

Weapon, DUI charges filed

By Sylvia Allen
Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – Michael Andrea Phipps, 53, from Lawrenceville, Virginia is charged with carrying a concealed weapon – 1st offense on Dec. 18, 2021 and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Captain Brad Evans with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office said Deputy T. Harding was dispatched to M & L Grocery in Gasburg, Virginia for a suspicious vehicle. The caller stated there was a red and white car partially in the roadway with a person inside that appeared to be asleep. Phipps was the driver who woke up as soon as Harding arrived on scene. Phipps appeared to be intoxicated and had numerous open containers throughout the vehicle. He did not notify Harding of the handgun he was sitting on. A Glock 23 40 caliber was between the seat and the console directly under Phipps' right leg. A preliminary breath test was administered with a result of .23 BAC.

Phipps was arrested and transported to the Meherrin River Regional Jail where he provided a sample of .20 BAC.

In other matters, Jonovan Ayala, 22, from Fort Eustis, Texas is charged with driving under the influence of alcohol on Dec. 17, 2021.

Evans said at approximately 5:43 p.m. Sergeant Thomason conducted a traffic stop on Governor Harrison Parkway in the Brodnax, Virginia area. Deputy T. Harding was on scene and approached the vehicle from the passenger's side and found Ayala to be the sole occupant and operator of the vehicle. Harding noticed that he had issues with speech and appeared to be lethargic and slurred his words throughout the encounter. Ayala did not display any physical factors of impairment while sitting in the vehicle, except the ability to speak clearly.

Ayala exited the vehicle to complete field sobriety tests to assess his ability to operate a vehicle safely. A preliminary breath test was administered with a result of .20 BAC. He was transported to the Meherrin River Regional Jail and



Michael Andrea Phipps

another PBT was administered with a result of .19 BAC.

Tameka Stith Stokes, 43, from Warfield, Virginia is charged with driving under the influence of alcohol on Dec. 16, 2021.

Evans said at approximately 6:14 p.m. Deputy A. D. Peter was traveling northbound on Boynton Plank Road in the right lane just north of Old Stage Road. There was a Ford Fusion that was traveling north in the left lane. Peter was gaining on the Ford Fusion and as he neared the vehicle's rear passenger side the vehicle without signaling, moved from the left lane into the right lane causing him to brake very hard and leave the roadway to avoid a collision. Once Peter got back on the road he activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop. He asked the female driver for her license and registration. He noticed that the driver had glossy bloodshot eyes and she was smoking a cigarette and the ashes were falling on her torso. Peter noticed the top of an aluminum can on the passenger floorboard. He noticed two more Milwaukee's best 22-ounce cans inside a plastic grocery bag.

Stokes provided her driver's license and Peter asked her if she had seen him when she changed lanes. She stated that she had not seen him. She stated that she had a couple of beers earlier and that she was just driving listening to music. A preliminary breath test was administered and the result was .201 BAC. She was placed under arrest and transported to the Meherrin River Regional Jail and a PBT showed a result of .12 g per 210 liters of breath. She was issued a \$2,500 unsecured bond.

Don Windley, 38, from Lawrenceville is charged with public intoxication on

Dec. 16, 2021.

Evans said dispatch received a call for a suspicious person on Christanna Highway in the Gasburg area. The reporting party said a male subject was knocking on the door and stated that his vehicle was broken down. Deputy T. K. Lewis responded and saw a male subject standing in Christanna Highway with the door of the SUV open. He identified himself as Windley. Lewis could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. As he was getting the tow information Sergeant Medlin went to speak with Windley. A PBT was administered and the result was .21 BAC. Windley became agitated with Medlin and began using profane language. At that time he was placed under arrest for drunk in public.

The magistrate found probable cause to hold Windley for public intoxication. Windley said he tried to call people for a ride and was drinking while he was broken down on the side of the road. He was held until he was sober.

Melvin Walker, 59, from Brodnax, Virginia is charged with trespassing on Dec. 18, 2021.

Evans said Deputy T. Harding responded to Brunswick Village for a disturbance call. The victim stated to 911 that she had a male subject in her apartment who was refusing to leave. Walker appeared to be very intoxicated and stated he did not live there. He stated he lived on Tilman Road. Harding got Walker to leave the residence and administered a PBT with a result of .37 BAC. Harding said it was not safe for Walker to go home on his own.

Harding went back to speak with the reporting party who stated that she had been asking him to leave since 4 p.m. She stated later that he arrived at approximately 3:45 p.m. and fell into her apartment. Harding explained to Walker that when a person tells him to leave their property he was to do so or face trespassing charges. He was arrested for trespassing after being told by the homeowner numerous times to leave.

On The Record

Brunswick County land transfers, Dec. 1, 2021 – Dec. 29, 2021

Alberta W. Singleton; Et Als to Alberta W. Singleton, 7.447 acres, Meherrin District, deed of gift.

Jean Wortham Rickmond to Lacy Brent Anderson, 5.00 acres, Red Oak District, deed of gift.

Eric R. Aycock to Richard C. Riker, Lot #50, Lake Gaston Estates, Inc., Powellton District, \$25,000.

Simonside, LLC to Charles T. Webster, 1 acre, Sturgeon District, \$173,000.

Linda Doreen Rawls-Fenney to Phillip Dorian Fenney, 2.99 acres, Red Oak District, deed of gift.

Simonside, LLC to Charles T. Webster, 1 acre, Lot No. 9, Sturgeon District, \$173,000.

Melhinch Properties, LLC to Daniel Rathgeber, Lot No. 12, Clearview Estates, Meherrin District, \$160,000.

James R. Perego, Sr. to James R. Perego, Sr., 0.85 of an acre, Sturgeon District, \$00.

Jordan M. Jenkins, Jr. to Amber D. Davis, 2.64 acres, Red Oak District, \$250,000.

Elizabeth L. Browder to Jamie D. Morris; Et Al, 22.50 acres, Powellton District, \$19,675.

Lexington Investments, LLC to SPC4Life, Lots, Town of Lawrenceville, \$350,000.

Wright Forestry, LLC to Sean Shovelin, 6.15 acres, Parcel B, Meherrin District, \$17,500.

Nancy J. Gauldin to Brooke E. Pfister, Two Parcels, \$470,000.

Deborah Smith to Thomas Milton Taylor, Sr., 1 acre, Totaro District, \$9,000.

Ellen E. Dempsey to Ilona Ruth Zoldos, Lot 22, Goose Creek Subdivision, Meherrin District, \$150,000.

Cecil Phillips; Et Al to Julie P. Daniel; Et Al, 0.50 of an acre, Powellton District, \$750.

Kenneth E. Francis, Jr. to Michael C. Bryant; Et Al, Lots 18 and 19, Section III, Lost Cove, Powellton District, deed of gift.

David C. Anglin, Trustee to Candice A. Ledoyen, 37.5% interest to 64.64 acres, Totaro District, deed of gift.

David C. Anglin, Trustee to David C. Anglin, 62.5% interest to 64.64 acres, Totaro District, deed of gift.

Dennis R. Brown to Lynda R. Sherman, 3.91 acres, Totaro District, \$20,000.

Pea Hill Crossing, LLC to B. D. Ashe, Trustee, 2 parcels, Powellton District, deed of gift.

Sam House, Jr. to Harris Land and Timber Company, LLC, 1.05 acres, Parcel 10, Meherrin District, \$800.

Carl B. Pulley to Michael R. Dotti, 8.67 acres, Meherrin District, deed of gift.

Thomas A. Covalla; Et Al to Maichi Bui Halley, 1.47 acres, Powellton District, deed of gift.

Williams Development of NC, LLC to Robert E. Fornoy, Lot 29, Rainey Farms Subdivision, Meherrin District, \$185,000.

Amy B. Jeffreys to Janice Nicole Kallam, Lots 43, 44, 45, Totaro District, \$140,000.

Pearl Peebles to Sharron J. Peebles; Et Al, 33.59 acres, Sturgeon District, deed of gift.

Bonnie J. Barts-Marrufo to Bonnie J. Barts-Marrufo; Et Al, 30.39 acres, Sturgeon District, deed of gift.

Christopher Dwayne Parker to Willis Lamm, 0.84 of an acre, Lot 9, Section Two, Powellton District, \$850,000.

Douglas Mark Strickler to Douglas Mark Strickler, Lot No. 41, Section E, Lake Gaston Estates, Powellton District, deed of gift.

Kenneth W. Morris, Trustee to Kenneth W. Morris, parcels, Powellton District, deed of gift.

Edward G. Long to Kendall W. Morris; Et Al, parcels, Meherrin District, \$225,000.

Jay A. Neale; Et Als to TL & AT, LLC, 4.30 acres, Totaro District, \$15,000.

Henry R. Rutledge to Richard Laverne Thompson, 0.747 of an acre, Lot 1, Poplar Creek Estates, Meherrin District, \$100,000.

Susan Warriner Custer to Northview, LLC, parcel, Brunswick County, deed of gift.

John G. Waller to Johnna W. Riley; Et Al, 96.75 acres, Red Oak District, deed of gift.

Michael Glenn Berry; Et Al to Scott E. Martin; Et Al, 0.673 of an acre, Totaro District, \$55,000.

Peggy L. Reekes to Brandy Lucy Bottoms, 15.19 acres, Sturgeon District, \$97,926.

Michael A. Lopresti to Michael A. Lopresti, 0.79 of an acre, Powellton District, deed of gift.

Dick Purcell Land, Cattle and Timber Company to Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Forestry, 459 acres, Powellton District, deed of gift.

Brunswick Mini Storage, LLC to BK Realty Partners, LLC, 2 parcels, Totaro District, \$1,050,000.

Albert Frank Buppert, Jr. to David L. Hite, 11.66 acres, Red Oak District, \$23,000.

Helen Carter Anderson to Helen Carter Anderson Trust, Lot 18, Section 1, Powellton District, deed of gift.

James H. McGee, Jr. to Eugene Nielson, Lot 4, Red Oak District, \$229,900.

William R. Quinn to Sarah Kaitlyn Quinn, 12.64 acres, Red Oak District, \$76,500.

Mildred Elizabeth Comer Thompson to Kenneth J. Hughes; Et Al, Lot 43, Section 2, Powellton District, \$265,000.

HLK Investments, LLC to Russell L. Maclin, parcel, Totaro District, \$45,000.

Leonard Alexander to Frederick Foggy Alexander, 4.18 acres, Totaro District, deed of gift.

Beulah Allen to Beulah Allen; Et Als, 0.73 of an acre, Meherrin District, deed of gift.

William H. Madison; Et Al to Robert K. Beckler, 1.28 acres, Lot 30, Poplar Creek Estates, Powellton District, \$1,000,000.

Supervisors hear citizens' concerns

Rezoning decision in Ebony in the news again.

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Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – During the citizen comment period of the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors December meeting, people spoke in favor of the decision the Supervisors rezone property in Ebony to allow Dollar General to build a store there and people spoke in opposition to the decision.

As background the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors approved 3-2 to rezone property from A1-Agriculture to B-1 Business on Jan. 29, 2020 to allow a Dollar General to be built across the road from Ebony General Store in the heart of the original historic Ebony community whose character and heritage has been preserved since 1882 when it was first named. An appeal was filed on Feb. 2, 2020 and has been in the court system ever since. An appeal is pending.

Jerry Jones said there has been information on social media about what the court case is costing the county. He called attention to the lack of revenue the county will receive from the new facility. Jones said the Board of Supervisors passed the rezoning request and the developer is still waiting begin the project.

Richard Beville spoke in favor of the project moving forward. He said there are people who have no automobile and having the store closer would save them money. Beville called attention to the revenue in taxes the company would bring to Brunswick County and also stated that the facility will be a benefit to all of the

citizens of Brunswick County. He said it shouldn't be this much trouble to get a Dollar General in Ebony. Beville said the store in the area operated by Sadler closed.

Michelle Jones said elected officials made a decision in favor of Dollar General. She encouraged the Supervisors to stick to their decision and let the Dollar General project go forward. Jones said the decision has been made.

Dennis Roberts who lives in the Meherrin District in Valentines said there is a Dollar General in Gasburg and one in Bracey. He said a large company like Dollar General can put a small business like Ebony General Store out of business. Roberts called attention to the fact that Supervisor John Zubrod who represents the Meherrin District voted against rezoning the property. Roberts said he thinks the Supervisors should vote to return the property to Agricultural (A-1). He said people can drive to another Dollar General. Roberts said from what he has learned Dollar General will not employ that many people.

Dorinda Paxton who lives in Ebony said she will be looking at the Dollar General parking lot if this project goes forward. She said there is a Dollar General in Brodnax. She encouraged the Supervisors to settle the case that has upset so many people.

In other matters, Teya Whitehead, with the VCU Massey Cancer Center, provided the Supervisors with information about the center and the mission to reduce cancer. If you need further information, please stop by the Cancer Resource and Research Center of Lawrenceville, 221 North Main Street, Lawrenceville, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., phone at (434) 532-8190 or email Teya Whitehead at teya.whitehead@vcuhealth.org.

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