

# POLICE

## 10 motorists booked on DWI counts

Authorities since Tuesday morning have arrested at least 10 people in East Baton Rouge Parish suspected of driving while intoxicated and booked them into the Downtown Jail.

Booking records at the jail show those booked and the county against them include:

- John M. Mire Jr., 30, of 11143 Greencrest Drive, second offense DWI, improper lane usage and driving under suspension of his driver's license.
- Edward S. Grogengieser, 27, of 7624 President, second offense DWI, speeding and driving under suspension of his driver's license.
- Grace Mae Veals, 35, of Route 5, Box 122 E, DWI, hit-and-run driving, expired motor vehicle inspection sticker and no proof of insurance.
- Richard D. Denham, 26, of 1814 Anglo St., DWI and improper lane usage.
- Frank W. White, 64, of 917 Myrtle St., DWI, failure to carry a vehicle registration, expired driver's license, no proof of insurance, failure to maintain control of a motor vehicle and two counts of hit-and-run driving.
- Stephen Munro, 39, of 221 Cliffwood Lennox, Mass., DWI and improper lane usage.
- Dorothy H. Mahfouz, 49, of 528 University Walk, DWI.
- Steven Allen Newman, 22, of 3225 Victoria, Apt. 1055, DWI and driving left of center.
- Timothy Ford Campbell, 24, of 1222 Bob Pettit, Apt. 2, DWI and passing in a no-passing zone.
- Treston Odell Lewis, 41, of 1236 Druid Hill, Jackson, Miss., DWI and improper lane usage.

## Stolen car of wounded student recovered

Authorities Tuesday night recovered the stolen car of a Southern University student who was wounded by gunfire on campus Tuesday, but the man driving the stolen car escaped from officers, Southern Police Chief Harrison Baptiste said.

Stephen Uwaezueke, 29, a graduate student from Nigeria, was shot three times as he approached his car about 12:45 a.m. Tuesday, spokesman Clayton Lewis said.

Uwaezueke was listed in stable condition at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center with wounds to an arm, leg and his abdomen, a hospital spokesman said.

Uwaezueke gave investigators a brief statement before being rushed to the hospital, Lewis said. The victim told investigators a man approached him while he was working on a project in T.T. Allain Hall and requested his car keys, Lewis said. The victim said he did not know the man, kept his keys and the man left.

A short time later, the victim went out to his car and the same man approached him and demanded the keys to the victim's 1965 Volvo, Lewis said. Uwaezueke refused and was shot in the left arm and left leg, he said. During surgery, fragments also were removed from a gunshot wound in the victim's abdomen.

The man who fired the shots also stole the victim's car, he said.

About 9:30 p.m., city police officers spotted the victim's car on Longfellow Street and stopped the vehicle, Baptiste said. However, the driver of the car jumped out and escaped.

The car will be taken to the State Police Crime Lab for examination, Baptiste said.

## N.C. fugitive booked in kidnapping

MANY — A North Carolina fugitive accused of kidnapping an elderly man from his Sabine Parish home was captured Tuesday during a parishwide manhunt, police said.

Willis M. Blackmon, 27, was booked with aggravated kidnapping. Blackmon is accused of kidnapping former Sabine Parish High School Principal T.A. Maxie from his home in Many on Monday, robbing him of \$173 and forcing him to drive to Zwolle.

Blackmon fled on foot when Maxie stopped at a Zwolle gas station. The fugitive was captured in a wooded area in Zwolle, said detective James McComie.

Maxie was not injured, McComie said.

"I didn't have time to be afraid," Maxie, 74, said shortly after Blackmon was captured. "I was just thinking of how to get away. I guess I was scared inside, though. I don't know what he was planning to do."

McComie said Blackmon is wanted by police in Southern Pines, N.C., on charges including armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

# COURTS

## Subpoena snafu results in trial delay

CLINTON — Prosecutors have postponed the trial of an Ethel teenager on misdemeanor charges stemming from a July 30 traffic accident that killed four people, District Attorney Hal Ware said Tuesday.

Clyde Whitfield, 17, was scheduled to face trial in 20th Judicial District Court Tuesday on six counts of vehicular injury, reckless operation and driving without a license, but subpoenas for three state troopers needed as state witnesses had not been served, Ware said.

The district attorney said the East Baton Rouge deputies apparently delivered the subpoenas to Louisiana State Police Troop A, but the troopers did not receive them. He said he did not know how the mix-up occurred.

"We tried until 7:30 last night (Monday) to get in touch with them, but we simply couldn't catch up with everybody," Ware said.

Ware said the misdemeanor charges will be considered along with four felony counts of vehicular homicide in a Jan. 16 jury trial.

State police said Whitfield was the driver of a 1988 Camaro that collided with three cars on La. 10 east of Jackson, killing Whitfield's cousins, Robert Whitfield, 19, and Donald Ray Whitfield, 23, both of Ethel, Terry Baggett, 30, of Baker, and Charlene Schaefer, 44, also of Baker.

Whitfield has remained in the East Feliciana Parish Prison since he was released from a doctor's care in mid-August. He initially was charged with driving while intoxicated — pending blood-alcohol analysis — but Ware said that charge later was dropped.

The blood sample analyzed by the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab was taken several hours after the four-car collision and the results were inconclusive, Ware said. However, a blood sample was taken earlier by a Lane Memorial Hospital physician, the district attorney said, and prosecutors will use expert witnesses in an attempt to prove Whitfield was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash.

## Baton Rouge police expected to resume DWI roadblock use

If the money is available, city police will resume the use of controversial DWI roadblocks since the U.S. Supreme Court Monday refused to hear an appeal of a California Supreme Court ruling, the department's legal adviser said.

The California Supreme Court ruling said the roadblocks could be carried out, and the high court's refusal to hear the appeal has the effect of affirming the California ruling.

Baton Rouge police discontinued the roadblocks in April after the Louisiana Supreme Court ruled a West Baton Rouge Parish DWI roadblock unconstitutional. In June, however, the department decided the ruling still left enough room for roadblocks to be carried out if conducted according to a predetermined set of procedures.

Since April, none of the controversial roadblocks have been set up on Baton Rouge streets, partly because the public was confused over the legality of the stops and partly because the department could not afford to pay overtime for all the officers needed to conduct a roadblock constitutionally, legal adviser Richard Redd said.

"If you're going to do it correctly, it's manpower-intensive and most of that manpower is on overtime," he said.

He said the department still considers the roadblocks to be an effective deterrent to drunken driving, and when the next fiscal year kicks in on Jan. 1, 1989, Baton Rouge motorists again might be faced with the roadblocks.

A Shreveport challenge of DWI roadblocks is scheduled for a hearing before the Louisiana Supreme Court on Dec. 14.

The California case centered on an arrest of a juvenile identified as Richard T. of an Anaheim roadblock in the early morning hours of New Year's Day 1985. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Police announced in advance that the checkpoints would be set up around the city, but did not advertise their locations.

Police said they smelled alcohol on Richard T.'s breath when they stopped him, and they said he told them he was coming from a party. He then was taken to a second checkpoint, where he failed a sobriety test and was arrested.

## DEQ reviewing report on impromptu Rollins inspection

A Department of Environmental Quality hotline complaint from a resident near the Rollins Environmental Services plant prompted a DEQ inspection of the plant Sunday.

The resident called the DEQ hotline Sunday and reported smoke escaping from the hazardous waste disposal company's "mix barn," the building in which ash from the incinerator or kiln is mixed with a substance to solidify it for landfill.

DEQ's Joey Hebert went to Rollins and found steam escaping from the mix-barn stack, he said.

"The complaint was smoke coming from the solidification building," he said. "There was smoke coming out of the building's scrubber stack. The air inside the building is sent through a scrubber to filter out particles and there were some sort of particulate coming out of the scrubber."

Hebert said the "smoke" actually was steam created when water was mixed with hot kiln ash. Also, cement kiln dust, which is mixed with the ash and water to create a solid, was being blown out of the building by the wind, he said.

"The problem was there was a real hot load that had just come out of the incinerator, generating a lot of steam," Hebert said. "There was a sort of stiff

north wind and the door was open and it was stirring up the dust inside there. They tried to cool the load down and it wouldn't cool off, so after an hour of that, they closed it down and put a lid on the solidification tank inside the building," he said.

Mike Higgs, Rollins environmental affairs manager, said the mix barn never shut down. The kiln ash, stored in steel bins, had some "residual heat in the center," said Higgs, "so when we put that down in there with the water, it generates some steam."

The Rollins spokesman said the scrubber system, which removes particles from the steam that escapes through the stack, is cleaned weekly and was working properly.

He said there was "some steam, no odor. There might have been a little bit of particulate, but it was mostly just steam," which is "not considered hazardous," he said.

Hebert said he prepared a report and sent it to the heads of the DEQ's hazardous waste division and its air quality division.

Tom Patterson of the hazardous waste division said he was reviewing Hebert's report on the incident.

DEQ is still reviewing an incident in November in which DEQ Secretary

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