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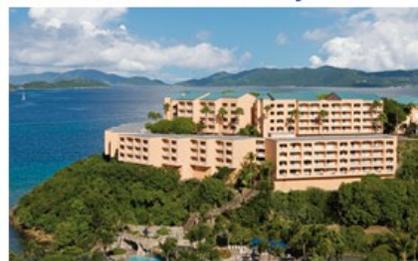
Police briefs

Bus station robbed

A man apparently robbed the local Greyhound bus station at gunpoint Thursday night, though details of what happened were limited in a Fort Wayne Police Department report.

According to the report, a woman said she saw a man open the door to the station, 929 Lafayette St., about 7:45 p.m., walk to the cashier and say, "Give it up." Her son reported the same thing, and said the man had a gun. Both the woman and her son ran out of the station, and couldn't give a description of the suspect. Officer also completed a statement from at least one employee, which was not included in the report.

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Two men charged with burglary

Two Fort Wayne men were arrested on burglary charges after police saw them looking in the windows of apartments in the 4300 block of Werling Drive.

Dwaylian Gray, 20, and Jeffrey D. Irby, 19, both of the 5100 block of Winter Street, were spotted on Werling Drive, a "high crime area" with a string of recent burglaries, according to a probable cause affidavit. They tried to walk away when squad cars pulled into the area, then ran when officers called to them. According to the affidavit, Gray had a .22-caliber High Sierra gun with him, which had been stolen with five other guns, jewelry and money Dec. 5 from a home in the 700 block of East Hawthorne Street. Irby was placed on Hawthorne by officers who compared frozen shoe prints made in the snow then with the shoes he was wearing Thursday.

Irby was booked into Allen County Lockup on \$10,000 bond. Gray received a \$20,500 bond and was charged with carrying a handgun without a license and receiving stolen property along with burglary.

Police chase leads to multiple charges

A Fort Wayne man accused of leading police on a chase in a stolen truck was arrested and charged Thursday with receiving stolen auto parts, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle and being a habitual traffic offender and marijuana possession.

Fort Wayne Police had been waiting for a 2002 GMC Envoy to pull into Cambridge Square Apartments in the 7500 block of Coldsprings Boulevard. When it did, the driver spotted police and made a U-turn out of the complex, according to a police report and probable cause affidavit.

Police believe the driver was Ronald Dean Hart, 31, whom they arrested after a nearly three-minute chase that reached 80 mph. The chase ended when the SUV drove into a grassy ravine on Honeywell Drive, according to the affidavit, prompting Hart to run from police on foot. Police later found marijuana in the car, according to the police report.

Woman reports robbery

A woman told Fort Wayne Police she was robbed at gunpoint as she walked out of the Burger King at 324 Jefferson Boulevard on Thursday night.

According to a police report, when the woman stepped out of the back of the restaurant about 10 p.m., a man armed with a black handgun came from behind a trash bin. He told the woman to get on the ground and to hand over any

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money. She didn't have any, so he took her cell phone instead.

Boy reports battery with fly swatter

An 11-year-old boy said he was battered with a fly swatter wielded by his aunt Thursday, according to a Fort Wayne Police Department report. The boy had raised, red welts 1 to 2 inches wide on his back, shoulder and forearm, according to the report. He told police he had been fighting with his stepsisters when his aunt said she was going to "whup" him. According to the boy's account in the report, she then brought out the fly swatter. No arrest was made.

Fight leads to arrest of 2 students

A fight during third-period gym class at Elmhurst High School on Thursday led to the arrest of two students, according to a Fort Wayne Police Department report.

The fight broke out during an argument that began in the middle of a basketball game. Both were taken to the Allen County Juvenile Center for disorderly conduct.

Gas tank tampering

A woman in the 4800 block of Spatz Avenue spotted her estranged husband's girlfriend outside her window closing the gas tank to her car Friday morning. When police arrived, the car had been covered in white powder, scratched with a key from front to back and had two candy bars stuffed into the gas tank, according to a police report.

Men robbed of clothes, jewelry

Two men invited by a woman to an apartment complex at the corner of Meyer Drive and Fairfield Avenue were robbed while waiting for her about 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, according to a Fort Wayne Police Department report.

The men said the girl told them she'd be right down after they called to let her know they were there. Two other men then showed up, according to the report, speaking Spanish to each other. They began to beat one of the men, hitting him in the head and face.

They took his shoes, his watch and his keys, and the other man's jacket, wallet and shoes.

Court briefs

Prison term for WPD thief

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A 23-year-old Fort Wayne man convicted of breaking into at least three Fort Wayne Police squad cars and stealing another one to haul his loot away received four years in prison Friday.

Adham A. El-Khatib, aka Dohrm Elkhatib and Adham Khatib, of the 2800 block of Harrison Street, smashed the windows of three squad cars last December parked in a city garage and stole computer and radio equipment from the center consoles of each one, according to court documents. While in Whitley County Jail on an unrelated charge, El-Khatib apparently admitted the thefts to another inmate, adding that he stole a squad car to lug the computer and radio equipment away.

According to court documents, El-Khatib took \$62,000 worth of equipment. He was convicted of auto theft, theft and being a habitual offender, which added 1 1/2 years to his sentence.

Robbery nets prison term

A man convicted of breaking down an apartment door and robbing another man inside was sentenced in Allen Superior Court to four years in prison Friday.

Charles Johnson Jr., 46, known as "CC" on the street, pleaded guilty to robbery last month. According to a probable cause affidavit, he, a woman and an unidentified man followed the victim to his apartment. They then broke down the door and robbed him of \$124 cash.

The woman, 26-year-old Ann T. Cook, was accused of wielding a knife during the robbery. She was convicted and sentenced to prison time in connection to the robbery earlier this week.

Convicted gun felon seeks \$40B damages

A Fort Wayne man convicted in U.S. District Court of a gun crime two years ago feels so wronged that he's seeking damages from the United States to the tune of \$40 billion.

According to a lawsuit he filed in Allen Superior Court on his own behalf, Anthony Lee Rogers claims the United States did not have the jurisdiction to prosecute his case in Indiana, a sovereign state with its own constitution. Rogers, of the 8100 block of Lakeside Court, was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm in April 2005. He was sentenced to 46 months in prison and three years supervised probation.

In his lawsuit, Rogers cites an array of cases as well as the United States and Indiana constitutions. "Nothing about the Indiana Constitution authorizes the United States to set-up shop in Indiana and prosecute criminal cases at will," he writes in the suit. He also names a federal judge and prosecutor based in Fort Wayne and involved in his trial as defendants.

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2nd sex-crimes trial set for ex-teacher

A former St. Jude Catholic School teacher accused of child molestation in two separate cases is scheduled to go on trial in Allen Superior Court for the second time in April.

Michelle VanMeter of South Bend was arrested in late November after the father of a boy heard about previous charges against her. According to court documents, the man knew his son was friends with boys involved in the first case and that his son had been at VanMeter's house with them. The man's son said VanMeter performed a sex act on him seven or eight times, according to court documents.

In the first case, VanMeter became pregnant after having sexual contact multiple times with a 15-year-old boy, his 13-year-old brother and their adult brother, who is deaf and mentally handicapped and thus unable to give consent.

A test showed one of the boys as the father of VanMeter's child, according to court documents, and she is set to stand trial on charges of child molesting, sexual misconduct with a minor and sexual battery in that case in February.

Man to face trial on neglect charge

A man accused of inflicting bruises and breaking the clavicle of his infant daughter will stand trial March 4 on a neglect of a dependent charge.

Adam L. Hair, aka Adam Martinez, 25, of the 800 block of Greenlawn Drive, told Child Protective Services he rolled over on the child in bed one night in October 2006, according to a probable cause affidavit, though he denied that to police. The child was brought to Parkview Hospital by her grandmother.

According to the affidavit, a doctor said her injuries appeared to be the result of abuse.

Local briefs

Elevators running at Edsall

Residents in Building A at Edsall House apartments, 310 W. Berry St., who were stranded during an eight-week breakdown of the five-story building's elevator breakdown, are once again able to get easily to the doctor's office, grocery store or church.

When the elevator began leaking hydraulic fluid, the fire marshal shut it down, but the cylinder that holds the fluid and other parts needed had to be custom-made, which took over seven weeks. Residents are mostly seniors or people with disabilities, and the broken elevator prevented some from leaving the building.

Seven new classes planned

Homestead High School plans to add seven classes next year, in radio, radio production, TV production, Honors English, Advanced Placement U.S. history and grammar.

The Southwest Allen County Schools board approved the language arts curriculum last year, but put the new classes on hold for further consideration. They are on the agenda for Tuesday night's board meeting.

The board is also looking at computer bids for the elementary schools. The district began moving the elementary schools to a Windows platform last year and is now working to finish the project.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the board room of the administrative building, 4824 Homestead Road.

Year-end items on NACS agenda

Year-end items top the agenda at the Northwest Allen County Schools board meeting Monday night, with a large report covering everything from school bus specifications to budget adjustments.

The board also will hear a report from Carroll Middle School about its wrestling conditioning program.

The NACS building corporation also met Friday to sign documents for the bond closing on the Carroll building and renovation project.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. Monday at Perry Hill Elementary School, 13121 Coldwater Road. Enter from the south and go to the central office board room.

Members of 122nd Fighter Wing to return from Gitmo

Eleven members of the 122nd Fighter Wing Civil Engineering Squadron will be returning home in the coming days.

The airmen were part of a 45-member team that deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for a little over four months. They have been working on a \$10.2 million legal complex in which the U.S. Office of Military Commissions will restart charging and trying enemy combatants.

Lt. Col. James Starnes, 122FW Civil Engineering commander, estimated that 80 percent of his team had returned from deployment in Iraq, Afghanistan or the U.S. southern border within the last two years, according to a written statement.

Anthis fruit sale

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The annual Anthis Career Center fruit sale is going on at the automotive building on the corner of Lafayette and Lewis streets (enter on Lewis Street). Sales will continue until 1 p.m. today and from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, as long as there is still fruit available. Packages range from \$8-\$29. Proceeds from the sale support career education programs.

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