

DUI, property crimes lead January's local arrest log

Drunk driving and drivers license violations, along with minor property crimes, filled out the roundup of arrests logged in Wilkes County during the period December 25 through January 30.

Willie L. Cofer Jr., 20, of Washington, was arrested January 11 by Washington police and charged with burglary, theft by taking, and with possession of tools for the commission of a crime. He was held on a state probation violation.

Recardo M. Grant, 20, of Washington, was arrested January 4 by Wilkes County deputies and charged with felony theft by taking. He was released on \$8,000 bond.

Saintwain R. Roberts, 21, of Washington, was arrested January 5 by Wilkes County deputies and charged with entering an auto with intent of felony. He was bound over to Superior Court.

Evelyn Allen, 36, of Washington, was arrested January 1 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with sale, distribution, possession, etc. of dangerous drugs; drugs to be kept in original container; and violation of the open container law. She was released on \$6,446 bond.

Brandon Mosely, 28, of Calhoun Falls, S.C., was arrested January 4 by Wilkes County deputies and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was bound over to Superior Court.

Archie D. Acree, 33, of Washington, was arrested December 31 by Washington Police and charged with battery. He was released on \$5,200 bond.

Valerie Edwards, 46, of Wilkes County, was arrested January 19 by Washington police and charged with criminal trespass. She was held on \$3,500 bond.

Dedrick Jerome Willis, 21, of Washington, was arrested January 23 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with misdemeanor

possession of marijuana. He was released on \$2,000 bond.

Willie Norman, 43, of Washington, was arrested January 23 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and with failure to stop for a stop sign. He was released on \$2,500 bond.

Reginald Luke, 28, of Rayle, was arrested January 6 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with speeding (26-30 mph over) and with driving while license is withdrawn. He was released on \$7,000 bond.

Ferdinand Corwin Montfort, 51, of Washington, was arrested January 3 by Washington police and charged with failure to stop for a stop sign and with driving while license is withdrawn (4th). He was held on \$3,922 bond.

Dennis Blackmon, 26, of Washington, was arrested December 28 by Washington police and charged with misdemeanor obstruction of an officer. He was released on \$3,700 bond.

Jomarkus Callaway, 22, of Washington, was arrested December 27 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with driving while license is withdrawn. He was released on \$1,500 bond.

John Lee Lewis, 48, of Rayle, was arrested December 26 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with driving while license is withdrawn. He was released on \$3,826 bond.

Ricky L. Jordan, 49, of Washington, was arrested January 3 by Wilkes deputies and charged with giving false information or a false name. He was held on \$2,500 bond.

Marion Brittain, 17, of Lincoln, was arrested January 1 by Washington police and charged with failure to drive within a single lane and with driving without a license.

He was released on \$1,620 bond.

Asucena Cedeno Madrigal, 24, of Wilkes County, was arrested January 1 by Washington police and charged with driving without a license. She was released on \$713 cash bond.

Randall T. Osborne, 20, of Washington, was arrested January 3 by Washington police and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on \$566 bond.

Marvin Pender, 31, of Washington, was arrested January 5 by Wilkes County deputies and charged with contempt of court (child support). He was released on payment of arrears.

Shalanda Milton, 24, of Washington, was arrested December 31 by Washington police and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on \$566 bond.

Felicia Milton, 22, of Washington, was arrested January 11 by Washington police and charged with theft by shoplifting. She was released on \$233 cash bond.

James Earl Hollins, 50, of Washington, was arrested January 8 by Washington police and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on \$566 bond.

The holidays kept both Washington police and Georgia State troopers busy with some 18 arrests for driving while intoxicated and associated charges.

Allan Rajohn Davis, 33, of Crawfordville, was arrested December 26 by Washington police and charged with DUI, driving with no insurance, expired tag, and driving without a license. He was released on \$4,114 bond.

Tracy Moore, 51, of Wilkes County, was arrested January 1 by Washington police and charged with DUI, failure to drive within a single lane, and with driving with an open container. He was released on \$2,268 bond.

Dedrick Jermaine White, 36, of Lincoln, was arrested January 15 by Washington police and charged with DUI, failure to drive within a single lane, and with a traffic charge. He was released on \$1,918 bond.

Nikeyia Lajoy Blackmon, 33, of Washington, was arrested December 26 by Washington police and charged with DUI. She was released on \$1,628 bond. Blackmon was also arrested on December 28 and charged with obstruction of an officer and released on \$3,700 bond.

Yolanda Norman, 31, of Tignall, was arrested December 27 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with DUI, and with violation of the open container law. She was released on \$2,000 bond.

Gregory M. Barnes, 31, of Washington, was arrested December 26 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with DUI, violation of the open container law, and with driving

in violation of a limited permit. He was released on \$4,000 bond.

Alfonzo Stewart, 23, of Washington, was arrested January 6 by Washington police and charged with DUI, driving while license is withdrawn, and with failure to drive within a single lane. He was released on \$3,248 bond.

Sim C. Binns III, 36, of Lawrenceville, Ga., was arrested January 1 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with DUI, and with driving while license is withdrawn. He was released on \$3,054 bond.

Willie Benson, 53, of Wilkes County, was arrested January 1 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with DUI. He was released on \$1,628 bond.

Thomas H. Beard, 25, of Washington, was arrested January 10 by Washington police and charged with DUI and with failure to drive within a single lane. He was released on \$1,822 bond.

Earl C. Main, 58, of Jefferson, Ga., was arrested January 16 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with DUI, and with failure to drive within a single lane. He was released on \$3,500 bond.

Mike S. Carroll, 35, of Wilkes County, was arrested January 18 by Washington police and charged with DUI and failure to drive within a single lane. He was released on \$1,822 bond.

William Lewis Clark, 44, of Elberton, was arrested January 18 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with DUI, and with failure to drive within a single lane. He was released on \$2,000 bond.

Kimberly S. Crew, 26, of Washington, was arrested January 23 by Washington police and charged with DUI, and with driving without headlights when required. She was released on \$1,724 bond.

Timothy Elija Barnes, 39, of Sharon, was arrested January 23 by Washington police and charged with DUI, and with disorderly conduct. He was released on \$2,194 bond.

Charee Benson, 48, of Wilkes County, was arrested January 24 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with DUI and with failure to drive within a single lane. She was released on \$2,000 bond.

Sintasha Binns, 35, of Washington, was arrested January 24 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with DUI, and with violating the requirement for brake lights and turn signals. She was released on \$2,000 bond.

Terry Jones, 39, of Dewy Rose, was arrested January 23 by Washington police and charged with DUI, speeding (26-30 over), driving while license is withdrawn, and with drive while tag is suspended. He was released on \$4,758 bond.

Census workers are needed in Tignall, Rayle, Washington

Hiring for temporary U.S. Census jobs will start next Monday, February 8, and there are still jobs available throughout Wilkes County including in Tignall and Rayle, where testing is set for later this week.

Many of those who have already passed the test will be contacted and hired soon. "If you've applied and haven't been called, please be patient. Calls will be going out starting Monday, February 8, for those who have passed the test," said Wanda Cox, Wilkes County recruiting assistant for the U.S. Census Bureau.

More testing is set for Tuesday, February 9, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Mary Willis Library. In an effort to reach Rayle and Tignall, Cox has set up testing at Tignall City Hall on Friday, February 5, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, February 10, at 10 a.m.; and at Rayle City Hall on Friday, February 5, at 2 p.m. and Friday, February 12, at 10 a.m.

"We're getting close to having all the needed job applicants for Wilkes County but there are still openings, especially in Tignall and Rayle, to be filled," she said.

Applicants can also call 866-861-2010 to find out test dates, she said.

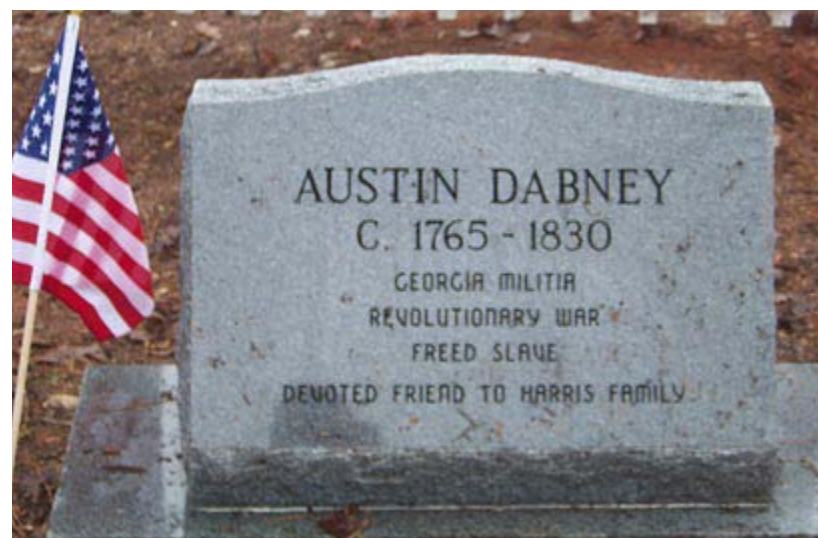
"All the test takers need to bring with them is a drivers license and Social Security Card or birth certificate," Cox said. "We need crew leaders, supervisors, and enumerators. We'll need to man Quality Assurance Centers in Washington and Tignall to help people fill our forms."

People from adjoining counties may test in Washington if it is more convenient for them, Cox said, and qualified applicants will be forwarded to their area recruiter.



Judge Chip Hardin honored for service

Former Washington Municipal Court Judge Walton "Chip" Hardin was honored at last week's Washington city council retreat. Mayor Willie Burns spoke of how long the two had known each other, and thanked Hardin for his years of service as municipal judge since 1996. Burns presented Hardin with a plaque of appreciation from the City of Washington.



Wilkes County Revolutionary War soldier Austin Dabney was honored recently with a memorial headstone in Pike County, Georgia.

Freed slave, patriot honored in Pike Co. memorial ceremonies

On January 30, Wilkes County patriot Austin Dabney was honored at a grave dedication sponsored by The Sons of the American Revolution. Austin Dabney was honored as a freed slave and patriot of the American Revolution - one of the few slaves recognized to date. The ceremony took place at the Dabney-Harris Cemetery in Zebulon in Pike County.

"The story of Austin Dabney touches your heart," said Washington Mayor Willie Burns. "Austin was a Patriot who fought at the Battle of Kettle Creek and the Battle of Augusta. His wounds left him crippled for life. The Harris family cared for him during his recuperation and a lifelong bond developed. The son of Giles Harris was named for Austin and Austin and Giles are buried side-by-side."

SAR Member Bob Galer noted during the ceremonies that Austin Dabney is the first black patriot to be recognized in Georgia with a grave dedication ceremony. The pres-

ence of National SAR Genealogist General Joe Dooley underlined the national stature of this ceremony.

The story of Austin Dabney was told by Robert S. Davis, M.Ed., M.A. of Wallace College, who is considered the world expert on the Battle of Kettle Creek. His concentration on this Battle has spanned over thirty years.

Another highlight of the grave dedication was the talk of Genealogist General Joe Dooley, who spoke of a print brought from the SAR National Office showing George Washington crossing the Delaware and drawing attention to the black Patriot next to General Washington. Genealogist General Dooley stated that research shows that there were from 5,000 to 20,000 black Patriots fighting for freedom and liberty during the Revolutionary War.

The texts of Davis, Giles Harris descendant Carl Voelker, and genealogist Dooley are being acquired for possible inclusion in the Washington Historical Museum.



Lyonsville Baptist Church will have worship service on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:45 a.m.

Jackson Chapel AME Church will have its black history program Sunday, February 28, at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Eddie Lee Ivery of McDuffie County, a former professional All-American football player who played running back for eight seasons for the Green Bay Packers.

The address for Salvation Army

aid to Haiti is as follows: Salvation Army World Service Office, International Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 630728, Baltimore, MD 21263-0728. Designate to Haiti Earthquake.

The Concerned Citizens of Wilkes County will meet Tuesday, February 16, 7 p.m., at the Mary Willis Library.

The New Sutton's Temple Baptist Church will have an appreciation service for Pastor Katrina L. Owens and husband. Revival services will be held February 15-19 at 7:30 p.m., February 20, 3 p.m.; and Sunday, February 21, 11:30 a.m. Various churches and different speakers will be on the program each day.



The tourism industry presented a check representing the \$850.6 million in state tax revenue generated from tourism-related expenditures.

Tourism director lobbies legislature to bring more tourism jobs to Wilkes Co.

Wilkes County Tourism Director Ashley Barnett joined members of the Georgia tourism industry in speaking to state legislators last Tuesday about the vital role tourism plays in jobs for rural Georgia.

"We were there to celebrate the significant role that tourism, the state's second largest industry, plays in Georgia's economy," she said. "While we were there, we got to meet with Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and talk with him about how absolutely vital tourism is for jobs and businesses in Washington and Wilkes County, and what's in the next state budget that could help us bring more tourists and tourism

jobs here."

The state's latest figures indicate that tourism in Wilkes County alone carries a \$2.3 million annual payroll, she said.

Stressing that tourism is a \$28 billion industry in Georgia, Barnett and other regional tourism representatives used the 2010 Tourism Day at the Capitol to speak with many senators and representatives about the importance of tourism. "Senator Bill Jackson and Rep. Lee Anderson were excited to see all of us from their districts," she said. "Rep. Mickey Channel was tied up in session and in hearings, but he knew we were there and was glad

to know we were there representing our county. We wanted to make sure our representatives knew that tourism is the second-largest industry in Georgia."

Seven representatives from Wilkes County's tourism region, the Classic South Travel Association, were there to set up a booth in the capitol to promote tourism in the region. "It was a lot of fun," she said. "Seven of us went to the offices of every representative and senator representing our 18 counties to remind them how vital their support of tourism is, and about the importance of funding tourism and economic development promotions."