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**BLAZE DAMAGES WYLDTS ROAD APARTMENTS**



MICHAEL HOLAHAN/STAFF

Augusta-Richmond County firefighters spray water on hot spots after a fire destroyed a four-unit apartment building on Wylds Road in Augusta. There were no injuries and no cause of the blaze has been determined.

## No one injured; cause of fire unknown

Staff Reports

No one was injured in a fire that damaged four Wylds Road apartments Friday, Augusta Fire Chief Chris James said.

Several fire department units were called around noon to the fire, which was put out about 1:30 p.m., James said.

"When we first pulled up, the fire was already coming out of the roof; it was already fully involved," he said.

The department is checking with Wylds Woods apartment management to be sure residents have a place to go and other necessities and will contact the Red Cross if they don't, he said.

Investigators haven't determined the cause of the blaze, he said.



Firefighters walk around the burned-out second floor. The fire department is checking with the Wylds Woods apartment management to determine if residents affected by the fire have housing and other necessities.

## World reels as Britain's vote sinks in

Many cheer as others fear far-reaching repercussions

By Jill Lawless and Danica Kirka  
*Associated Press*

LONDON — Britain has jumped. Now what?

The U.K.'s unprecedented decision to leave the European Union sent shockwaves around the world Friday, rocking financial markets, toppling Prime Minister David Cameron and even threatening the ties that bind the United Kingdom.

Britons absorbed the overwhelming realization that their anti-establishment vote has pushed the British economy into uncertain territory and sparked a crisis for a bloc founded to unify Europe after the devastation of World War II.

"Leave" campaigners hailed the result as a victory for British democracy against the bureaucratic behemoth of the EU.

Conservative former London Mayor Boris Johnson said "the British people have spoken up for democracy in Britain and across Europe," while Nigel Farage, leader of the hard-right U.K. Independence Party, said "the dawn is breaking on an independent United Kingdom."

But for the 48 percent of British voters who wanted

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**MARKETS:** The Dow Jones industrial average fell 611 points on Friday as global stock, currency and other markets convulsed after Britain's vote to leave the European Union. The so-called Brexit shouldn't lead to a U.S. recession, experts said.  
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**ELECTION:** Britain's vote to quit the EU fueled Donald Trump's confidence that U.S. voters will back sweeping change and rattled Democrats who are banking on the more conventional Hillary Clinton.  
**NATION, 7A**

to remain — and for the 2 million EU nationals who live and work in Britain but could not vote — there was sadness, anger and even panic.

At a London train station, commuter Olivia Sangster-Bullers called the result "absolutely disgusting."

"Good luck to all of us, I say, especially those trying to build a future with our chil-

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**RIVER WATCH PARKWAY**

## New lights working as designed, official says

By Bianca Cain Johnson  
*Staff Writer*

Nighttime motorists on River Watch Parkway should notice a big difference on the road.

New lights on the parkway were officially turned on Wednesday evening.

"The lights are working as designed to limit trespass outside the shoulders," Georgia Department of Transportation Spokesman Kyle Collins said in an e-mail. "Illumination is where it needs to be for driver safety and visibility."

The lighting is just one aspect of the \$9.6 million project that began in October. Officials said lighting was one of the major concerns when discussions began about improvements to the highway. Crews placed 200 150-watt fixtures along the 7-mile stretch from downtown to River Shoals Parkway.

Currently the lights are in a 30-day test



BIANCA CAIN JOHNSON/STAFF

Lights installed on River Watch Parkway were turned on Wednesday. The lighting is just one aspect of a \$9.6 million project.

burn. If everything goes well, the lights will be accepted from the contractor and maintenance ownership will transfer to the city.

The project is nearing its end, with an estimated completion date of July 31. Crews are working on replacing guardrails on the outbound side and should complete bridge approach slabs by July 4. Lane closures will continue to be in effect until mid-July. Night paving is expected to begin by the third week of July.

## Man charged after he allegedly impersonated a police officer

By Bianca Cain Johnson  
*Staff Writer*

An Augusta man is facing charges after he impersonated a police officer in front of a Richmond County Sheriff's Office employee, police said Friday.

A woman who works at the sheriff's office but is not a sworn officer told deputies she was in her vehicle on Deans Bridge Road about 7:40 a.m. May 19 when a silver Chrysler 200 pulled out in front of her. She blew the horn, she stated. When they came to a red light, the man who was later identified as Martez Demond Hayes got out of his car and approached her vehicle.

According to an incident report, the suspect was wearing a gold police badge around his neck and carrying a bullet-proof vest and black shirt with the word "police" on it. After showing his badge he began cursing at her, telling her she didn't know who she was messing with.

When she stated she was a sheriff's office employee, he replied, "I'm sorry, boo. I'm sorry," and extended his hand into her vehicle for a hand shake.



Hayes

The man then went back to his vehicle, put his vest and shirt in the backseat, gave her a thumbs up and told her to have a good day, according to an incident report.

He then drove away. Hayes, 25, was arrested Friday and booked into the Richmond County jail on a charge of impersonating a police officer.

According to court records, Hayes is currently on 12-month probation for shoplifting in January where he also lied about his name or date of birth to police.

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**WEATHER**



High: 99  
Low: 74  
Weather, 10C

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Margaret H. Baker	Grovetown	Edward Knight Jr.	Martinez
Willie Chastain	Augusta	Sybil A. Pace	Hephzibah
Linda Chavous	Aiken	Britt S. Smoak	Swainsboro, Ga.
Janine Deal	Statesboro, Ga.	Viola K. Thomas	Augusta
Mamie F. Griffin	Missouri	George Young Jr.	Louisville, Ga.

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