March 2009

Traffic stop leads to \$1.5 million drug bust

March 5, 2009

A Cumberland County deputy's routine traffic stop on Interstate 95 resulted in the seizure of cocaine and heroin valued at \$1.5 million.

Marcos Cesar Nunez-Olaverria, 80, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and his son, Jose Orlando Nunez-Polanco, 41, of Philadelphia, are charged with two counts each of trafficking in cocaine and trafficking in heroin and one count each of conspiracy, according to arrest warrants.

The men were traveling north in a 2009 Dodge Charger rental car about 8:20 a.m. Wednesday when a deputy stopped the vehicle near the U.S. 301 exit, according to warrants and a news release from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

The nature of the original traffic violation was not given.

The men consented to a search of the car, arrest documents stated.

Deputies found 11.1 pounds of cocaine and 2.2 pounds of heroin in luggage that was packed in the rear of the car, the release said.

Bail for each was set at \$1.5 million.

Four more teens sought in Durham killing

Stanley B. Chambers Jr. - Staff Writer

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DURHAM -- Investigators are looking for four more teenagers in connection with the Feb. 26 shooting death of a 17-year-old.

Police already have charged **Erick Calderon**, 17, of Meriwether Drive, with murdering Alejandro Emir Denis Terron.

Now, police are seeking Carlos "Carlitos" Mendoza, 16; Ricardo Cruz Perez, 20; Rodrigo "Morro" Villegas, 19; and Jose Martin "Pepe" Luviano. The four new suspects and Calderon are each charged with murder and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury.

Terron and about 10 men were standing in a yard at 119 Herbert St. about 10:30 p.m. Feb. 26 when a barrage of bullets was fired. Shots also hit a nearby home and a vehicle.

Detectives won't say whether Terron was the intended target, but they do note that Terron and the group of men he was standing with knew the suspects. Police also haven't released a motive for the shooting.

Terron, who lived in northwest Durham, was visiting friends in East Durham when he was killed.

Anyone with information is asked to call 560-4440, ext. 274, or CrimeStoppers, which pays cash for anonymous tips leading to arrests in felony cases, at 683-1200.

Teen Charged With Lying About Missing Person

A Smithfield teenager is accused of lying to sheriff's investigators. Seventeen year-old **Pedro Garnica Mendoza** was arrested Monday. He is accused of giving a false missing persons report to detectives. Mendoza was charged with filing a false report with law enforcement and released on a \$2,500 bond pending his trial date on the misdemeanor charge.

Cocaine Found On Man Charged With Driving Drunk

A Johnston County man on probation for a DWI conviction eight months ago has been arrested again for driving drunk. **Rufino Rosario Hernandez**, 41, of Smithfield was arrested by Trooper J. Partin during a traffic stop last weekend. While being processed into the Johnston County Jail, guards reportedly found 2 clear bags of suspected cocaine in the suspect's pants. Hernandez was charged with possession of a controlled substance in jail and possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, both felonies. He was also cited for driving while impaired, driving without a license, and possession of an open container of alcohol. Hernandez was also on probation for a July 2008 conviction for breaking into a motor vehicle. He was incarcerated in lieu of \$29,500 bail.

Neighbor Charged In Break-In

A Smithfield man is accused of breaking into his neighbor's property. **Martin Aranda Rangel**, 25, of Swift Creek Road is charged with breaking into a storage building at his neighbor's home last Thursday taking items valued at \$2,000. Rangel was charged by deputies with felony breaking and entering and felony larceny. Bail was set at \$30,000.

Man gets life in domestic violence killing plea

March 4, 2009 - 4:30 PM Keren Rivas / Times-News

GRAHAM - A man accused of killing his ex-girlfriend last January was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to first-degree murder Wednesday afternoon in Alamance County Superior Court.

Antonio Landero Suarez, 38, called 9-1-1 during the early hours of Jan. 27, 2008 and told police that he needed to go to jail because he had just killed his wife, 27-year-old Kristy Lea Senter.

When police arrived at Senter's apartment at 519 Baldwin Road in Burlington, they found Senter's lifeless body lying face up in the front yard.

Though Senter and Landero-Suarez were never married, they had lived together since 2004, when Senter agreed to move to Alamance County from Georgia to live with him. The pair had a daughter together, Olivia, who at the time of the incident was living with her grandmother and aunt in Georgia. She will turn 4 in July.

<u>During their time together, Landero-Suarez had been charged twice for assaulting Senter</u>. The first time, he was accused of grabbing her by the hair and pushing her to the ground. The second time, the accusation involved hitting her in the left eye and scratching her arm with car keys.

He pleaded guilty to the charge on both occasions. He received a prayer for judgment continued on the first instance and a suspended sentence the second time.

Two Charged With 1st Degree Murder of 4 yr.old

By Richard Gould | Hickory Daily Record Published: March 6, 2009

TAYLORSVILLE - A mother and her boyfriend charged with the first-degree murder of the woman's 4-year-old daughter are in the Alexander County jail today.

Olga Mendez, 25, and Kevin Eduardo Videa, 21, were returned to Alexander County from Longview, Texas, on Thursday at about noon. After six months running from law enforcement, the couple was arrested in Texas two weeks ago. They waved an extradition trial.

Mendez and Videa ignored questions from the media and stared at the ground as they were led in shackles from a dusty prisoner transport van into the sheriff's office. They were interviewed by detectives who spoke to the couple through an interpreter, according to police. Authorities declined to comment on the interrogation.

The couple is charged with killing Mendez's daughter, Brilly.

During an investigation initiated by Alexander County Department of Social Services into the disappearance of the girl, Mendez and Videa fled the county shortly before a cadaver dog found the skeletal remains of the child in the family's backyard on Oct. 24, according to authorities.

Chief Deputy Chris Bowman said the child had been buried about 4 feet deep in the ground in a wooden box in the back yard beside a shed. He would not comment on how the child may have died.

An autopsy report has not been released.

Seven pounds of meth found in Fremont

By Nick Hiltunen

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FREMONT -- A Fremont area man is being held under \$1 million bond in the Wayne County Jail after he was found with almost seven pounds of methamphetamine at his home Monday, the Sheriff's Office announced Tuesday.

Feliciano Salinas Gonsalez, 34, of Hooks Road, permitted officers inside when they knocked on his door early on Monday, a person close to the case said.

A call to the Wayne County Crime Stoppers hotline assisted in the arrest, authorities said.

The officers had no difficulty in either locating the meth or in apprehending Gonsalez.

"It was uneventful. He let (officers) come in and talk to him," the source said.

Although Gonsalez did not immediately reveal the hiding place of the drugs, the potent smell that meth carries quickly drew officers to a bedroom dresser.

"You could just tell," where it was, an officer involved in the case said. "You could actually follow the smell pretty easy."

Gonsalez also was in possession of rifles, which is illegal because he is not a legal resident of the United States.

Methamphetamine is a dangerous stimulant drug produced in clandestine labs from household chemicals. The labs are prone to explosion and can give off noxious fumes, vapors and gases.

Because street chemists can vary in skill and technique, law enforcement officials warn that any number of chemicals may pollute the drug.

Murder suspect could be on the run with teen

By Stanley B. Chambers Jr. - Staff Writer

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CHAPEL HILL -- Rodrigo "Morro" Villegas, 19, sought in connection with a Durham murder, is believed to be on the run with a missing Orange County teenager and their baby.

Joanna Cano, 15, was last seen at a home on University Station Road about 8 a.m. Wednesday, said Sgt. Troy Comar with the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Joanna, the mother of Villegas' six-month-old son, Angel, was last known to be heading to Mexico in a white van.

"It's not an uncommon thing for a female to say they're going to Mexico with their friends, but that doesn't mean they're not here locally," Comar said.

Joanna, who was missing for about a year after running away in 2008, was found in Durham late last year. Villegas' name was mentioned in a police investigation, Comar said.

Villegas and three other teenagers are wanted by Durham police in the Feb. 26 shooting death of Alejandro Emir Denis Terron on Herbert Street. Terron, 17, was standing in a yard with about 10 other men when a barrage of bullets were fired, police said.

Durham detectives wouldn't say whether Terron was the intended target, but they do note that Terron and the group of men he was standing with knew the suspects. Police have not released a motive for the shooting.

Erick Calderon, 17, of Meriwether Drive, has been arrested and charged with killing Terron.

In addition to Villegas, police are looking for three others, who have also been charged with the murder. Carlos "Carlitos" Mendoza, 16, Ricardo Cruz Perez, 20; and Jose Martin "Pepe" Luviano are charged with murder and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury.

Joanna's recent disappearance has been reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Comar said. Anyone who knows her whereabouts is asked to call Orange County Sheriff's Office Investigator Tina Painter at 919-644-3035.

Teen Facing 35 Charges-Released from Jail

SPRING LAKE, NC (WTVD) -- A Cumberland County teen who is charged with multiple felonies and misdemeanors, including statutory rape, is out on bond.

The sheriff's office charged 19-year-old **Jose Cruz-Latorre** of Spring Lake with one count of burglary, five counts of attempted larceny, five counts of breaking and entering of vehicles, one count of larceny from a building, one count of misdemeanor larceny, three counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, one count of possession of stolen goods, three counts of possession of a stolen vehicle, one count of possessing stolen goods and two counts of felony conspiracy.

He is also charged with five counts of statutory rape.

Latorre was released from the Cumberland County Detention Center on a \$150,000 bond.

Conover Cocaine Bust



Written by Gina Lindsey (O-N-E Staff Reporter)

Monday, 09 March 2009

Two alleged drug dealers are off Catawba County's streets after \$15,000 in cocaine was seized by the sheriff's office.

Miguel Lopez Guitierrez, 25, and Jose Bernabe Zenteno, 34, both of Conover, were arrested on felony drug trafficking charges last week when narcotics officers discovered more than 16 ounces of cocaine at a Conover duplex, said Coy Reid, chief deputy with the Catawba County Sheriff's Office. He said officers had been watching the home, located at 3621 Puett Park Drive, for some time.

"We expected to get a lot more," Reid said. "Apparently they had already gotten rid of some of it."

When investigators entered the house with a search warrant on Thursday, they found one 16-ounce bag of cocaine and several little bags of cocaine known as eight balls. Reid said an eight ball is 3.4 grams of cocaine wrapped for individual sale with a value of \$160 to \$175.

He said the quantity and the packaging illustrated to police the cocaine was being sold and distributed within the county.

"It was packaged to be sold," Reid said.

He said Guitierrez and Zenteno were selling drugs throughout the area to anyone who could afford the cocaine.

Officers also seized \$5,740 in drug money and two handguns from the residence. The Newton and Hickory police departments assisted in the drug bust.

"It means a lot for the community," Reid said.

He said 90 to 95 percent of all larcenies are drug-related. There are enough drugs in the area to spend every day busting drug dealers if the sheriff's office had the manpower, Reid said.

In January and the first week of February, the agency busted five drug houses.

Guitierrez and Zenteno are being held in the Catawba County jail, each on \$150,000 secured bond. Their first appearance in district court was on Friday

Meth bust suspect caught

A suspect in the largest meth bust in Hendersonville was apprehended Tuesday in Greenville, S.C., according to police.

More than 2 pounds of methamphetamine with a street value of about \$94,200 were seized by Hendersonville Police Department on Jan. 14 at two homes.

Neighbors reported drug activity at 40 Duchess Lane, where police found a handgun and 13 ounces of meth. They also searched a home at 15 Dove Tree Lane and retrieved 19 ounces of meth and drug paraphernalia.

Feliciano Betancourt-Moreno, 25, and his brother, **Pedro Betancourt-Moreno**, were not at home at that time. Both are illegal immigrants, according to police.

Feliciano was charged with trafficking methamphetamine and maintaining a vehicle and dwelling for drug purposes in a case that stems from a January drug bust. Pedro is still at large.

He was transported to Henderson County on Tuesday and remains in jail today under \$25,000 secured bond, according to police reports.

Angela Louise Sheehan, 32, and **Carlos Echeverria-Dela Cruz**, 42, were at the home and were arrested for trafficking methamphetamine and maintaining a dwelling for selling a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$88,000 each.

It was the largest methamphetamine bust by the HPD.

Trial Begins For Man Charged With Killing SSS Student

Selma police search for evidence outside a Hunting Drive home following the fatal shooting of Anthony Surles on Feb 16, 2007. Photo by Carter Rabil

A Raleigh man could face the death penalty if convicted of the murder of a Smithfield Selma High School student more than two years ago. The trial for 23 year-old Hasson Jalam Bacote began Monday in Johnston County Superior Court. Jury selection got underway Tuesday afternoon. Bacote is accused of killing 18 year-old Anthony Surles during a botched home invasion and robbery on Hunting Drive in Selma on February 16, 2007. Bacote was captured by US Marshals about a week later. Three others have also been charged with the crime. Jeffrey Lamont Evans is charged with murder and attempted robbery. Antwain Groves is charged as an accessory before the fact. Connie Sue Davis is also charged as an accessory. Several other people were in the home when the robbery took place, but no one else was hurt.

Seat Belt Violation Leads To Drug Arrest

A Smithfield man stopped for not wearing his seat belt Friday afternoon on South Third Street is now in jail. A sheriff's deputy said after stopping a truck driven by 27 year-old **Jose Silverio Hernandez** of Highway 210, he learned the driver didn't have a license. A search of the man revealed 2 grams of what appeared to be powder cocaine. Hernandez was taken to jail and charged with maintaining a vehicle to keep a controlled substance and possession of cocaine. His bond was set at \$20,000.

Hoke man charged with raping 12-year-old

A staff report

RAEFORD — A Hoke County man is accused of kidnapping a 12-year-old girl from her bus stop and taking her to motels to have sex.

Virgilio Aniceto, 22, of the 300 block of Autry Loop in Raeford, was charged Sunday with four counts each of first-degree rape and first-degree kidnapping.

The incidents happened between September and January, according to a release from the Hoke County Sheriff's Office.

Aniceto is accused of taking the girl to motels in Lumberton, Red Springs and Fayetteville to have sex before taking her to school, the release said.

Aniceto's bail was set at \$80,000

Driver charged with hit and run after pedestrian killed

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Police have charged the driver of the second car that struck a man as he crossed Falls of Neuse Road.

Police say **Carlos Humberto Agustindiaz** was the driver of a white landscaping truck that left the scene of Wednesday's incident and has been charged with hit and run, which is a misdemeanor.

The drivers of the third and fourth vehicles that struck Lewis Avery Gray, 71, did not leave the area and will not be charged, police said.

Police are still searching for the driver of the Chevrolet SUV that is believed to have been the first vehicle to strike and kill Gray as he crossed Falls of Neuse around 7 a.m. Police described the SUV as a dark Blazer or Tahoe.

Witnesses said the driver of the SUV, a man wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, stopped and got out the SUV briefly, then returned to the vehicle and drove north on Falls of Neuse, police said.

Today, police said a bicyclist may have been traveling southbound on Falls of Neuse Road near the intersection at the time of the incident. Investigators would like to find and interview that person to see if he or she might have witnessed the incident.

Anyone with information that might assist the investigation of the case is asked to call the Raleigh Police Department's Field Operations Division at (919) 996-3350.

'Exorcist' drug traffickers sentenced

Leader of Charlotte operation gets 27 years. Investigation named after his vanity plate.

By Gary L. Wright gwright@charlotteobserver.com Posted: Thursday, Mar. 12, 2009

The investigation was code named Operation "Exorcist" – for the license plate on the 2001 silver Chevrolet Camero driven by the drug organization's leader and his lieutenant.

The drug traffickers delivered thousands of kilograms of cocaine to Charlotte, about 100 kilograms every other week.

Authorities announced Wednesday that they had broken up the drug organization and had seized 100 kilograms of cocaine, more than \$2.9 million in cash, vehicles and several firearms, including an assault rifle.

"Law enforcement dismantled the Charlotte cell of an enormous cocaine trafficking organization, taking its drugs, money and weapons, and putting its leader and couriers behind bars," U.S. Attorney Gretchen Shappert said.

Six defendants, including the leader and lieutenant, have been sentenced to prison.

The leader of the Charlotte cell of the organization, **Eduardo Saenz**, 24, of Charlotte, was sentenced to 27 years in federal prison. The license plate on the sports car he drove was "EXORCIST."

Saenz's lieutenant, **Alejandro Villareal**, 26, of Mission, Texas, was convicted last March in a federal jury trial in Charlotte. Villareal was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison.

Five other defendants charged in connection with the drug-trafficking and money-laundering conspiracy have pleaded guilty and are behind bars. They are:

Arturo Blanco, 23, of Mission, sentenced to 11 years for drug trafficking.

Maria Salazar, 39, of Rio Grande City, Texas, sentenced to five years and three months for drug trafficking.

Fidel Silva, 66, of Pharr, Texas, sentenced to five years and three months for money laundering.

Yomil Prado, 29, of Cuba, sentenced to three years and five months for money laundering.

Jesus Balderas, 22, of Mission, sentenced to three years and one month for money laundering.

In addition, Darrell Ray Thomas, 38, of Durham, has pleaded guilty to drug trafficking and is awaiting sentencing, authorities said.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Charlotte led the investigation. The FBI, the Internal Revenue Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the State Bureau of Investigation also participated in the investigation.

Another Man arrested in fatal hit-and-run

Posted: March 13th at 5:22 a.m.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Raleigh Police arrested a man who they believe drove a passenger van that hit and killed a pedestrian on Falls of Neuse Road Wednesday.

Capt. K.S. Craighead credited "phenomenal police work" by Officer M.J. Corso with the arrest Thursday of Carlos David Rodriguez-Bautista, 39, early Friday.

Rodriguez-Bautista faces felony hit-and-run charges in the death of Lewis Avery Gray, 71, on Wednesday morning. Police said they believe Rodriguez-Bautista was driving the first of four vehicles that struck Gray as he was trying to cross Falls of Neuse Road at Spring Forest Road.

Corso was on patrol in the 7200 block of Woodbend Drive shortly before midnight Thursday and noticed a 2003 Chrevolet passenger van that had heavy front-end damage consistent with having struck a person, Craighead said. Police reviewed evidence from the wreck scene and found that it was consistent with the damage on the van.

Additional officers came to the scene and canvassed an apartment complex. They tracked down the van's alleged driver, Rodriguez-Bautista, and questioned and arrested him.

Investigators believe that Rodriguez-Bautista stopped and got out of the van briefly before driving away, police said. There was no crosswalk where Gray was hit.

Police also have charged Carlos Humberto Agustindiaz, who was driving a truck for Apex-based Parker's Landscape Services, with misdemeanor hit-and-run.

17-year-old driver crashes stolen SUV into Brunswick home

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A 17-year-old male drove away from a Brunswick County deputy early Thursday and crashed a stolen sport utility vehicle into a house, officials said.

Massimo Campana, 17, of Leland faces several charges including DWI and eluding arrest in a vehicle, according to a statement from the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office.

No one was home at the house he crashed into in the Magnolia Greens community, near U.S. 17 in Leland. No one was injured in the crash.

The incident started at 3:15 a.m. when a sheriff's deputy saw a gray Nissan Pathfinder leave the Murphy USA gas station in Leland and driving recklessly.

The SUV veered over the center line on U.S. 17 and the deputy turned on his emergency lights, according to the statement. The fleeing driver turned into Magnolia Greens, lost control and hit a house on Kobus Court, officials said.

Authorities learned the SUV had been stolen from Wilmington. Campana is being held at the Brunswick County jail on a \$30,000 bond.

The Surry County Sheriff's Office

- Amado Garza III, 30, of 570 Sparger Road, Mount Airy, was arrested on March 4 and charged with failure to appear on a driving while impaired charge and failure to appear on a driving while license revoked charge. A \$2,000 secured bond was set.

Haw River man arrested on identity theft charge

Posted Friday, March 13, 2009

Siler City, NC - **Zeferino Hermillo Lopez-Torres**, 33, of 3313 South NC Hwy 119, Haw River was arrested earlier this month by the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. The arrest was a result of a 2 monthlong investigation conducted by Detective Chris Perry.

The victim, Antonio Palacids of Siler City stated that someone was using his name and social security number without his permission. Lopez-Torres was developed as a suspect shortly afterwards and arrested without incident and charged with Felonious Financial Identity Theft.

He was released under a \$1,000.00 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on March 30.

Anson County Sheriff Report

The Sheriff's Dept stopped a vehicle on Highway 74 and arrested two suspects, seizing a large quantity of drugs and currency. After stopping the vehicle, a Sheriff's K-9 was dispatched to the scene and alerted as to drugs inside the vehicle. A large quantity of prescription drugs were found including steroids and livestock medicines.

A check of the occupants revealed that one suspect had a previous arrest at the US/Mexican border of smuggling prescription drugs into the United States. He had also been arrested for smuggling illegal aliens into the country. Arrested were Elvira Cruz Bautista Torres, 42, and Lionardo Perales Torres, 45, both of Huntersville, NC. Both suspects were charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Prescription Drugs under Schedule II and III, and Maintaining a Vehicle to Sell and Deliver Drugs. Elvira Torres was placed under a \$1,000 cash bond and Lionardo was placed under a \$10,000 bond, plus a hold was placed on him for Immigrations. A court date was set for April 28.

The Surry County Sheriff's Office

Jose De Jesus Barrientos, 19, of 249 Johnson Road, Mount Airy, was arrested on March 9 and charged with failure to appear of child support. A \$670 cash bond was set.

Four people charged with drug violations

A staff report

Published on Saturday, March 14, 2009

LUMBERTON — A drug investigation between the Robeson County Sheriff's Office, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Fayetteville Police Department resulted in the arrest of four people Tuesday.

The arrests took place at a residence on Jonathan Street in Maxton.

Those arrested were:

Johnathan Ray Quick, who was charged with conspiracy to traffic cocaine, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, conspiracy to sell or deliver cocaine, conspiracy to sell or deliver marijuana and three counts of trafficking cocaine. Bail was set at \$110,000.

Rigoberto Banos, who was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, conspiracy to sell or deliver cocaine and conspiracy to sell or deliver marijuana. Bail was set at \$30,000.

Pestana Lopez, who was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, conspiracy to sell or deliver cocaine and conspiracy to sell or deliver marijuana. Bail was set at \$30,000.

Zack Lee Locklear, who was charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He also was served an outstanding warrant for a probation violation. His bail was set at \$6,000.

Lopez and Banos were determined to be illegally in the United States and the deportation process has been initiated by the Robeson County Sheriff's Office, a news release said.

SANFORD:

Julia Alvarado-Vanegas Vdade, 52, of Erin Drive in Cameron was charged Thursday with larceny by employee. Bail information was not given.

Johnson County Most Wanted

Avela Marcelo Mendoza

Alias: Vela Marcelo

Wanted For: Felony Hit & Run

Date Of Offense: October 14, 2007

Hispanic Male

Date Of Birth: June 28, 1963

5 Foot 6, 155 Pounds

Last Known Location(s): Selma / Princeton Area

Listed As Most Wanted: July 1, 2008

Princeton Police Department

919-936-5131

Clemente Teran

Wanted For: Indecent Liberties With A Child

Hispanic Male

Date Of Birth: Oct. 10, 1982

5 Foot 0, 178 Pounds

Last Known Location(s): Clayton Mobile Home Park Area

Listed As Most Wanted: May 15, 2007

Johnston County Sheriff's Office

Rigo Coyt Partida

Wanted For: First Degree Murder

Hispanic Male

Date Of Birth: July 18, 1968

5 Foot 6, 200 Pounds

Last Known Location(s): Middlesex and Selma Areas

Johnston County Sheriff's Office 919-989-5000

Man seriously injured in wreck, charged with DWI

Posted: Mar. 14, 2009

GOLDSBORO, **N.C.** — A Goldsboro man who was seriously injured in a wreck early Saturday faces charges of driving while impaired.

State troopers said that **Jose Fonseca**, 24, of Goldsboro, was involved in a single-vehicle wreck on Wayne Memorial Drive, about three miles north of Goldsboro, around 4 a.m. Fonseca was ejected from the vehicle.

Fonseca was transported to Wayne Memorial Hospital and then transferred to Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville. His injuries are serious enough that they might cause paralysis, troopers said. He was listed in critical condition Saturday afternoon.

Investigators said that alcohol and speed were factors in the wreck.

Troopers charged Fonseca with DWI, driving without an operator's license, reckless driving and a seatbelt violation.

Fonseca has a previous conviction for DWI in Wayne County from 2005, according to state Department of Correction records.

Gaston County Police Department

Hernandez, Kevin Epifanio 37 124 Brookhollow Dr, Mount Holly, NC 3/13/09 2:29 AM Resist Arrest or Escape from Custody 124 Brookhollow Dr Willis, G. T. 9057

Hernandez, Kevin Epifanio 37 124 Brookhollow Dr, Mount Holly, NC 3/13/09 2:29 AM Driving While Impaired 124 Brookhollow Dr Willis, G. T. 9057

Date: 2009-03-18

Name: Franciso Alvarado Hernandez

City/State: Gastonia, NC

Charge(s):

1, License, No Operators

2, Habeas Corpus

Date: 2009-03-19

Name: Bayona

City/State: Monroe, NC

Charge(s):

1, Habeas Corpus

Date: 2009-03-18

Name: Jher Hreey Phommabouth

City/State: Mount Holly, NC

Charge(s):

1, License, Driving While Revoked 2, Fail Stop Stopsign/Flsh Red Lt

3, Weapon, Carry Concealed

Date: 2009-03-19

Name: Robles

City/State: Charlotte, NC

Charge(s):

1, Habeas Corpus

Date: 2009-03-20

Name: Edgar Pina Saavedra

City/State: Belmont, NC

Charge(s):

1, Failure to Appear, Misdemeanor

2, Habeas Corpus

Date: 2009-03-21

Name: Encoine Nava Tornes

City/State: Gastonia, NC

Charge(s):

1, License, Driving While Revoked 2, Reckless Driving, To Endanger

3, Habeas Corpus

Crime against nature

March 11, 2009 - 11:11 PM

Ezequiel Manuel Jeffries, 19, of Park Road Extension, Burlington, was charged Monday by the Burlington police with crime against nature and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to a warrant, Jeffries allegedly committed a crime against nature with a 15-year-old teen. He is also charged with encouraging the teen to commit a sexual act. Bond was set at \$2,500.

DWI

March 11, 2009 - 11:13 PM

The following have been charged with driving while impaired. A registration of .08 or higher on the Intox EC/IR II results in an automatic 30-day revocation of a driver's license.

* Guadalupe Valenzuela Villeges, 32, of Weaver Way, Graham, was stopped by Graham police at Doggett Drive and Weaver Way at 11:04 p.m. Friday. She refused a breath test. She was also charged with driving without a license. Bond was set at \$500.

Maria Feliz Martinez, 23, of Center Avenue, Burlington, was stopped Saturday at 2:04 a.m., by the Burlington police near the intersection of Elder Way and Tucker Street. She registered a .20 and was released on a written promise to appear.

Guilford County's most wanted

Monday, March 16

Jesus Rosales, 44, is wanted by Greensboro police on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, felonious restraint and kidnapping.

Officers say on Sept. 17, 2007, they responded to 3501 Friendly Acres Drive on a stabbing call to find a woman stabbed in the leg.

The victim said her ex-boyfriend, Rosales, forced her into his vehicle at knife point and refused to let her go for an extended time before he stabbed her. He is also wanted on charges of assault by strangulation and numerous misdemeanors.

Rosales is a Hispanic man, 5 feet 7 inches tall, and weighs 196 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes and a last known address of 1711-C Fairfax Road in Greensboro.

Guilford County's 'most wanted'

Monday, March 9

Minh Duc Nguyen, 29, is wanted by the U.S. Marshals Service on charges of selling or delivering marijuana, transporting marijuana and failing to appear in court.

Nguyen was arrested by the Drug Enforcement Agency in Durham on the drug charges and then failed to appear in federal court in Greensboro.

According to the marshals service, Nguyen was fitted with a tracking ankle bracelet, which he removed within days of his arrest.

Nguyen is described as Asian, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighing 145 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. His last known address is 1714 Challock Way in High Point.

Woman charged with allegedly allowing daughter to be sexually assaulted

Friday, March 6

GREENSBORO - A Greensboro woman was arrested Friday on charges of allowing her daughter to be sexually assaulted.

Greensboro police arrested Iris Concepcion-Pena, 31, according to arrest warrants.

On Wednesday, police arrested a man who lives as the same address as Concepcion-Pena on charges he raped a 13-year-old girl multiple times in February, according to arrest warrants.

Arrest warrants filed Friday state Concepcion-Pena intentionally allowed sexual acts to be performed on her child.

Concepcion-Pena faces one count of child neglect causing serious bodily injury and is being held on a \$25,000 bond.

Man charged in statutory rape of 13-year-old girl

Wednesday, March 4

GREENSBORO - A Greensboro man was arrested and charged Wednesday in the statutory rape of a 13-year-old girl.

Greensboro police charged **Wilfredo Timoteo Chilel-Alonzo**, 22, of 1611-G 16th St., with two counts of statutory rape, according to arrest warrants. He is being held on a \$5,000 bond at the Guilford County jail in Greensboro.

Warrants state he sexually assaulted the girl sometime in February.

The News & Record does not name victims of sexual assault.

Haw River man arrested on identity theft charge

Posted Friday, March 13, 2009

Siler City, NC - Zeferino Hermillo Lopez-Torres, 33, of 3313 South NC Hwy 119, Haw River was arrested earlier this month by the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. The arrest was a result of a 2 month-long investigation conducted by Detective Chris Perry.

The victim, Antonio Palacids of Siler City stated that someone was using his name and social security number without his permission. Lopez-Torres was developed as a suspect

shortly afterwards and arrested without incident and charged with Felonious Financial Identity Theft.

He was released under a \$1,000.00 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on March 30.

Speeding Driver Caught With 16 Bags Of Cocaine

A driver traveling at 80mph on Highway 70 between Clayton and Wilson's Mills caught the attention of a Johnston County deputy early Sunday morning. Officers pulled over the car, occupied by seven people, and during a search reportedly found 16 small bags of cocaine, totaling 5.4 grams, in the driver's wallet. **Jairo Simon-Abarca**, 26, of Durham was charged with felony possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle to keep a controlled substance, driving without a license, and speeding. Bail was set at \$37,000.

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Guadalupe Valenzuela Villeges, 32, of Weaver Way, Graham, was stopped by Graham police at Doggett Drive and Weaver Way at 11:04 p.m. Friday. She refused a breath test. She was also charged with driving without a license. Bond was set at \$500.

Grand jury hands up 6 murder bills

BY MATT GOAD: The Herald-Sun

Mar 18, 2009

DURHAM -- The county grand jury indicted six people on murder charges Monday, five in the Feb. 26 drive-by-shooting death of Alejandro Denis-Terron, 17.

Four of the five indicted in Denis-Terron's death remained at large Tuesday, and were joined by a sixth suspect, newly named by police, **Edgar Alfonso Hernandez**.

The four at-large suspects who were indicted are **Jose Martin Luviano**, 16, of Ruby Ridge Road and Ivy Street; **Carlos Mendoza**, 16, of Hoover Road and Belmont Street; **Ricardo Cruz Perez**, 20, of East Lavender Street; and **Rodrigo Villegas**, 19, of North Hoover Road.

Erick Calderon, 17, of Meriwether Drive, also was indicted Monday, has been in custody since March 1.

Denis-Terron was shot Feb. 26 at 119 Herbert Street, police said. He was standing in the yard at that address with a group of males when the shooting occurred.

On March 7, the Orange County Sheriff's Office announced that a missing 15-year-old, Joanna Cano, and her 6-month-old son, Angel Villegas Cano, both of University Station Road in Orange County, were missing and believed to be with Villegas, possibly on their way to Mexico, or possibly hiding out in this area.

Cano and her child are listed with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The Orange County Sheriff's Office did not believe the Cano or her child to be in any direct danger from Villegas.

Each of the five Denis-Terron slaying suspects indicted Monday were also indicted on a count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Police ask that anyone with information on the whereabouts of the Denis-Terron suspects call (919) 560-4440, ext. 274, or CrimeStoppers at (919) 683-1200

The Citizen-Times Ashville

March 17, 2009

Jaime Pina Gonzalez, 19, address listed as Buncombe County Detention Center, was charged with obstruction of justice for giving a false name to a judge, according to warrants. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Body of swimmer recovered from pond

Victim, 21, had been missing since Sunday Elizabeth City

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

Authorities recovered the body of a **21-year-old Hispanic man** from a Pasquotank County pond late Monday night, the apparent victim of a drowning.

The victim's name and address were not immediately released because **authorities were still trying to reach his next of kin in Mexico**, Pasquotank Sheriff Randy Cartwright said.

According to Cartwright, the man's body was found in the center of the pond off Pitts Chapel Road about 10:15 p.m., not far from where the man was last seen swimming Sunday evening.

The man, a farm worker, had gone swimming in the pond, a former sand pit, with another man about 6 p.m. Sunday, Cartwright said.

When the second man got out of the pond shortly afterward, he noticed the first man apparently having trouble in the water.

ICE agents raid homes in Union County

Posted: March 18, 2009 04:22 PM EDT

UNION COUNTY, NC (WBTV) - Immigration and customs agents raided two homes in Union County Wednesday morning.

Agents came out of the houses with boxes of computer hardware.

Sources at the scene told WBTV the items confiscated are counterfeit.

Neighbors told us they would see UPS and FEDEX trucks come to the homes 3 to 4 times a day.

A spokesperson for ICE said the raid was part of an ongoing investigation but they would not comment further.

Published on Saturday, March 21, 2009

Two members of St. Pauls drug ring sentenced

Two illegal aliens have received federal prison sentences for their involvement in a drug ring that had been based in St. Pauls, officials said.

Saul Lopez Velascu, 21, received 10 years in prison and **Louis Danilo Segura**, 21, received six years four months, according to a release from U.S. Attorney George E.B. Holding.

Velascu and Segura were sentenced Monday. They were part of an established drug distribution ring known as the Hunt Organization, the release said.

They were indicted in September and pleaded guilty in December to charges of possession of a firearm by an illegal alien and conspiring to manufacture, distribute and possess with the intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, 50 grams of crack cocaine and marijuana.

Velascu also pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting.

According to investigators, the two men were arrested in October 2007, following a search of their residence.

Agents with the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force found 5,866.2 grams of powder cocaine packaged in six bricks, 33.8 grams of crack cocaine, 448.4 grams of marijuana, \$25,131 and three firearms.

Earlier this month, Madison Cheek, 21, of Maxton, was sentenced to 10 years for his involvement in the organization.

The group's leader, Shane Hunt, previously was charged with conspiring to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine. He was sentenced in April to 32 years, six months.

2 charged with cocaine possession

Friday, March 20

GREENSBORO – Two men were arrested and charged Friday with trafficking and selling cocaine.

Greensboro police arrested Chamroeun Hean, 28, and Yneul Kpor, 26, both of 2422 W. Florida St. after officers caught them with 84 grams of cocaine in their possession, according to arrest warrants.

Both were charged with trafficking cocaine, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, conspiracy to traffick cocaine and various gun charges.

Each man was being held on a \$50,000 bond at the Guilford County jail in Greensboro Friday night.

Family's killer had prior drug arrest in Hickory

From staff reports Hickory Daily Record Published: March 21, 2009

HICKORY - The man who murdered four family members in their home in Conover on March 12 had been arrested in 2004 and charged with trafficking heroin or opium and conspiring to traffic in opium here.

Hickory Police Chief Tom Adkins confirmed Wednesday that Chiew Chan Saevang, 37, was arrested June 9, 2004. At that time, Saevang had a Hickory address. He was part of an ongoing investigation, Adkins said.

Saevang shot himself to death after a police chase in Utah Tuesday night.

Adkins said in 2004 his department was part of the Catawba Valley Criminal Enterprise, a task force that included the Catawba County Sheriff's Office, the SBI, the FBI, the DEA and other local agencies.

Saevang was tried in federal court and not on the local or state levels because federal agencies had already been investigating him for trafficking.

Federal interest trumps local prosecution, so "We deferred to federal authorities," Adkins said.

Adkins said Saevang served 46 months in federal prison after his conviction on the charges in the Hickory arrest.

After Saevang's release from prison, he took up residence in another location.

"We are not aware of him returning to Hickory to live," Adkins said.

Homeowner Shot During Confrontation

A Johnston County man was seriously injured after being shot at his home Sunday night. It happened just after 8pm on Creech-Johnson Road in the Corinth Holders community. Sheriff's deputies said 44 year-old **Sunday Omoregie** and his girlfriend had just returned home after going out to eat when they heard a knock on the door. The female answered the door only to be **confronted by two Hispanic men**, including one who was armed with a gun. Omoregie confronted the two men and was shot twice and seriously wounded, according to Detective Lt. Chris Strickland. Omoregie was taken to WakeMed and was in stable condition on Monday. Authorities believe there were as many as four additional people inside a vehicle in the yard, possibly Hispanic men. Investigators are not treating the case as a robbery or home invasion. A suspicious dark colored van was spotted in the area about the same time the shooting occurred. Anyone with any information about the incident is asked to contact the Johnston County Sheriff's Office at 919-989-5000. Callers can remain anonymous.

Three charged with cockfighting

A staff report

CARTHAGE — Three men have been charged with cockfighting after deputies broke up an event near Eagle Springs over the weekend.

Deputies on Saturday went to 160 Dawson Place after receiving a tip about cockfighting.

When deputies arrived, people ran into the woods, according to a release from the Moore County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies searched the woods and called animal control to help process the area.

While processing the area, deputies got a call about three men leaving the woods a few miles down N.C. 705 near Robbins. Deputies went to the area and picked up the three men, the release said.

Two of the men had keys to vehicles that had been left at Dawson Place, the release said.

Charged were: **Obdulio Ventura**, 38, of the 100 block of West Hills in Troy; Luis **Zavaleta**, 28, of the 1200 block of Whiskey Road in Candor; and **Orlando Zavaleto**, 28, of the 200 block of Bruton Street in Troy.

Each is charged with two counts of cockfighting. Bail for each was set at \$5,000.

Checkpoint yields drug arrests

Published: Monday, March 23, 2009 at 1:15 p.m.

Deputies charged two men with drug possession after the driver turned to avoid a traffic stop Friday, said a press release by the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies were partnering with Thomasville Police, Lexington Police and the N.C. Highway Patrol to conduct a "Booze It & Lose It" campaign checkpoint Friday on Interstate 85 Business Loop and Hasty School Road.

During the checkpoint, authorities saw a vehicle turn onto Hasty School Road to avoid the officers. Deputies followed and stopped the vehicle, and according to the press release, observed a strong smell of alcohol inside the vehicle.

The release said deputies found the three men in the car had <u>fake identification cards</u>, and a search revealed two passengers in the vehicle had <u>cocaine</u>.

Deputies charged Mauro Ramirez, 22, of 2613 Vickers Ave. in High Point, with possession of cocaine and possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine.

Qunitero Valerio, 25, of 805 Marsh St. in Thomasville, was charged with possession of cocaine.

Both men are being held in the Davidson County Detention Center under \$5,000 secured bonds. Their court date is May 4.

Two charged with selling false drivers licenses

By Samuel Spies - Staff Writer

Published: Wed, Mar. 25, 2009 05:53AM

RALEIGH -- Two people were behind bars Tuesday night charged with selling fake foreign drivers licenses.

Williams Arzola and Danalis Bernarda Arzola, of 8705 Deerland Grove Drive, each face 19 felony counts of selling fake driving documents including Mexican and Salvadoran licenses, and international driving documents.

The Arzolas were arrested Tuesday by agents from the Division of Motor Vehicles License & Theft Bureau, according to court documents.

Williams Arzola, 40, was being held in lieu of \$150,000 bail, and Danalis Arzola, 41, was being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Shooting leaves two dead in Sampson County

A staff report

CLINTON — A Faison man on Monday fatally shot his estranged girlfriend and fired at her mother and the couple's two children as they ran from their car that was parked on McGowan Road in the Turkey community, investigators said.

Francisco Montenegro, 52, shot Marcela Rodriguez, 24, of Goldsboro, multiple times before shooting and killing himself, according to a news release from the Sampson County Sheriff's Office.

Their bodies were found about a mile down a path off McGowan Road near Pine Ridge Road, the release said.

The Sheriff's Office received a report about 6:45 p.m. about a woman and two children standing on the side of Interstate 40, the release said.

Ludvinia Reyes, 47, of Goldsboro, told deputies that she took the children, whose ages were not given, and ran from the stopped vehicle when Montenegro and Rodriguez began arguing, the release said.

A domestic violence protective order had been issued in Duplin County against Montenegro in July 2008, the release said. It was to have remained in effect until July, the release said, but Montenegro contacted Rodriguez and told her he was leaving the country.

Reyes told investigators that Montenegro told Rodriguez he wanted to sign his car over to her before leaving, the release said.

Montenegro picked up Reyes, Rodriguez and their children at their home in Goldsboro on Monday. He told them he was taking them to have the car signed over to Rodriguez, the release said.

Instead, Montenegro drove into Sampson County and stopped on McGowan Road near the intersection of Pine Ridge Road, the release said. He claimed the car had broken down, the release said.

Reyes said Montenegro and Rodriguez began arguing and that she got scared, took the children and ran through a wooded area to I-40, the release said.

Montenegro fired at Reyes and the children as they ran, the release said.

Several drivers on the interstate stopped to assist Reyes as she tried to flag down drivers for help, the release said.

Deputies from Sampson and Duplin counties responded, the release said.

1 Charged, 3 Sought In Four Oaks Area Break-Ins March 26, 2009

Authorities have made one arrest and are looking for three other suspects following two break-ins Wednesday afternoon on Thompson Road in the Blackmon's Crossroads community. Deputies received a report around 1pm of a burglary in progress and arrived to find three people running from the home. K-9 units were brought in but the burglary suspects managed to elude officers in a heavily wooded area. Officers later discovered a second break-in, the suspect's getaway car, and some of the stolen property nearby. A short time later, 16 year-old **Vanessa Guadalupe Valadez** of Faith Church Road, Four Oaks attempted to report the same car stolen from the parking lot at McDonald's in Selma, even though she allegedly knew it wasn't, Selma Police and Johnston County deputies said. She was charged with accessory after the fact and resisting a public officer. Her bond was set at \$11,000.

Second Arrest Made In Four Oaks Break-Ins

A second person has been arrested in connection with two residential break-ins Wednesday

on Thompson Road outside of Four Oaks. Deputies drove up on the break-ins and three suspects managed to escape into a wooded area, but officers did seize their car. **Hugo Leon-Laines**, 19, of Middlesex was arrested Thursday by the Johnston County Sheriff's Office on burglary and larceny charges. His alleged girlfriend, Vanessa Guadalupe Valadez, 16, of Four Oaks, was arrested a short time after the break-ins when she tried to report the suspect's getaway car as stolen. More arrests in the case are pending.

Office Max Employee Charged With Embezzlement

An employee at Office Max in Smithfield is facing embezzlement charges. Itzel Patricia Miranda, 19, of Whitley Drive, Smithfield was arrested at the business on Thursday. Miranda, a sales associate at the store, is accused of stealing 36 phone and gift cards with a value of \$6,684. Among the items reportedly stolen were 28 prepaid phone cards, 17 American Express gift cards, and one Office Max gift card. Police allege Miranda confessed to the crime. She was jailed under a \$25,000 secured bond.

Arrest made in home robbery

March 26

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office arrested a man Thursday who allegedly took part in a home invasion and armed robbery that occurred Saturday at a Drummersville Road home, Sheriff's Capt. Tom Effler said today.

Three men forced their way into a residence and tied up two women and a man, the Sheriff's Office captain said.

Detectives received information that one of the suspects might live in Wallace, and found him at his Wallace home.

Moises Morales Rodas, 26, of Pine Street, was jailed under \$100,000 bond

The Sheriff's Office is still looking for the two other suspects, both of whom were loosely identified as Hispanic males.

"We've got some leads on the other (suspects.) I don't know if we've completely identified (them)," Effler said.

The suspects also face first-degree kidnapping charges, for tying up their victims with plastic wire.

After authorities responded to the scene, they learned the suspects headed in the direction of Duplin County from Drummersville Road, which is not far from the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park.

The Sheriff's Office is looking for any information about the other two suspects, he said.

Tip leads Bristol Police to Turkish citizen sought on child sex charges

March 26

Bristol Police have arrested a citizen of Turkey wanted in North Carolina for failing to appear in court on child sex charges.

Ekrem Toptal, 28, was arrested at a business on the Volunteer Parkway after a tip alerted police, Bristol Tennessee Police Lieutenant Debbie McCauley said Friday.

Toptal was wanted in Henderson County, N.C. for failing to show up for court following his arrest on indecent liberties with a child and second-degree sexual offense, according to Henderson County Sheriff Rick Davis.

According to Davis, who has called Toptal an "F-1 student overstay," the man originally came to the United States on an F-1 student visa to study at a university.

An F-1 student visa permits full-time students to remain in the U.S. to complete their studies even if their passport expires in the meantime, according to the United States Bureau of Consular Affairs.

"This is the same visa that 19 people used to come here and bomb the World Trade Center," Davis said in a letter supporting adding more deputies to his staff that would be dedicated to working with immigration officials under the Immigration and Nationality Act. The letter cites Toptal's case as an example.

Toptal was previously arrested a year ago on March 26 in Henderson for speeding and no insurance, Davis wrote.

"It is very likely that had the 287(g) program been instilled at that time, this Turkish Citizen would have been encountered and put in removal proceedings before he had a chance to commit Indecent Liberties with a Child and 2nd Degree Sexual Offense later that year."

Toptal was arraigned Friday morning and is awaiting extradition.

Clinton man pleads guilty in bomb scare

A staff report March 28

A Clinton man accused of using a home-made bomb to scare a woman's boyfriend has been sentenced to five years in prison.

Julio Frentez Morales, 26, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon in December, according to a news release from U.S. Attorney George E.B. Holding. He was sentenced Friday.

In addition to the five years in federal prison, Morales must complete three years of supervised release.

Investigators said Morales and his co-defendant, Martin Bryant Boyette, 35, made the explosive device.

Investigators said Boyette's former girlfriend had a new boyfriend and had complained to Boyette that he had been abusing her. Morales and Boyette were driving to the man's home when the home-made bomb prematurely detonated. Morales was severely burned and shrapnel lodged in Boyette's head.

The two men drove to Sampson Regional Medical Center for treatment, and law enforcement was called to investigate

"The sentence the court handed down today reflects the seriousness of the issue of individuals making home-made explosive devices," Holding said. "It was fortunate that no innocent victim was injured."

Boyette also pleaded guilty in December to possession of a firearm by a felon and will be sentenced at a later date.

Each man is awaiting trial in state court on charges of possessing a weapon of mass destruction, according to the Sampson County Sheriff's Office.

Rape suspect arrested in Raleigh

From Staff Reports

Published: Sun, Mar. 29, 2009 02:00AM

RALEIGH -- A 24-year-old man wanted for a 2008 statutory rape charge was arrested Saturday.

Hector Lara Salazar is accused of having sex with a 12-year-old in November 2007, an arrest warrant said. Raleigh detectives filed charges against him in September 2008.

Other than a 2006 conviction for resisting an officer, Salazar's arrest history consists of traffic infractions. Investigators on Saturday also served a warrant on him for damaging a vehicle.

Wilmington Police Department Most Wanted

Gonzalo Neri Hernandez

Age: 23

Last known address: 5501 Park Ave., Apt. 16, Wilmington

Wanted for: First-degree kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill,

misdemeanor stalking

Seen this person? Call the Wilmington Police Department at 343-3645

Rami Tahsein Mustafa

Age: 30

Last known address: 5001 Monck Court, Wilmington

Wanted for: Eight warrants for obtaining property by false pretense; cases date to

2004.

Seen this person? Call the Wilmington Police Department at 343-3645

Pender County Sheriff's Office

Wilmer Alexis-Cruz Alvarado

Age: 22

Last known address: 5140 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington.

Wanted for: Questioning in the death of Martin Garza, who was found dead Feb. 16,

2008, off of U.S. 117 in Pender County.

Seen this person? Call the Pender County Sheriff's Office at 259-1212

Socrates Gomez

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Gaston County Lock-Up

Date: 2009-03-18

Name: Franciso Alvarado Hernandez

City/State: Gastonia, NC

Charge(s):

1, License, No Operators

2, Habeas Corpus

Date: 2009-03-19

Name: Benavides

City/State: Charlotte, NC

Charge(s):

1, Habeas Corpus

Date: 2009-03-19

Name: Rubio

City/State: Monroe, NC

Charge(s):

1, Habeas Corpus

Date: 2009-03-19

Name: Robles

City/State: Charlotte, NC

Charge(s):

1, Habeas Corpus

Date: 2009-03-20

Name: Mario Rene Santos-Perez

City/State: Durham, NC

Charge(s):

1, License, Driving While Revoked

2, Speed, Exceed Safe, T

3, Habeas Corpus

Date: 2009-03-20

Name: Edgar Pina Saavedra

City/State: Belmont, NC

Charge(s):

1, Failure to Appear, Misdemeanor

2, Habeas Corpus

Burlington Police Report

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Gaston Gazette

Emidio Jesus Jacobo

Age: 42

Description: Jacobo is a Hispanic man who is 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. His last known address was on Hubbard Street in Lincolnton. His last known employer was South Fork Industries in Lincolnton.

Charges: <u>Statutory rape</u> (five counts), sexual offense (five counts)

Wanted by: Lincolnton Police Department

Lastenia Mendez

Age: 35

Description: Mendez is a Hispanic woman standing 5 feet 1 inch and weighing 120 pounds. Her last known address was in Crouse, and she has been known to work for temp agencies.

Charge: Identity theft

Wanted by: Lincolnton Police Department

Justino Salinez-Jimenez

Age: 42

Description: Salinez-Jimenez is a Hispanic man. No photographs were available.

Charges: First-degree rape of a child (two counts), indecent liberties with a child (five counts), sex

offense (five counts), statutory rape (two counts)
Wanted by: Gaston County Police Department

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2 men charged in shooting death near Carrboro

Published: Tue, Mar. 17, 2009 10:24AM

HILLSBOROUGH -- The Orange County Sheriff's Office has filed charges in its second murder case in three days.

Ronnie Ramirez, 30, and Steve Ramirez, 23, who have been charged with first degree murder, are accused of shooting Thaddeus Jerrod Harris at their home at 2120 Gemena Road west of Carrboro.

Investigators Archie Daniel and Randy Hawkins arrested the suspects after interviewing people at their home. Both Ronnie Ramirez and Steve Ramirez are being held without bail at the Orange County Jail.

Pink Hill man faces child sex charges

An illegal immigrant is accused of raping a 6-year-old girl, Cumberland County investigators said today.

Elio Citala-Rodriguez, 28, of Pink Hill, is charged with first-degree statutory rape, first-degree statutory sex offense and taking indecent liberties with a child, according to a news release from the Sheriff's Office.

Investigators say the incident happened between March 2006 and September 2007 while Rodriguez was staying with the girl and her parents in Fayetteville, according to the release.

Rodriguez, who is from Mexico, is a distant relative of the family, the release said.

Lenoir County detectives are looking into reports of other, similar incidents that happened in Pink Hill, the news release said.

Investigators say the girl was forced to have sex and engage in sex acts with Rodriguez.

He is in the Cumberland County Detention Center with bail set at \$100,000. He also is being retained by Immigration Custom Enforcement.

Man Who Made Homemade Bomb Sentenced To Federal Prison

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Third suspect in robbery and shooting of undercover deputy convicted

March 31, 2009 - 5:05 PM Keren Rivas / Times-News GRAHAM - The last of three men who robbed an undercover Lee County deputy during a drug deal in 2008 pleaded guilty last week to assault and robbery charges.

Jose A. Morales, 21, formerly of Crawford Road, Swepsonville, was scheduled to be on trial Monday on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury and armed robbery for his involvement in the robbery and shooting of Charles Dew, an undercover Lee County Sheriff's deputy, during a Jan. 11, 2008 drug deal on Anthony Street.

But instead of letting a jury decide his fate, Morales pleaded guilty March 23 to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and armed robbery as part of a plea agreement. In exchange for his plea, Morales received a combined sentence of a minimum of 9 years and 9 months to a maximum of 12 1/2 years.

According to investigators, Morales and two other co-defendants, Jean Christopher Jerez and Marcus Lee Thompson, took \$17,500 from Dew and shot him in the leg before fleeing the scene.

Burlington Crime

DWI

March 30, 2009 - 9:05 AM

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Man flees from license checkpoint

The Daily Reflector

Monday, March 30, 2009

Winterville Police Department officers arrested a man Wednesday after he sped away from a license checkpoint, a police department report stated.

Juan Manuel Sanchez, 22, 693 Jacksontown Road, was stopped at the intersection of Reedy Branch and Davenport Farm roads and told the officer he did not have a license to drive his 1997 Ford Ranger, and handed over an identification card.

When asked to pull to the side of the road, the report states Sanchez sped off toward Frog Level Road, traveling around 100 mph.

The Pitt County Sheriff's Office was called in to assist and given the registration number, but Sanchez made a right onto Brighton Drive — into a subdivision — and the vehicle came to a stop, the report said. When Sanchez exited the vehicle he was arrested and charged with fleeing or eluding law enforcement, failing to stop when signaled by lights or siren, and driving while license revoked.

Sanchez was confined to the Pitt County Detention Center on a \$500 bond.

Family Tied Up At Gunpoint

Posted: 8:52 AM Mar 27, 2009

Reporter: Heather King

Lawmen in Wayne County say one of three suspects in a burglary where three people were held at gunpoint is in custody. Two other suspects remain on the loose.

Wayne County lawmen say three men broke into a house on Drummersville Road in the Seven Springs community of Wayne County on March 21. Three people were held at gunpoint and restrained with plastic wire ties.

Deputies say the suspects were seen traveling toward Duplin County with some cash and valuables. The arrest of 26-year-old **Moises Morales Rodas** of Pine St. in Wallace was announced Friday morning. Lawmen say they received a tip that one of the suspects lived in Wallace.

Rodas is charged with armed robbery, first degree burglary and first degree kidnapping. His bond was set at \$100,000

Pitt County Grand Jury

March 14, 2009

Noe Orsonio Delacruz, 23, 4845 Lot 1 Prison Camp Road, Williamston, first-degree burglary, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury for June 12 offense

Miguel William Hernandez, 30, 950 35 Spring Forest Road, habitual misdemeanor assault, assault inflicting serious injury, communicating threats for Jan. 1 offense

Jose Diego Mauguia-Garcia, 47, 1228 West Ridge Court, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, maintaining a dwelling to keep or sell controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia for July 29, 2005, offense

Antonio Francisco Pedro, 29, 1561 Debsan Circle, assault by strangulation, assault on a female, communicating threats for Dec. 29 offense.

Ruben Cupil Sanches, 31, 5515 River Creek Drive, Washington, N.C., assault by strangulation, two counts of assault on a females for Feb. 22 offense

Pedro Felipe, 38, 990 Benjamin Drive, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, entered Alford plea, eight to 10 months Department of Correction, suspended, 24 months probation, pay cost, State Bureau of Investigation lab fee, \$2,000 fine, and lawyer.

Gaston County Lock-up

Date: 03/25/2009

Name: Gerardo Miguel Gutierrez

City/State: Gastonia, NC

Charge(s):

1, Habeas Corpus

2, License, No Operators

3, Registration Plate/Card, Fictitious/Canceled/Revoked

Date: 03/30/2009

Name: Antonio Amezquita Acosta

City/State: Gastonia, NC

Charge(s):

- 1, License, No Operators
- 2. DWI
- 3, Drive Left Of Center, I

4, Habeas Corpus

Date: 03/30/2009

Name: Theo Ksor

City/State: Charlotte, NC

Charge(s):

1, Habeas Corpus

2, DWI

Date: 03/23/2009

Name: Margen Vidal Perez

City/State: Charlotte, NC

Charge(s):

1, License, No Operators 2, Fictitious Info To Officer 3, Speed, Exceed Posted

4, Habeas Corpus