes in an ashtray on the nightstand, according to a police report. A loose, green leafy substance was also on the nightstand, the report said.

The Greenwood Fire Department responded to a call about 8:30 a.m. concerning a fire that

had started in a utility room in the basement of the home, Greenwood Fire Chief Steve Dhondt said.

No one was hurt in the fire, which took 15 minutes to put out, he said.

Firefighters are still investigating the cause of the fire, which traveled up the basement wall and caused damage to the ceiling and kitchen floor located above the utility room, Dhondt said.

The Johnson County Health Department declared the home unfit to live in because of unsanitary conditions in the home and a broken furnace, health department director John Bonssett said.

The home's furnace appeared to be unsafe, with potential for carbon monoxide poisoning, he said.

Burroughs' live-in girlfriend and their children went to live with a friend, the report said.

A tarantula and alligator found in the home were signed over to the Johnson County Animal Shelter, according to Lisa Roberts, administrative assistant.

ON THE RECORD

Police/fire

Franklin Burglary

• First block of Hougham Street: A woman reported that someone broke into her home between 6 p.m. Sunday and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and stole a container holding about \$250 in change.

• 100 block of South Water Street: A man reported that someone broke into a fenced-in area and stole a pile of scrap metal valued at \$40 to \$60 between 7:30 and 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Thefts

• Marsh, 1172 N. Main St.: A woman reported that someone stole her purse from her cart while she was in the store about 7:40 p.m. Tuesday. Two of the woman's credit cards had been used several times in Franklin and Whiteland shortly after the purse was discovered missing.

• 2100 block of Charles Drive: A man reported that someone stole the CD player and about 15 CDs from his unlocked vehicle between 9 p.m. Sunday and 1 p.m. Monday.

• 100 block of East South Street: A woman reported that someone entered three unlocked vehicles between 10:30 p.m. Sunday and 4:30 a.m. Monday. About five CDs were stolen from one of the vehicles. Nothing was stolen from the other two vehicles.

Property-damage accidents

• 6:50 a.m. Wednesday — Interstate 65 North, north of the 90-mile marker

• 6:30 p.m. Tuesday — U.S. 31, south of Industrial Drive

• 5:44 a.m. Monday — Churchill Road and Crescent Street

Fire

• Franklin Power Products, 400 N. Forsythe St.: Franklin Fire Department responded to the report of a machine fire about 11:15 a.m. Tuesday. Some filters had caught on fire inside a machine exhaust system. Firefighters shut off power to the machine and put out the fire. A man burned the tips of his fingers while carrying some of the filters outside but refused to be treated or transported to a hospital.

Greenwood Burglary

• 100 block of Chestnut Drive: A man reported that he was sleeping about 8 p.m. Tuesday when his dog, which had been outside, came into his room and woke him up. He told police he followed the dog and discovered two men in his kitchen. One of the men dropped a computer monitor when he saw the homeowner, and both ran out of the home, fleeing in a vehicle. The homeowner chased the burglars in his vehicle but eventually lost them and returned home to call police.

• 400 block of Yorktown Road: A woman reported that someone broke into her home and stole a computer, DVD player, watch and stereo between 5:30 and 8:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Thefts

• 900 block of Brittany Lane: A woman reported that someone stole a bottle of prescription medication from her residence Tuesday evening.

• Bally Total Fitness, 517 U.S. 31 North: A woman reported that she had items stolen from the women's locker room between 9:25 and 9:45 p.m. Tuesday.

• 600 block of Nicole Drive: A man reported that he started his car at 7:12 a.m., and when he returned about five minutes later, the vehicle had been stolen.

• First block of Crestview Drive: A man reported that someone stole the stereo from his unlocked vehicle sometime during the weekend.

Shoplifting

• Sears, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported at 4:15 p.m. Monday that a woman suspected of stealing a cell phone had run out of the store and fled in a vehicle after being confronted by the officer. Police located the suspect's vehicle and attempted to stop it, but the driver left the roadway and drove through grass, through a construction site and over a concrete curb. The vehicle stopped after hitting a sign. The driver

was arrested on charges of theft, resisting law enforcement, criminal recklessness and driving while suspended with a prior conviction. A juvenile female passenger was taken to the Greenwood Police Department and released to her mother.

Criminal mischief

• 1100 block of Westminster Row: A woman reported Tuesday night that someone had broken a window out of her vehicle.

• 500 block of Remington Point: A man reported that someone damaged his vehicle and attempted to break into it Sunday night.

Property-damage accidents

• 1 p.m. Tuesday — U.S. 31 and Carr Street

• 7:21 a.m. Tuesday — Madison Avenue and Fry Road

• 4:15 p.m. Monday — County Line Road, west of Emerson Avenue

• 12:18 p.m. Monday — U.S. 31 and Smith Valley Road

• 7:05 p.m. Sunday — Smith Valley Road and Library Park Drive

Johnson County Thefts

• 2900 block of Cromwell Court, White River Township: A construction employee reported that someone entered a home under construction and cut and removed copper wiring between 4 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday.

• 100 block of Shady Brook Heights, White River Township: A woman reported that someone stole prescription medication from her home the evening of Jan. 25.

Criminal mischief

• 4500 block of Moccasin Place, White River Township: A woman reported that someone broke a window out of her vehicle and stole a purse and a digital music player between 8 a.m. Jan. 25 and 7:45 a.m. Tuesday.

Jail bookings

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Johnson County jail:

Matthew Elvis White Face, 47, 1664 Westwood St., Greenwood; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$1,000 bond.

Fray Salas-Paredes, 24, 505 Smith Valley Road, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of driving without a license; held on \$2,000 bond.

Elijah H. Radford, 27, 6250 Raleigh Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Kimberly Michelle Mason, 32, 1493 Franklin Place Court, Franklin; arrested on a charge of failure to respond; released on \$1,000 bond.

Terry W. Smith, 47, 1361 Grand Ave., Columbus; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$10,000 bond.

Jillaina Marie Proffitt, 34, 946 Parliament Place, Apt. 1808, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

David Michael Burton, 41, 2461 W. Larae Ave., Taylorsville; arrested on a charge of probation revocation and a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Lonnie J. Burroughs, 36, 582 Forrest Ave., Greenwood; arrested on charges of possession of marijuana/hashish and maintaining a common nuisance; released on \$8,000 bond.

Rodger Lee Andre Smiley, 38, 1545

S. Dayton Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on two warrants for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Samuel S. Trezzo, 21, 4724 Runyon Lake Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$100 bond.

Denver Lacey Harris, 25, 2232 St. Peter St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; released on \$1,000 bond.

Shalece Ann Thompson, 42, 1538 Crescent St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of driving without ever receiving a license; released on \$1,000 bond.

Michael Paul Riddle, 22, 207 S. Leota St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of residential entry; released on \$3,000 bond.

Margaret A. Kominariak, 53, 5156 Thompson Village Place, Apt. C, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$300 bond.

Jesse J. Jackson, 24, 2631 Fox Harbor Den, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$5,000 bond.

Terry Eugene Tucker, 28, 643 Day Break Drive, Greenwood; arrested on charges of dealing in marijuana/hashish, possession of marijuana/hashish and possession of a controlled substance; released on \$18,000 bond.

James D. McNeely, 28, 8847 Medora Drive, Apt. 1H, Camby; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$100 bond.

Sarah M. Newman, 25, 2042 Ohio St., Columbus; arrested on a charge of harassment; released on \$1,000 bond.

Kristy L. Short, 25, 2139 Hanna Ave., Apt. E7, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of criminal conversion; released on \$1,000 bond.

Donald J. Shepard, 40, 122 Kingsview Road, Mooresville; arrested on a charge of attempted murder, intimidation and on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Audie Lee Gant, 25, 1709 Franklin Place Court, Franklin; arrested on a Shelby County warrant; held without bond.

Tyra M. Hoggatt, 39, 628 Woodale Terrace, Apt. 1005, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of domestic battery; held on \$1,000 bond.

John Michael Meyer, 23, 607 Meadowview Lane, Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$2,500 bond.

Gordon Keith Collins, 39, 4436 N. County Road 300E, Shelbyville; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; released on \$5,000 bond.

Jamie L. Gray, 31, 1543 Elderberry Way, North Vernon; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$2,000 bond.

James Robert Sweet, 42, 107 Ashbury Ridge, Mooresville; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

Glenn D. Jobe, 49, 3842 N. County Road 200W, Franklin; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

Porfirio Fernandez Marin, 21, 830 N. Gladstone Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

Jodie Renne Harless, 30, 1199 Hospital Road, Lot 232, Franklin; arrested on charges of probation revocation and possession of marijuana/hashish; held without bond.

Derek Michael Hine, 22, 8209 Pickford Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$5,000 bond.

David Douglas Messer, 22, 2026 Main St., Beech Grove; arrested on warrants for contempt and failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Peggy L. May, 39, 1214 Bluffcrest Lane, Indianapolis; arrested on charges of criminal recklessness, theft or receiving stolen property, resisting an officer and driving while suspended with a prior conviction; held on \$10,000 bond.

Martha A. Stanley, 55, 105 Gaterville Road, Morgantown; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior offense; held on \$1,000 bond.

Robert Charles Wright, 19, 1782 Michele Lane, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; held on \$1,000 bond.

Births

Johnson Memorial Hospital

Shane Palmer and Brandie Langley, Taylorsville, boy born Jan. 27.

Felicia Bearley and Jesse Eads, girl born Jan. 27.

Velia Burton and Coty Tiller, Greenwood, boy born Jan. 30.

Michael and Sadie Arney, boy born Jan. 30.

Minutes

Johnson County Board of commissioners

On Monday, the board:

• Approved 3-0 allowing the prosecutor's office to submit grant applications for 2006, which help pay for salaries and programs the office hosts.

• Approved 3-0 spending an additional \$5,700 in January from the emergency 911 fund. The added expense was to pay bills to replace hard drives in car laptop computers.

• Discussed spending \$73,000 from the cumulative capital fund for a recording device at the sheriff's office that is used to record radio and telephone emergency calls. Commissioners asked Sheriff Terry McLaughlin to find out exactly what equipment was needed and plan to vote on the expense at their next meeting.

• Approved 3-0 endorsing the city of Greenwood's request for federal funds to pay for work on Smith Valley Road, where the county is not improving the road.

• Approved 3-0 appointing Ted Gephardt, Ed Dell and Julia "Holly" Gephardt to the initial board of directors for the North Lake Conservancy District. Each member will serve staggered terms: Ted Gephardt will serve until 2009, Dell until 2008 and Julia Gephardt until 2007.

• Approved 2-0 an ordinance to create a fund for short-term disability contributions from county employees. Commissioner R.J. McConnell was not present for the vote.

• Heard a complaint from Jodi Meyer, a resident of Carefree North, a subdivision in White River Township, about the condition of Ramblin Road. Meyer complained that the road has too many potholes, breaks apart and needs to be completely repaved. Commissioners said they didn't have the money to fix the road, but would remember it in the future if money became available.

BRIEFS

LOCAL

GREENWOOD

Police: Cell phone theft leads to chase, crash

A woman is in custody after stealing a cell phone kit and leading police on a chase through northeastern Greenwood on Monday afternoon, police said.

Peggy L. May, 39, 1214 Bluff Crest Lane, Indianapolis, was arrested on charges of criminal recklessness, theft, resisting an officer and driving with a suspended license with a prior conviction.

A security officer saw a woman take a cell phone kit from Sears Department Store and get into a car parked by the curb outside the store, the report said.

The officer followed the woman to her vehicle and tried to keep her from entering her car.

She shut his finger in the car door, and then drove away when his hand was released, the report said.

She then led police on a chase along County Line Road, cutting across residential yards and office parking lots before losing control just west of Emerson Avenue, the report said.

She was arrested after crashing into a property sign.

She told police that she stole the cell phone and decide to flee police because she panicked, the report said.

May was being held at the Johnson County jail on \$10,000 bond.

EDINBURGH

Officials believe fire was started on bed

Four Edinburg families received food and clothing from the American Red Cross after a fire destroyed their apartments early Friday.

A fire started at the apartments shortly after 6 a.m. Friday at 306 S. Main St., which is an old house converted into six apartment units.

Investigators have not pinpointed the cause but think the fire started on a bed, Edinburg Fire Chief Allen Smith said.

Three men were in the kitchen of the apartment at the time and were able to get out and evacuate other residents so that no one was injured, Smith said.

Fire spread into three apartments, and two were destroyed, Smith said.

He estimated the damage at \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The fire department shut off power to all of the apartments, and residents were required to move out, he said.

The investigation continues this week, and Smith is interviewing the tenants to determine exactly what caused the fire.

The landlord was not available for comment.

GREENWOOD

Show off speech-making skills at contest

The Greater Greenwood Toastmasters scheduled its annual International Speech Contest at 6:45 a.m. Feb. 10 at the Sunshine Café at the intersection of Main Street and State Road 135 in Greenwood.

The two top finishers will advance with the possibility of qualifying for the International Speech contest finals in August in Washington, D.C., as part of the International Convention.

The group meets at 6:45 a.m. every Friday at the Sunshine Café. Guests are welcome.

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