

# JOHNSON COUNTY

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## ON THE RECORD

### Police/fire

#### Greenwood Thefts

• 500 block of North Emerson Avenue: A woman reported that someone broke into her vehicle and stole her purse between 5:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday.  
 • 900 block of Emerson Parke Way: A man reported that someone broke into his truck and stole his wallet and check-book between 5:45 and 6:40 p.m. Thursday.

#### Criminal mischief

• 1000 block of Redondo Court: A man reported that he saw two people tear down a street sign while another person kicked the sign post and a fourth person urinated on a car in a parking lot. Police located two people in a parked car and found the street sign in the back seat. One of the men was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. The other, an 18-year-old, was arrested on a charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor.

#### Jail bookings

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

Glenda G. Carlton, 33, 7359 Windsor Lakes Place, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; released on \$3,000 bond.

Cary L. Gates, 39, 690 English Village Drive, Apt. 105, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

Twila D. Parks, 39, 920 Sheffield Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Keith A. Morris, 43, 751 S. County Road 700W, Morgantown; arrested on a charge of invasion of privacy; released on \$1,000 bond.

Jeremy T. Tavaraz, 26, 1041 Ebony Circle, Franklin; arrested on a charge of failure to respond; released on \$1,000 bond.

Patrick Bernard Shaw, 21, 3217 W. Fern St., Muncie; arrested on a charge of reckless driving; released on \$1,000 bond.

Gordon James Ellis, 34, 1519 Franklin Place Court, Franklin; arrested on a charge of failure to respond; held on \$232.50 bond.

Billy Joe Gregory, 39, 637 E. Broadway St., Greenwood; arrested on a charge of being a habitual traffic violator; released on \$3,000 bond.

Victoria G. Ovalle, 34, 7248 W. Stones Crossing Road, Lot 112, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of driving without ever having a license; released on \$1,000 bond.

Charles Garfield Wittum, 18, 121 Lark Drive, Carmel; arrested on a charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; held on \$1,000 bond.

Leonard J. Trackwell, 29, 1631 Franklin Place Court, Franklin; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$1,000 bond.

Travis E. Collins, 22, 119 S. 12th Ave., Beech Grove; arrested on charges of forgery, false reporting or informing, obstructing justice, failure to appear in court, possession of a controlled substance and driving while suspended with a prior conviction; held on \$16,300 bond.

Steven C. Brown, 21, 152 Leaning Tree Road, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; released on \$1,000 bond.

Christopher M. Ostack, 32, 176 N. Seventh Ave., Beech Grove; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$300 bond.

Bret D. Shaw, 40, 1468 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for violation of probation; held without bond.

Melanie T. Leibacher, 25, 3050 S. Roena St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of forgery; released on \$11,000 bond.

Juan Sanchez, 24, 1544 Harrison Drive, Greenwood; arrested on charges of driving without ever having a license and using false information; released on \$2,000 bond.

Richard Alexander McKee, 20, 1450 S. Talbot St., Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$300 bond.

Lynn A. McNulty, 48, 118 Greenwood

Trails North, Greenwood; arrested on charges of bond forfeiture and forgery; held without bond.

Eric Duane Woolwine, 30, 3713 Ferguson Road, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

John Harron Campbell, 44, 835 S. Old U.S. 31, Lot 2, Franklin; arrested on charges of intimidation and invasion of privacy; held without bond.

Jean Reynolds, 56, 1558 Canterbury Drive, Apt. D, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$200 bond.

Joshua Richard Snyder, 23, 1548 Stone Hedge Court, Apt. E, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of criminal recklessness; released on \$1,000 bond.

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

Shaun M. Rogers, 24, 752 E. Martin St., Indianapolis; released on \$1,000 bond.

Jonathan D. Jones, 29, 2150 Harbor Court, Greenwood; held on \$3,000 bond.

Donald W. Freeman, 29, 1118 Ashland Ave., New Whiteland; held on \$1,000 bond.

### Meetings

#### Greenwood

City council, 7 p.m. Monday, Greenwood City Building, 2 N. Madison Ave. On the agenda: An ordinance to use \$1.6 million from the city capital projects fund for reconstruction and repair of roads at Valle Vista subdivision, a fiscal plan for 92.186 acres southwest of County Road 700N and County Road 125W, tax abatement request for Endress + Hauser Flowtech

#### Johnson County

Board of commissioners, 8:30 a.m. Monday, Courthouse Annex, 86 W. Court St., Franklin. On the agenda: executive session beginning at 8 a.m. Special meeting at 8:30 a.m. to approve claims and review county insurance.

#### Trafalgar

Planning commission, 7 p.m. Monday, Trafalgar Town Hall, 800 S. Indian Creek Drive

Town council, 7 p.m. Thursday, town hall.

#### School boards

Clark-Pleasant Community School Corp., 8 p.m. Tuesday, high school LGI room, 300 Main Street, Whiteland. On the agenda: Clark Elementary School presentation; minutes; field trip requests; Central Nine report; 2006-07 school calendar proposal; professional development seminar update; staff report; appointment of board members to interview committee; fund and revenue reports; recommendation of claims docket; investment report; donations.

Greenwood Community School Corp., 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, administration office, 605 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. On the agenda: reorganization of the board; minutes; claims; field trip approval; appropriations transfer; funds transfer; administrators' compensation; reports.

# Police catch burglary suspect

## Detectives believe man nabbed in Carmel break-in took cash from local businesses

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One of the men who police believe broke into nine Greenwood businesses was arrested in Carmel after he reportedly stole an officer's patrol car.

Police are still searching for a second person they believe was involved in the smash-and-grab burglaries, according to a news release from Carmel police.

The man arrested, 37-year-old Gregg M. Phelps of Indianapolis, is a strong suspect in nine Greenwood business burglaries that have taken place since December, Greenwood police detective Doug Roller said.

Clothing Phelps wore, the way the four Carmel businesses were

broken into, the type of businesses he was suspected of breaking into and the time of night all match burglaries not only in Greenwood, but also in Marion County, Fishers and elsewhere in Hamilton County, Roller said.

Each of the Greenwood businesses burglarized matched the four burglaries Phelps was arrested for in Carmel on Thursday night, Roller said.

Burglars broke through a front window and stole the cash register drawer, which usually contained less than \$150. They were able to get in and out of the building within minutes and before police were able to arrive, Roller said.

Police in departments surrounding Indianapolis reported similar burglaries, prompting a

collective investigation between departments, he said.

The burglars displayed a north-to-south pattern. One night, break-ins would be focused in Hamilton County, but the next night they would be in southern Marion County and in Greenwood, he said.

Burglars broke into two businesses near Southport Road and Emerson Avenue on Wednesday. Then Thursday, a Carmel officer went to check on an alarm at a business. The officer saw the broken front window and a man, who police said was Phelps, inside. The man jumped into his car and fled, according to the release.

At one point, the man jumped out of his still moving car, and the officer chased him on foot. Phelps then ran back to the road and jumped into the officer's car.

He drove straight at the officer, who shot at the car and missed and then jumped out of the way.

Police from surrounding agencies caught up to the man in the Carmel police car and arrested him.

No one was injured in the pursuit, the release said.

Detectives will now see if evidence found at the four Carmel burglaries matches evidence at their burglaries and try to determine if the break-ins are related, said Tim Green, assistant chief for the Carmel Police Department.

Phelps was arrested on charges of burglary, attempted aggravated battery, resisting law enforcement, auto theft and criminal recklessness.

He is being held in Hamilton County jail.

## BRIEFS LOCAL

#### GREENWOOD

### Man escapes serious injury after accident

A Whiteland man was saved by his helmet when he struck a van on his motorcycle Thursday, police said.

Gary Childers, 32, was thrown from the motorcycle when a van turned in front of him on Fry Road just before noon.

His body hit the ground after the collision, but emergency workers did not see any serious injuries on the man. His helmet likely saved his life or prevented serious head injuries, Greenwood police officer Randy Eck said.

Emergency workers still took the man to Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis to be checked for a possible injury to his foot and any other possible injuries. He was listed in fair condition.

Childers was headed east on Fry Road and passed a car stopped to turn left into Kohl's, located on the north side of the road.

James Beaman, 18, Bargersville, was waiting to turn left into a restaurant on the south side of the road and didn't see the motorcyclist. Beaman turned in front of Childers, who struck the side of his van, Eck said.

The motorcyclist was coherent and talking to emergency workers when Eck arrived at the accident scene, he said.

The area where the accident occurred is dangerous to motorists because of all the drivers turning into businesses there, Eck said.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

### Story time set for today at local bookstore

Borders bookstore invites children for a story hour at 10 a.m. today at its southside location.

Children can learn that it's what's inside that really matters through the stories of "Fancy Nancy," "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse," and "Ellie: The Perfect Dress for Me."

The store is at 7565 U.S. 31 South in Indianapolis.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

### Free ice-skating event planned at southside rink

Sycamore Ice Skating Club and Perry Park Ice Rink will host a free community day from 2 to 4 p.m. today at 451 E. Stop 11 Road.

There will be a brief mini lesson for all participants, instruction of proper fitting of skates, a Zamboni demonstration, skating exhibition and some time for free

skating. Door prizes will also be awarded.

Information: Barb, 888-6047; or Karen, 372-7176.

#### NEW WHITELAND

### Donations sought for family displaced by fire

A fund has been set up through Mainsource Bank for the Dee Todd family of New Whiteland.

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