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Robert Garton has served in the Indiana Senate for 36 years. He is Senate president pro tempore.



Greenwood resident Greg Turley is seeking to beat Woody Burton for an Indiana House seat.

Man arrested after fight at mall

Daily Journal staff report

An off-duty Marion County sheriff's deputy broke up a scuffle between a Greenwood Park Mall worker and another man who appeared to be intoxicated and was not wearing a shirt, police said.

The fight happened shortly before midnight Wednesday outside the Applebee's restaurant at the mall.

Matthew K. Carson, 22, of Greenwood, was arrested on charges of attempted robbery and public intoxication and on an outstanding warrant from the city court for driving with a suspended license.

The mall employee told police he was leaving work when Carson approached him from behind, asking for a ride to Valle Vista, a police report said.

He refused, noticing that Carson was not wearing a shirt and appeared intoxicated, the report said.

Carson then said, "How about I take everything out of your pockets," according to the report. The man set his computer on the ground, turned to face Carson and punched him in the face, the report said.

Carson threatened to shoot him

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and then tried to grab the laptop, the report said.

The sheriff's deputy was leaving the mall and separated the two before Greenwood police arrived, the report said.

Police found a blue tank top and orange sweaters in different areas of the parking lot, which Carson said were his, the report said.

A portable breath test showed Carson's blood alcohol level was .14, nearly twice the .08 legal driving limit.

Carson, of 658 Nicole Drive, Apt. D, is being held at the Johnson County jail on \$18,300 bond.

GREENWOOD

Resident runs from home when neighbor enters

A Greenwood man told a neighbor that he had an assault rifle and then entered the home through the back door after apparently having too much to drink, according to Greenwood police.

Edward J. Owens, 25, 527 Quail Run, was arrested on charges of residential entry and public intoxication on Thursday.

A man ran out of his house and called police on his cell phone after he heard Owens yelling at the back door of his home in the 1300 block of Stillwater Lane, according to a Greenwood police report.

Inside the home, a police officer knocked Owens down and handcuffed him when he wouldn't show the officer his hands or get on the ground, the report said.

Owens did not have a gun with him, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

On a breath test, Owens had a blood-alcohol level of .206, more than twice the limit to be considered driving while intoxicated. He told police that he had drunk six beers and two shots of vodka, the report said.

Owens was being held at the Johnson County jail on a \$4,000 bond.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Kick-off parties set mood for local relays

Greenwood and Franklin residents are gearing up for the Relay for Life of Johnson County events in June with kick-off parties.

At the kick-off parties, people can get teams together and learn

more about the relay, which celebrates cancer survivors and raises money to fight cancer. Teams can sign up during the events.

Greenwood's kick-off took place Thursday at the Greenwood Middle School cafeteria.

Franklin's kick-off will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23 in the lobby of the 1159 Cancer Center Building at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Both Relay for Life events are scheduled from 10 a.m. June 10 to 10 a.m. June 11.

The Greenwood relay will take place at the middle school track, and the Franklin relay will take place in front of the Johnson Memorial Cancer Center.

Last year, the relay raised more than \$83,000 for Johnson County.

This year Greenwood and Center Grove area residents can sign up for the Greenwood relay.

The relay includes 24 hours of food, camping out and entertainment, while teams walk and jog around a track.

Relay for Life started in 1985.

Forty percent of the money goes to the American Cancer Society for research, and the remainder goes to support services for cancer patients and their families in Johnson County.

Garton files for re-election

Home News Enterprises staff report

State Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton, R-Columbus, filed for re-election to his District 41 seat, hoping to continue his 36-year career in the legislature.

Garton, 72, was first elected to the Indiana Senate in 1970 and was chosen president pro tem by fellow senators in 1980. Garton has been in the leadership post ever since. The district covers Bartholomew and part of Johnson County.

He is the third person to file candidacy for the seat this year. Greg Walker, a Republican from Columbus, and Terry Coriden, a Columbus Democrat, also have announced their intention to run for the seat.

Republicans will choose a candidate in the primary May 2. The general election is Nov. 7.

As pro tem, Garton presides over the Senate in the absence of the lieutenant governor, chairs the Rules and Legislative Procedures Committee, assigns bills to committees where they are first heard and manages the Senate's legislative process, among other duties.

He is a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures and serves on the board of directors of State Legislative Leaders Foundation, and has received several leadership awards.

Democrat seeks Burton's seat

Greenwood resident Greg Turley has decided to run for the Indiana House District 58 seat to offer voters an alternative to two men he says are deeply entrenched in Republican Party politics.

Turley, a Democrat, will face the winner of the Republican primary between incumbent Woody Burton and current Johnson County Council member Ron West.

Burton and West both played roles in adding the stadium tax, Turley said. Burton voted to authorize the tax, and West is a member of the county council, which implemented the tax in Johnson County.

"I do not feel it is the role of government to use taxpayer dollars to build a football stadium to benefit a few wealthy residents," Turley said.

Turley also ran for state representative in 2004.

ON THE RECORD

Police

Jail bookings

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

Dwight A. Beatty, 41, 455 Mooreland Drive, New Whiteland; arrested on Bartholomew and Jennings county warrants; held without bond.

Johnny Ladale Smith, 18, 1151 N. Pershing Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of driving without ever receiving a license; held without bond.

William Jeremy Hansford, 26, 5471 Wood Hollow Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a previous conviction; released on \$1,000 bond.

Toni G. McClurg, 52, 105 Clear Spring Lane, Trafalgar; arrested on a charge of fraud; released on \$6,000 bond.

Nathaniel W. Pass, 26, 6195 W. State Road 252, Edinburg; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended; released on \$1,000 bond.

Herman Lee Gross, 30, 308 Shelby Ave., Edinburg; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; held on \$10,000 bond.

Robert M. Roll, 18, Glendale Park, Lot 38, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of criminal mischief; released on \$1,000 bond.

Clarence Moore Jr., 40, 7339 Orinoco Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on charges of domestic battery and intimidation; held on \$9,000 bond.

Jennie Hill, 48, 1337 Pike St., Philadelphia; arrested on a charge of theft or receiving stolen property, identity deception and financial fraud and two charges of forgery; held on \$25,000 bond.

Jason C. Lamey, 30, 13988 N. White Lick Road, Mooresville; arrested on a charge of violation of probation; held without bond.

Benjamin M. Tinder, 19, 14880 E. 96th St., McCordsville; arrested on a

charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; released on \$1,000 bond.

Michelle Renae Munoz, 30, 3031 Taylor Road, Columbus; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; held on \$100,000 bond.

Ruth Chapman, 46, 1258 Shadeland Road, Lafayette; arrested on a Tippecanoe County warrant.

Richard Alan Dougherty, 23, 216 Westview Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

Michael D. Redmon, 42, 2875 Lamp-light Drive, Columbus; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; held on \$500 bond.

Edward James Owens, 25, 527 Quail Run, Greenwood; arrested on charges of residential entry and public intoxication; held on \$4,000 bond.

Will Everett Slinger, 19, 764 Shoreview Drive, Franklin; arrested on a warrant for causing a death while operating a motor vehicle and operating under the influence of a controlled substance; held on \$32,000 bond.

Mark D. Bennett, 43, 1601 Younce St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; released on \$1,000 bond.

Chad B. Jones, 25, 75 Crestview Drive, Greenwood; arrested on charges of dealing in marijuana/hashish and possession of marijuana/hashish; held on \$11,000 bond.

The following people recently were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail:

Joshua Russell Gallo, 25, Shady Brook Heights, Lot 23, Greenwood; released on \$1,000 bond.

Jeffrey T. Gilbert, 21, 7953 South St., Nineveh; held on \$1,000 bond.

Frank Kolde, 66, 5470 Lippan Way, Indianapolis; held on \$1,000 bond.

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