

# Bah Humbug!

Two local residents reported the theft of Christmas-related items in the past week.

Mary Johnson, of Jefferies Street, told Gaffney police someone stole a 3-foot tall Santa she had placed in her yard. The theft occurred sometime between last Wednesday and Thursday.

Johny Edward Blackwell, of Railroad Avenue, told city police someone took 13 electrical cords being used for his Christmas lights. The thief or thieves took nine 12-foot cords, two 25-foot cords, a 50-foot cord and a 100-foot cord.

## Purse snatched

Gaffney Police are investigating a purse snatching that occurred in a shopping center parking lot Wednesday evening.

According to a police report, two white males wearing baggy pants and hooded sweat-shirts grabbed a Cowpens woman's purse on Walton Drive by Wal-Mart, a theft that netted them about \$3 in cash and the woman's ATM and identification cards.

A witness who tried to follow the men told police they got into a small green 4-door car. The witness did not know the make or model.

## Child's bike stolen

A Gaffney woman reported to police that someone rode off on her child's bicycle shortly after the woman placed it outside her White Oak Drive apartment on Nov. 24 for house cleaning. A neighbor of Vicky Davis said a young man, possibly a juvenile, took the black and red Huffy bicycle at about 2 p.m..

## Stolen car wrecked

A local woman's stolen car was found wrecked about one hour after the theft was reported, according to the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office.

The 1990 Dodge Shadow owned by Kelly Dawn Childers, of Ponderosa Drive, was stolen from Childers' yard at about 8:15 p.m. Thursday. It was found at the scene of an accident on Cherokee Avenue by the S.C. Highway Patrol.

## Funny money

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office took possession of a suspected counterfeit bill that was cashed for change at a Cherokee Avenue business Thursday.

A worker at Triangle Wrecker told police an unknown man came into the business Thursday afternoon seeking change for a \$20 bill. Upon inspection the worker believed the bill to be counterfeit. The worker turned the bill over to the Sheriff's office.

## Burglary reported

A local woman's home security camera allegedly captured a man stealing a laptop computer and chainsaw from her home, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office reported.

The woman, who lives on Oak Court, told police a man broke into her mobile home sometime between Nov. 26 and Nov. 30, taking the two items. She gave a copy of security camera images to police. Police listed a suspect in the report but no arrest had been made as of Saturday. Police said the items are valued at about \$1,150.



## LET THERE BE LIGHT

Limestone College student athletes fill the bed of a John Deere work vehicle with luminaries bound for the campus borders on Saturday. The students placed 10,000 of the candle-filled bags as part of an annual Christmas tradition.

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