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## Robbery suspect identified, jailed

### Franklin pizzeria manager recognizes masked man

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A Franklin Pizza Hut manager was able to alert police to a robber's identity because he looked like a former employee.

Ronald Lee Tompkins, 48, 202 Academy St., Apt. 6, Greenwood, was arrested on charges of contempt, criminal confinement and robbery.

A man wearing a ski mask came to the back door of the restaurant at 440 N.

Morton St. about 10 p.m. Sunday after the store had closed.

As a pizza delivery driver was leaving the building, the man put a gun to the driver's head and demanded money from the restaurant manager, Franklin police detective Brian Goldfarb said.

A third employee left as the man was coming in and went to a nearby business to try to get help.

The manager gave the masked man a small amount of money. The man then shut the manager and delivery driver in a walk-in cooler and left the building, Goldfarb said.

The two employees were able to get out of the cooler and push an emergency alarm to call police about 10:30 p.m.

The manager identified Tompkins as the robber, and police picked him up at the Tearman Motel, 501 S. Morton St., about an hour after the incident happened.

Goldfarb said that, although the robber was masked, the manager immediately identified him.

"(The manager) was thinking it was a joke until (the man) started demanding money," Goldfarb said.

Tompkins did not have a gun on him when police picked him up.

Goldfarb said they believe a toy gun was actually used in the incident, but the employees still took the situation seriously.

Tompkins is being held at the Johnson County jail on \$28,150 bond.

## Barn blaze kills horse, litter of puppies

Daily Journal staff report

A heat lamp next to a litter of puppies likely started a fire that burned a Bargersville barn to the ground.

Smoke from the blaze could be seen from 10 miles away, and firefighters worked on the fire for about two hours, said Mike Pruitt, spokesman for the Bargersville Fire Department.

The barn, located at 921 S. County Road 600W, caught fire at 7:39 a.m. Sunday. Owner Lydie Barnett lost 150 bales of hay, three tractors, a horse and the litter of puppies in the fire, Pruitt said.

Firefighters' most important task was to be sure the fire did not ignite any other buildings in the area, such as Barnett's home, which was about 200 feet away, Pruitt said.

An older barn with hay and straw stored inside doesn't take long to ignite and often is very difficult to save, he said.

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The barn was used for storage and shelter for livestock. An estimate of damage was not available.

Firefighters from Trafalgar and White River Township fire departments also helped with the fire, Pruitt said.

GREENWOOD

### Police: Man jumped out of moving van to avoid arrest

An Indianapolis man trying to flee from police left his vehicle during a police pursuit and let it run until it crashed.

Jody Gearalds, 31, 4403 S. Madison Ave., was arrested Friday evening on charges of public intoxication, resisting law enforcement, domestic battery, oper-

ating a vehicle without ever having a license and a Marion County warrant.

Gearalds had been stopped for reckless driving at U.S. 31 and Stop 18 Road. He sped away from the police officer approaching his van, according to a Greenwood police report.

The officer chased Gearalds through Southwood Mobile Home Park, when he noticed the van coming back toward him with no driver, the report said.

The van went through the mobile home park, crossed Stop 18 Road and struck a tree. No one was injured.

About 8 p.m., officers found Gearalds hiding behind a tree on Canterbury Drive. He denied leaving the van or running from police.

Gearalds had a blood-alcohol level of .124 on a portable breath test, the report said. A driver with a level of .08 is considered to be driving while intoxicated.

Gearalds was taken to the Johnson County jail, where he was being held without bond.

## Whiteland graduate named paper's advertising director

Daily Journal staff report

Christina Cosner has been named advertising director of the Daily Journal. She replaces Chuck Wells, who became advertising director at The Republic in Columbus. Both newspapers are owned by Home News Enterprises.



COSNER

Cosner, a Johnson County native, joined the Daily Journal in 1995 as an advertising account representative. Most recently, she was promoted to senior advertising account executive for South Magazine, a new lifestyle publication, and other print media products, including Johnson County Parent Magazine and Prime Time.

"Chris brings a great deal of sales and account management experience to this position. She also has a thorough knowledge of this market and a proven track record in project management," said Jeff Owen, publisher of the Daily Journal.

Cosner graduated from Whiteland Community High School in 1987 and earned a bachelor's degree in merchandising and marketing from Indiana University in 1991. As senior account representative, she has been involved in new

account acquisition and sales training. She also has handled many of the newspaper's top advertising accounts.

"She routinely has been one of the newspaper's top advertising sales performer," Owen said.

Cosner will be responsible for meeting all advertising revenue goals and managing the retail, classified and graphic design areas.

Before joining the Daily Journal, she was store manager of Limited Express in Indianapolis for three years. She also served as store manager for Marjax Sporting Goods in Bloomington.

Cosner has been involved in several local community groups and served on committees with the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis, Old Towne Greenwood Merchants Association, United Way of Johnson County, March of Dimes and Baxter YMCA.

"This is an exciting time at the Daily Journal. We have instituted many changes to our daily newspaper and are developing new products such as our magazine, web site and other special publications.

"Chris' leadership will be valuable as we move forward," Owen added.

Cosner lives in Franklin with a daughter, Kenna, and fiancee Dennis Drake.

## ON THE RECORD

### Police/fire

#### Greenwood Thefts

• Westminster Apartments: Ten residents in the 800 block of Brittany Lane, 1200 block of Scarborough Lane and 800 block of Parliament Place reported that their vehicles had been broken into and items were stolen Sunday night.

• Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A man reported that someone broke into his car and stole speakers and a pair of tennis shoes between 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday.

• Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A man reported that someone broke into his car and stole a radio/CD player, amplifier and a tool box between 4:40 and 5:10 p.m. Sunday.

• 200 block of North Greenbriar Drive: A man reported that someone stole a CD player from his unlocked car between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

• 1100 block of Greenbriar Drive: A man reported that he forgot to close his garage door about 10:30 p.m. Saturday. When he returned to the garage about 12:30 p.m. Sunday, he discovered items had been stolen from two unlocked cars inside the garage.

#### Shoplifting

• J.C. Penney, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported at 3:51 p.m. that a boy and a man attempted to steal about \$66 worth of merchandise. The boy was released to his parents. The man was issued a summons to appear in court on a charge of criminal conversion.

#### Criminal mischief

• 200 block of North Meridian Street: A man reported that someone threw

pieces of concrete at his truck, causing damage to the passenger-side door, windshield and hood, between 8 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

• 1600 block of East Pinecone Lane: A woman reported at 3:35 p.m. Sunday that juveniles were skate boarding in a newly sodded area. She told police that the juveniles were vulgar to her when she asked them to leave. The juveniles left the area before police arrived.

• 200 block of West Maple Street: A man reported about 11 a.m. Sunday that someone threw a rock through one of his truck windows.

#### Property-damage accident

• 9:02 a.m. Saturday — West Pearl Street, west of South Meridian Street

#### Jail bookings

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

Lisa Le Ann Walker, 22, 2012 Cedar Lane, Apt. 5, Franklin; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Melissa A. Thompson, 20, 627 Hunting Creek Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$2,500 bond.

Anthony Ray Vogel, 21, 9 W. Old St., Bargersville; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$170.50 bond.

Kurtis Wayne Tishner, 20, 7996 W. Division Road, Bargersville; arrested on a charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; held on \$2,000 bond.

Ronald Lee Tompkins, 48, 202 Academy St., Apt. 6, Greenwood; arrested on charges of contempt, criminal confinement and robbery; held on \$28,150 bond.

Ricky E. Harden, 21, 1199 Hospital Road, Lot 119, Franklin; arrested on two Marion County warrants; held without bond.

Brittany Lynn Burton, 18, 151 Robinson St., Franklin; arrested on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Shakeen M. Reed, 33, 6543 Ferguson St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of nonsupport of a child; held on \$6,000 bond.

Alisha Ann Hoskins, 22, 712 Roosevelt St., Edinburg; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$200 bond.

#### Dissolutions of marriage

John Nystrom v. Deena Nystrom  
Rachelle Hatley v. Paul Hatley  
Elizabeth Sharkitt v. John Kampf  
Angel Moore v. Brian Moore  
Christina Wire v. Scott Wire  
Janet Marchant v. Edward Marchant  
Melissa Smith v. Larry Smith  
Julena Schafstall v. Randall Schafstall  
Kelly Summers-Bridges v. Edward Bridges

Catherine Honadle v. Robert Honadle  
Jeanetta Goens v. David Goens  
Rhonda Elmore v. Anthony Elmore  
Lloyd Christian v. Sarah Christian  
Leah Stauffer v. Mitchell Stauffer  
Susan McCracken v. Edward McCracken  
Deanna Hutchinson v. Calep Vanarsdale  
Lisa Burgess v. James Burgess  
Kathaleen Falkner v. Gary Falkner  
Ruth Mendoza v. Jesus Mendoza  
Andrea Addison v. Michael Addison  
Leonard Royer v. Kim Royer  
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Shannon Thomas v. William Thomas  
William Becker v. Sandra Becker  
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