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Lander basketball star arrested Senior point guard, two others face drug-related charges



COREY WRIGHT DEANNA LOFTON MATTHEW SOMMER

From staff reports

A Lander University basketball player and two other people were arrested Thursday after Greenwood County authorities raided a residence at Pinetree Apartments in Greenwood.

Corey Wright, 21, of Providence, R.I., was charged with dis-

tribution of marijuana in connection with the incident. Following the search, Deanna Lofton, 20, of 106 Barkwood Drive, was also charged with drugs/manufacturing or possession of other substances in schedule I, II, III or flunitrazepam with intent to distribute. Matthew Sommer, 23, of 1814 Bypass 72, Greenwood,

faces a count of possession of marijuana stemming from the incident.

The Lander University sports website lists Wright on the roster of the men's basketball team as a senior point guard. Wright was a third-team all-Peach Belt Conference selection as Lander's starting point guard. A preseason

all-conference pick for the 2012-13 campaign, Wright started in each of the Bearcats' six games so far, averaging almost 34 minutes per game. He was second on the team with a scoring average of 15.2 points per game and averaged eight assists.

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SCAMPS SURVEY

CPW listed with lowest electric rates

By CHRIS TRAINOR

The South Carolina Association of Municipal Power Systems (SCAMPS) released its quarterly electric rates survey, and Greenwood CPW is once again listed as having the lowest electric rates in the state among municipal providers.

According to the survey, Greenwood CPW's electric rates were the lowest among the state's 18 municipal providers. Greenwood's rates were \$50.76 per 500 KWH (kilowatt hours), \$92.95 per 1,000 KWH and \$252.99 per 3,000 KWH.

The report shows the City of Abbeville's rates were not available.

According to the survey, the City of Clinton has the highest electric rates in the state at \$80.47 per 500 KWH, \$148.22 per 1,000 KWH and \$419.22 per 3,000 KWH.

The survey shows the City of Laurens with the third highest rates among municipal providers, at \$68.65 per 500 KWH, \$131.53 per 1,000 KWH and \$381.90 per 3,000 KWH.

Greenwood CPW often does well in the SCAMPS quarterly reports, usually reflecting the lowest or nearly the lowest electric rates in South Carolina. On Friday, Greenwood CPW manager Steve Reeves said CPW's continued performance in the SCAMPS survey is a source of pride among CPW personnel.

"There is no question (it is a source of pride)," Reeves said. "We also rank among the lower cost utilities in the state with natural gas, and we just recently received a survey from the state Budget and Control Board of all water and sewer providers in the state, and we were in the lower 24 percent of the state in water. So, absolutely it is a source of pride."

In other business, the CPW board — Mike Monaghan, Henry Watts and Gene Hancock — and CPW staff are in the process of working on the 2013 budget. Reeves said the board will likely vote on the budget in January.



STEVE REEVES

SALUDA COUNTY

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



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Wyman Shealy, 77, holds his Saluda County Citizen of the Year award from the Farm City Committee.

Shealy honored for philanthropy, volunteerism

By FRANK BUMB

Dr. Wyman Shealy, 77, of Saluda, had a problem. He was, as we all will, getting up in the number of candles he'd put on his birthday cake. His wife of 51 years, Jeannette, was concerned about him going fishing on his own. He mentioned those concerns while

getting his haircut in front of Roland Addy.

"I said I'd be more than happy to go fishing with him," Addy said. "Since then, that was about four, five years ago, ever since, we've fished a lot together and done some hunting."

Roland Addy, son of Saluda Mayor Frank Addy, said one of his grandfathers died before he was born and the other when he was young. Shealy helped fill that gap.

"He's like a grandfather I never had. He does a lot for other people and doesn't want a lot back from them," Roland Addy said.

To many in Saluda, Shealy is the epitome of the kindly grandfather: generous with his time, always willing to give a helping hand and going above and beyond to help those in need.

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Man kills 26 at Connecticut school, commits suicide

A woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher, following a shooting Friday at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.



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By JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man killed his mother at their home and then opened fire Friday inside the elementary school where she taught, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, as youngsters cowered in fear to the sound of gunshots reverberating through the building and screams echoing through the intercom.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying at least two handguns, committed suicide at the school, bringing the death toll to 28, authorities said.

The rampage, coming less than two weeks

before Christmas, was the nation's second-deadliest school shooting, exceeded only by the Virginia Tech massacre that claimed 33 lives in 2007.

"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Barack Obama, struggling to maintain his composure, said at the White House. He called for "meaningful action" to prevent such shootings. "As a country, we have been through this too many times," he said.

Police shed no light on the motive for the attack. The gunman, Adam Lanza, was thought to suffer from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, said a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investi-

gation but not authorized to discuss it.

Panicked parents looking for their children raced to Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, a prosperous New England community of about 27,000 people 60 miles northeast of New York City. Police told youngsters at the kindergarten-through-fourth-grade school to close their eyes as they were led from the building so they wouldn't see the blood and broken glass.

Schoolchildren — some crying, others looking frightened — were escorted through a parking lot in a line, hands on each other's shoulders.

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