



**RICHLAND COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
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LEON LOTT, SHERIFF

REGION THREE NEWSLETTER

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RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF LEON LOTT ANNOUNCED THE FIGHT AGAINST GANGS CONTINUES -- 152 ARRESTED.

Sheriff Leon Lott stated that between June 24, 2010 and July 6, 2010, Richland County Deputies have arrested 152 suspects for participating in criminal activity. Sheriff Leon Lott stated that since 1998 he has been vocal about the existence of gangs in our communities and the threat they pose to our communities. The Sheriff stated that the traditional gangs have evolved into more hybrid/neighborhood affiliated gangs instead of the larger gangs that most are familiar with.

Sheriff Leon Lott stated that over the last two years the gangs have been working to again grab a foothold in our communities by conducting drive by shootings, robberies, assaults and drug activity. Sheriff Leon Lott and the Sheriff's Department has been aggressively investigating the criminal activity of gangs in our area and over the past two week we have been pursuing those that would threaten the quality of life in our communities. The Sheriff added that the 152 individuals arrested in the past 7 days will be reviewed to determine if charges will be filled under the new gang law. The new gang law allows for tougher penalties -- as it gives the South Carolina Attorney General, Law Enforcement and the Solicitor's Office the opportunity to ask for tougher sentencing.

The 152 individuals were arrested for:

Statistics: June 24 – July 6, 2010

Murder Warrants	3	Possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine	6
Possession with intent to distribute marijuana	5	Cultivating Marijuana	1
Trafficking Crack	1	Controlled Substance	1
Possession of Ecstasy	1	Weapons Violations	13
Simple possession of Marijuana	64	Assault	1
Driving under suspension	21	Driving under the influence	1
Interference with police	1	Soliciting prostitution	3
Traffic violations	30	Loitering/ Disorderly	2
Alcohol violations	11	Resisting Arrest	1
Stolen Guns Recovered	4	Wanted Persons	11
Probation Violation	4	Bench Warrants	3
Giving false information to police	1	Breach of peace	3
Field Contacts	91	Total Physical Arrests	152

Cash seized	\$2,772.00
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Grand Jury Indictment

Arrests = 13

Byron Taylor
Tyrone Johnson
Kirk McCoy
Dexter Savage
Quatarrius Ford
Romero Scott
Johnathan Bailey
Fred C Taylor
James Trapp
Michael Douglas
Dominique Dabon
Corey Sanders
Angel Johnson



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Text TIPSC plus your message to CRIMES (274637)
Your tip could earn you a cash reward of up to \$1000.

RCSD MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Richland County Sheriff's Department to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Richland County by maintaining a high standard of professional accountability, reducing the fear of crime, and reducing the fear of retaliation from those persons who constitute the criminal element within the county. This mission will be accomplished through the collaborative efforts of the Sheriff's Department and the community, by employing effective Community Policing strategies and problem-solving techniques, supported by aggressive enforcement of Federal, State and Local Laws.

REGION 3 COMMAND STAFF



Capt. McManus



Lt. Gaither

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NEWS RELEASE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SEIZED SEVENTY-EIGHT (78) MARIJUANA PLANTS

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott announced the arrest of Michael Doy Deaton and Donald Mac Deaton (for manufacturing marijuana).

Sheriff Leon Lott stated that a community tip led to narcotic agents executing a search warrant on Friday, July 2, 2010. Sheriff Leon Lott stated that when narcotic agents made entry into the home, they found manufacturing equipment and more than seventy- eight (78) marijuana plants. Sheriff Leon Lott adds that the seventy- eight (78) plants are estimated to have a street value of \$156,000 each and can produce at least five (5) pounds of marijuana per plant.

Sheriff Leon Lott stated that agents also seized cash. Sheriff Leon Lott added that Deaton and Deaton were apprehended at their home at 1905 Kennerly Road without incident and was transported to Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

Sheriff Leon Lott reminds the community that if you see or hear of any suspicious or criminal activity please call, email or text that information to:



crimestoppers
1-888-CRIME-SC
www.sccrimestoppers.com
www.midlandscrimestoppers.com
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Important Numbers

9-1-1: Emergencies

576-3000: Sheriff's Department

576-2215: Region 3

Capt. Scott McManus - 576-2218

Lt. Steve Gaither - 576-2225

Sgt. Ken Skipper - 576-2217

Sgt. Michael Pearson - 576-2221

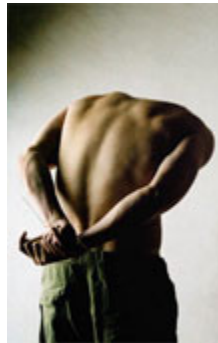
Sgt. Ellis Pearson - 576-2215



POST OFFICE ROBBER ARRESTED

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott announced the arrest of Mark Fitzgerald Roberts for armed robbery.

Sheriff Leon Lott stated that on April 27, 2010 at approximately 4:00 PM Roberts entered the United States Postal Service located at 1120 Brairgate Circle. Sheriff Leon Lott stated that initially when Roberts entered the post office he stood around with other customers as if he wanted to receive service from the postal attendants that were working that day. After most of the customers began to leave, Roberts pulled a mask over his face and placed a hood on his head and jumped behind the counter where the individuals working in the post office were standing. Sheriff Leon Lott stated that after Roberts was behind the counter he grabbed a female victim by the arm while displaying a knife and demanded that the post office attendants give him the money that was in the office. Sheriff Leon Lott added that Roberts stole the money and fled the scene on foot.



Sheriff Leon Lott stated that after a thorough investigation and witness information, investigators were able to identify and locate Roberts. Roberts was arrested on July 28, 2010 near Lady Street in Columbia, South Carolina without incident. Sheriff Leon Lott adds that Roberts' is being detained at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

212 PEOPLE RECIVED A FRESH START

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott and the Richland County Magistrates Office partnered and offered citizens an opportunity to adjudicate their magistrate level warrants – the program ran from July 21, 2010 to July 23, 2010. Sheriff Leon Lott stated that this program was a success because individuals were able to accept responsibility for their actions and their financial obligations. Sheriff Leon Lott stated that Richland County cleared 373 warrants and gave more than 200 people an opportunity to have a FRESH START for their life.

Sheriff Leon Lott stated that by offering "Operation Fresh Start" it gave citizens who needed it a way to take a step towards a new beginning. Sheriff Leon Lott and the magistrate court judges gave favorable consideration for those that came forward. The Sheriff added it was a way for us to reach out to the community and say we understand if you were afraid to come in to face your charges in the past, maybe money was tight, or you are just unaware of any charges against you -- we are here to help!

Sheriff Leon Lott added that no matter what the reason was for your outstanding warrant, we are giving you a Fresh Start because, awareness and education often work better than sending someone to jail. Jail isn't the only answer. Sheriff Leon Lott prides himself on having a department that works with you and not against you; and continually is about "Building Unity in the Community!"

SAFETY TIPS

SUMMER VACATIONS & TRAVELING

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott would like to remind all citizens that taking the opportunity away from the criminal is just as important while on vacation as it is while you are home or at work. Sheriff Leon Lott sends this alert to citizens asking that you continue thinking about your personal safety while you are traveling as well as taking the necessary steps to prevent the criminal element from targeting your home while you are on vacation.

Below are a few safety tips, from Sheriff Leon Lott, in order to prevent you from becoming a victim of crime. "Crime proofing" your home, while away on vacation, can save citizens the heartache of having to cut a vacation short and spending extra money on replacing items that are stolen or damaged by criminals while they vacationed. Please take a few minutes to look over these safety tips and talk with your family and friends about them:

While Traveling

- Know the route you are traveling and where safe places to stop along the way are
- Talk with someone about your travel plans, when you estimate you will arrive and how to get in touch with you while you are gone
- Do not travel with large amounts of cash;
- Use traveler's checks and keep extra checks secured
- Do not take credit cards or valuables you won't need.
- Carry a photocopy of all your identification and credit cards in case you lose something.
- Use all door locks in your hotel or rental room/home.
- Always lock your hotel room even if you are going down the hall to get ice.
- Leave the TV on when you are out of your hotel room;
- use the DO NOT DISTURB sign
- Do not use the "please clean" sign.
- Never open your hotel door for anybody unless you have verified with the front desk that person works there verified through the peephole.
- Use the hotel safe for valuables, cash, jewelry and etc.;
- do not leave valuables in your vehicle
- do not leave valuables in your hotel room.
- check with your hotel staff or travel agent about safe places you can visit in the area (they usually provide reputable cab and sightseeing service)

Prepare Your Home

- Have someone collect your mail and newspaper daily - DO NOT stop your mail and newspaper delivery.
- If you live in Richland County contact the Richland County Sheriff's Department at 576-3180 to place your home on special property check

- Leave shades and blinds in normal positions.
- Put at least two lights (inside and out) and a radio on automatic timers - lights should always be on timers not on motion detectors.
- Have someone leave trash at your curb on garbage collection day.
- Have someone park a car in your driveway occasionally.
- If you leave your car outside, arrange to have it moved every so often.
- Leave a key with a trusted neighbor in case of an emergency - not under a rock or door mat.
- Let the neighbor know where you are going and when you are expect to return, also leave them a way to get in contact with you in case of an emergency.
- Lock all windows and doors before you go.
- Do not forget to double-check basement and garage doors.

On extended trips have someone to maintain your landscaping, (grass mowed, leaves raked, etc.)

Sheriff Leon Lott would like to offer you additional travel, home and personal safety information. Please contact the Richland County Sheriff's Department Community Action Team for more information at 803-576-3118 or go to www.rcsd.net for hundreds of safety tips and information that can help make your vacation a safer one.

**BE SAFE AND
HAVE FUN
WHILE ON
YOUR
VACATION!**

Community Meeting Schedule

COMMUNITY	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
BELVEDERE	TBA	TBA	TBA
BOOKERT HEIGHTS	08/12	1625 HEYWARD BROCKINGTON	7:00 PM
BYRNESWOOD	08/10	HYATT PARK GYM	7:00 PM
CAPITAL HEIGHTS/BAYBERRY MEWS	08/25	TBA	6:30 PM
CEDAR CREEK	08/23	CEDAR CREEK COM. CNTR.	7:30 PM
COLLEGE PLACE	08/19	CHURCH COLA COLLEGE CAMPUS	7:00 PM
COLONIAL HEIGHT	08/17	3600 COLONIAL DR.	TBA
DENNY TERRACE	08/09	DENNY TERR. COMM. CENT.	6:30 PM
FAIRLAWN	08/19	FAIRLAWN COM.CNTR.	7:00 PM
FOREST HEIGHTS	08/09	MEETING CENTER BLUERIDGE TERR.	6:30 PM
GOLDEN ACRES	08/16	1901 JONES ST.	7:00 PM
HASTING POINT	TBA	MEADOWLAKE PARK	TBA
HIGHLAND FOREST	08/09	OMEGA HOUSE ON WILMETT.	7:00 PM
HOLLYWOOD HILLS/STARKS TERR.	08/09	DENNIS CHAPEL ON BERTHA	7:00 PM
HYATT PARK	08/03	PRINT BLDG MONTICELLO/ N.MAIN	7:00 PM
JASMINE PLACE	TBA	JASMINE PLACE SUBDIVISION (MODEL HOME)	7:00 PM
LAKE ELIZABETH	TBA	TBA	TBA
LINCOLNSHIRE/ROCK GATE	08/19	CRANE CREEK REC. CNTR.	7:00 PM
MEADOWLAKES	08/24	MEADOWLAKE PARK	7:00 PM
MOSLEY HILLS	TBA	BAYVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH	7:00 PM
NORTH 21 TERRACE	TBA	BELMONT CHURCH MASON RD.	TBA
PROVIDENCE PLANTATION	TBA	TBA	TBA
RIDGEWOOD/BARONY	08/19	HOLLOWAY HOUSE RIDGEWOOD	7:00 PM
STATE PARK	N/A	MEADOWLAKE PARK	6:30 PM
SUMMERHILLS	TBA	SUMMERHILL PARK	TBA
TWIN EAGLES	N/A	LIBRARY ON PARKLANE RD.	7:00 PM
WASHINGTON HEIGHTS	08/05	PROVIDENCE NE HOSPITAL	7:00 PM
WILLOWLAKES/HILLENDALE APTS.	TBA	ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY	TBA
WINDEMERE SPRINGS	08/02	PRINT BLDG MONTICELLO/ N.MAIN	6:30 PM