

# SOUTHSIDE

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# Teens arrested at alcohol party in Greenwood

Daily Journal staff reports

Seven teens were arrested at an underage drinking party in Greenwood Saturday night.

Some of them were also smoking marijuana, police said.

Several of the teens are related to each other and have relatives who live in nearby apartments, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

One of those relatives, Barry Campbell, 20, offered to help search the apartment for alcohol and drugs, according to the police report. Campbell told police the family is renting more than one apartment at 1625 Pinecone Lane while their new home is under construction, Pitcher said.

It was unclear how many children lived in the apartment. Campbell was not arrested, Pitcher said.

Officers found alcohol bottles in the living room and a small bag of marijuana in one of the bedrooms, according to the police report.

Police were called to the apartment at 10:49 p.m. by a neighbor

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who believed teenagers were drinking and smoking marijuana.

Teens were spread out through the apartment when police arrived. Some were hiding in bedrooms and bathrooms.

Officers took 10 teens out of the apartment, but others might have escaped, Pitcher said.

Seven of the juveniles tested positive for alcohol in breath tests, with blood alcohol levels ranging from .02 to .08.

They were taken to the Greenwood Police Department and released to their parents, Pitcher said. Their cases will be sent to the juvenile court for review.

Three juveniles did not test positive for alcohol and were sent home, Pitcher said.

CENTER GROVE

## Man apparently victim of Web-based scam

A Center Grove area man cashed \$5,000 in phony money

orders and sent the cash to women he'd met online through an Internet personals site, police said.

Three months after wiring money for the first time, the man's bank assets have been frozen and he has reported the cases as fraud to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

The 51-year-old told police that for the past year he had used the computer to talk with two people, who identified themselves as women, according to a police report.

Three months ago, one of the women told him she had gone to her mother's funeral in Nigeria and could not afford to come back, the report said.

The other women told him she had gone on a business trip to Nigeria and did not have the money to return, the report said.

He agreed to help both, cashing in \$5,000 worth of money orders they had sent him and then wiring them the money by Western Union, he said.

The man's bank, First Indiana

Bank, later notified him that the money orders were fraudulent and that his assets were frozen, the report said.

He told police that he only wanted to help the women, who had both responded to his Yahoo profile, the report said.

FRANKLIN

## One arrested, one hurt after car flips over

One person was arrested and another was injured in an accident early Sunday morning.

Police are waiting on results from a blood test, but suspect the driver had been drinking, police said.

Officers found the car at 3:48 a.m. in the median of Emerson Avenue near Grassy Creek Lane.

The vehicle had flipped over, and a woman was lying halfway outside of the driver door.

A passenger of the car, Robert Honeycutt, 27, of Franklin, told police he and the driver were arguing.

She turned around to hit him and drove off the road, according

to the police report.

The driver, Melissa K. Swimm, denied she and Honeycutt were fighting but told police she had been drinking.

Swimm's address was not available. She told police she lost control when she took a curve too fast, according to the report.

Swimm, 21, was released after treatment at Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis.

Nurses there drew a blood sample so police could determine if she had been drinking, according to the report.

Honeycutt, 1605 Francis St., was arrested for public intoxication and released from the Johnson County jail on \$1,000 bond.

JOHNSON COUNTY

## Police investigating semitrailer accident

State police are investigating whether crack use contributed to a truck driver's crash on Interstate 65, police said.

Larry Wright, 47, Florida, told

police he smoked crack about two days before overturning his semi-trailer on Interstate 65 near the Franklin exit, Trooper Michael Meinczinger said.

What remains unclear is how much crack he smoked and whether the drug was still in his system at the time of the crash at 4:47 p.m. Sunday.

State police have to wait as long as two weeks for blood tests to show whether drugs were in the truck driver's blood.

If tests are positive, Wright will likely face charges of driving under the influence, Meinczinger said.

Wright was released Monday from Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis after being treated for leg injuries suffered during the accident.

Wright's truck swerved off the road at least three times, crossed both southbound lanes of traffic and overturned.

Emergency workers had to cut Wright free from the truck.

During that time, vehicles along the interstate were backed up for about four miles.

## CLOSE TO THE WIRE



Left: Ice began to melt off power lines in Franklin on Monday as temperatures began to creep above freezing. Today's expected high is 44 degrees. Above: Cinergy PSI employees Dan Wood, left, and Bob Martin, both of Franklin worked on power lines. Workers fixed lines downtown because some hang too close to buildings. Others were just getting too old and needed to be replaced.

## BRIEFS LOCAL

INDIANAPOLIS

### Learn tips about self-employment

SCORE-Counselors to America's Small Business will host a seminar, "Building Your Future in Self-Employment," with an emphasis on starting and running your own successful business from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center, 1802 N. Illinois St. Cost is \$50. Reservations: 226-7264

FRANKLIN

### High school students ending pizza sale today

Franklin Community High School band and winter guard are holding a fund-raising pizza sale through today. Products include three pizza packs in a variety of toppings, French bread pizza kits, garlic knots, stromboli and stuffed Italian rolls. Items can be purchased from any band or guard member or through band director John Sedwick at 738-5712.

FRANKLIN

### Find a good read at annual book sale

Friends of Johnson County Public Library will host an annual mid-winter used book sale Feb. 23 to 26 at the Franklin Library, 401 S. State St. A preview night for Friends members from 4 to 8 p.m. Feb. 23 will mark the start of the sale. Membership signups for Friends of the Johnson County Public Library will be available and the door. The sale will continue from 9

a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 25 and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 26.

Proceeds will be used to fund adult, teen and children's programs and other library projects in the Johnson County Public Library system.

FRANKLIN

### Prom committee sets meeting for Thursday

Franklin Community High School Post Prom Committee will meet Thursday. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Franklin Parks Department, 396 Branigin Blvd. Information: 736-4424

FRANKLIN

### Lawmakers to speak at breakfast in Franklin

Senators and representatives serving the Franklin area will attend a legislative breakfast Feb. 21 at Franklin College. Sen. Robert Garton and Reps. Woody Burton, Ralph Foley and David Yount will be available to answer questions regarding bills and issues facing the current legislature. The breakfast is being hosted by Franklin Chamber of Commerce and will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Dietz Center on the Franklin College campus, located on Forsythe Street across from the student center. The event is open to the public. Cost is \$10, and reservations are requested. The Franklin and Greater Greenwood chambers of commerce sponsor the legislative breakfast series. Information: Franklin Chamber of Commerce, 736-6334

## ON THE RECORD

### Police/fire

#### Franklin Burglary

• 500 block of East King Street: A man reported that someone broke into his apartment Friday morning. He said the apartment was ransacked and a computer and Xbox were stolen.

#### Criminal mischief

• Super 8 Motel: An employee reported that a room was vandalized Saturday night. Two windows were broken, furniture was knocked over, and wooden hangers were broken. Police located the parents of the person who had rented the room Saturday night. The parents agreed to pay for the damage.

• 500 block of Hurricane Street: A man reported that someone painted a five-pointed star and a swastika on a storage shed behind his home over the weekend.

• 3100 block of Compass Drive: A man reported that someone drove through his yard between 9 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

#### Property-damage accidents

- 12:06 a.m. Sunday — Hurricane Street and Arvin Road
- 8:33 p.m. Saturday — Fletcher Chrysler used car lot
- 3:31 p.m. Saturday — Westview Drive, east of Canary Creek Boulevard
- 2:02 p.m. Saturday — U.S. 31 and Branigin Road
- 12:28 p.m. Saturday — Forsythe and Jefferson streets
- 12:24 p.m. Saturday — Jefferson and Jackson streets
- 12:22 p.m. Saturday — Interstate 65, north of the 90-mile marker
- 12:14 p.m. Saturday — 401 State St.
- 11:02 p.m. Friday — U.S. 31, north of Banta Street
- 8:21 p.m. Friday — Jefferson Street and U.S. 31
- 7:06 p.m. Friday — West Jefferson Street and Drake Road
- 6:19 p.m. Friday — U.S. 31 and Westview Drive
- 3:01 p.m. Friday — U.S. 31 and Sloan Drive

#### Greenwood Drug arrest

• Officers stopped a vehicle at 10:45

a.m. Sunday that was suspected as being involved in a hit-and-run accident. The driver stopped the vehicle at Madison Avenue and Smith Valley Road. Two men threw plastic bags out the windows of the vehicle, which police found to contain 12 ecstasy pills. The driver also had a blood alcohol level of .14. Both men were arrested.

#### Shoplifting

• Claire's Boutique, 1251 U.S. 31 North: An associate reported Friday that a juvenile female stole a \$40 necklace. She was released to her mother.

#### Burglary

• 1100 block of Canterbury Drive: A man reported Friday that someone entered his home and stole a video game console valued at \$100 and an accessory valued at \$50 between 3:30 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. Friday. Controllers and games were also missing from the home.

#### Personal-injury accident

• 3:53 a.m. Sunday — Emerson Avenue and Grassy Creek Drive: Melissa K. Swimm, 21, Indianapolis. A passenger in Swimm's vehicle, Alisha Eastwood, 21, Greenwood, suffered minor bleeding.

#### Property-damage accidents

- 2:37 p.m. Saturday — U.S. 31 and Timberline Drive
- 10:46 a.m. Saturday — 1280 N. State Road 135
- 11:35 p.m. Friday — Meridian and Main streets
- 10:16 p.m. Friday — Smith Valley Road and Meridian Street
- 6:55 p.m. Friday — 1251 U.S. 31 North
- 12:56 p.m. Friday — U.S. 31, north of Smith Valley Road
- 7:56 a.m. Friday — Smith Valley Road, west of Crystal Lake Drive
- 10:46 a.m. Saturday — parking lot of 1280 N. State Road 135
- 12:56 p.m. Friday — U.S. 31 north of Smith Valley Road
- 11:35 p.m. Friday — Meridian Street and Main Street
- 10:16 p.m. Friday — Smith Valley Road east of Meridian Street
- 6:55 p.m. Friday — parking lot of 1251 U.S. 31 North

• 7:56 a.m. Friday — Smith Valley Road west of Crystal Lakes

#### Johnson County Thefts

- Olive Branch Road and State Road 37, White River Township: A man reported that someone stole a dump truck and a trailer from a parking lot between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday.
- Center Grove High School, White River Township: A woman reported that someone stole her son's digital music player from the school Thursday morning.
- 4800 block of Oakton Way: A man reported Thursday that someone stole his 1997 Mercury Villager from his driveway. The man placed the keys on a coat rack and believes someone stole the keys and the van sometime overnight.

#### Jail bookings

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

- Myra C. Minniefield, 22, 1206 Londonerry Lane, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of being a habitual traffic violator; released on \$3,000 bond.
- Izaiha Allen Limp, 21, 2727 U.S. 31 North, Whiteland; arrested on a charge of violation of probation; held without bond.
- Derrick Carl Hubbard, 44, 203 Walnut St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$2,000 bond.
- Zachary S. Sahn, 19, 7658 Muirfield Court, Indianapolis; arrested on charges of possession of marijuana/hashish and possession of a controlled substance; released on \$4,000 bond.
- Robert S. Honeycutt, 27, 1605 Francis St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$1,000 bond.
- Shannon McDaniel, 29, 145 Nancy Lane, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of domestic battery; released on \$8,000 bond.
- C.J. Muir, 21, 1214 King Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; released on \$2,000 bond.
- Tearance J. Ragsdale, 25, 1953 Southwood St., Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$250 bond.

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Ford Phillip Wilson, 22, 1547 U.S. 31 South, Franklin; arrested on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Michael Jabriel Nicholson, 18, 124 Marcy Lane, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of criminal mischief; released on \$1,000 bond.

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

Rodney Michael Williams, 21, 5948 Devington Road, Apt. 1, Indianapolis; also arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and damaging personal property; held on \$20,000 bond.

Javier Solis Hernandez, 29, 835 S. Old U.S. 31, Lot 58, Franklin; also arrested on charges of resisting an officer and driving without a license; held on \$3,000 bond.

#### Births

#### Johnson Memorial Hospital

DJ Christenberry and Britney Herath, Edinburgh, girl born Feb. 12.  
Tonya Vest and Daron Akins, Franklin, boy born Feb. 9.

#### Marriage licenses

Kenneth A. Sirois and Joy D. Pepmeier, both of Franklin  
Billy Jack Hargrove and Brandy Kathryn Foster, both of Greenwood  
David C. Lawrence of Greenwood and Elizabeth J. Durnell of Greenfield  
Aaron M. Smith and Manvi Varma, both of Greenwood  
Richard Merle Littiken III of Norman and Sonya Marie Snyder of Franklin  
Randall Gil Riley and Tracey Anne Fitzgerald, both of Greenwood  
Ronald Lee Robson and Denise Suzanne Powell, both of Franklin  
Anthony S. Priola III and Emily B. Berry, both of Franklin  
Robert Justin Hendricks and Tina Marie Boston, both of Franklin  
Chad Elliot Washburn of Churubusco and Bridget Jeanine Lee of Greenwood

Happy Valentine's Day Mark!

Thank you for 30 years of marriage. I love you! Vicki

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