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Barnwell County authorities identified a man Wednesday who was killed this week by a Barnwell police officer.

Jimmy Heyward, 43, of Bamberg County, was shot Monday night during a struggle with Barnwell police Patrolman Drayton Gantt, authorities said. Mr. Heyward ran from authorities after a traffic stop, police said.

Mr. Heyward, who police said had a record of resisting arrest, died at the scene.

Barnwell County Coroner Lloyd Ward said Wednesday that autopsy results gave the cause of death as a gunshot wound to the chest.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division also is investigating the shooting. Patrolman Gantt remains on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of that investigation.

Man attempts to steal  
landlady's refrigerator

A Hephzibah landlady evicting a man from a rental property on Windsor Spring Road said someone tried to take her refrigerator from the house Tuesday, a police report states.

Joyce A. Warren, 61, told Richmond County sheriff's deputies that at 3:45 p.m., she was going to evict a renter from a residence in the 4300 block of Windsor Spring Road when she saw another different man in the front yard with her refrigerator in the bed of his truck.

Ms. Warren said she told the man the refrigerator was hers and then left.

When she came back, Ms. Warren said, she saw the refrigerator lying on the ground on its side, the report states.

Woman reports theft  
of electronics, food

A Hephzibah woman told authorities that someone took more than \$2,000 in home electronics, compact discs and food from her home Tuesday.

Sharon G. Johnson, 45, of the 2600 block of Carrington Drive, told Richmond County sheriff's deputies that someone entered her house between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., a police report states.

Missing were several video game machines, compact disc players, 100 PlayStation video games, 100 music CDs and two cases of juice, among other items, the report states.

Authorities did not find any signs of forced entry into the residence but found a screen missing from a rear window, the report indicates.

5 workers disciplined

for falsifying reports

Five workers at Savannah River Site were disciplined after records related to the July 29 exposure of three employees to excess radiation were falsified.

The three workers were exposed to the radiation while removing material from a glove box used to treat and hold plutonium.

Westinghouse Savannah River Co. President Robert Pedde wrote Monday in a letter to employees that proper safety procedures weren't followed. He said the workers were exposed to more radiation than expected, though it wasn't harmful to their health.

Mr. Pedde said some of those involved in the incident deliberately falsified records and demonstrated a "lack of truthfulness in post-event reviews."

Officials at the site would not specify how the employees were disciplined, but Mr. Pedde stated that "willful violations of established policies or procedures and dishonest acts will have serious personal consequences for the people involved."

The three workers received doses of 700, 400 and 200 millirems of radiation, a Westinghouse spokesman said. Employees can receive up to 1,500 millirems a year before the company issues a review.

Man reports handgun  
stolen from his car

An Augusta man told Richmond County sheriff's deputies Tuesday that someone took a handgun he kept in the glove compartment of his car, a police report states.

Tyrone Burney Jr., 24, said that between Aug. 1 and Sunday, someone entered his 2001 Chrysler 300M while parked at the River Creek apartment complex on the 2500 block of Center West Parkway and took a black .380-caliber handgun.

The report states that Mr. Burney told authorities the car's doors had been unlocked.

Delivery will close  
part of Ellis Street

The 300 block of Ellis Street will be closed to through-traffic today from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. while a delivery of heavy equipment is made.

Motorists should use James Brown Boulevard or Seventh Street as a detour, an Augusta Public Works and Engineering Department news release states.

The street will be closed so that a new press can be moved into Strother Printing Co.

Woman faces charges  
of criminal trespass

An Augusta woman was arrested after she threw a tire iron through the door a Deans Bridge Road business early Wednesday, authorities said.

Cora Kirk, 19, was charged with criminal trespass and was released Wednesday from the Richmond County jail on a \$2,050 bond, officials said.

A witness told authorities that while he was coming out of Supreme Styles in the 2600 block of Deans Bridge Road at 12:05 a.m., he saw Ms. Kirk involved in a fight with someone.

The witness told police that Ms. Kirk ran back to her car, pulled out a tire iron and threw it at the person she was fighting with, a police report states.

The tire iron missed, striking the front door of the business and shattering the glass, the report states.

Police seek couple  
in two robberies

Aiken Public Safety officials are looking for a couple who pulled off a pair of snatch-and-run robberies at Aiken businesses.

According to police reports, the man and woman entered the Depot Convenience store at 1850 Whiskey Road shortly before midnight Tuesday. The woman distracted the clerk while the man walked behind the counter and grabbed a wad of \$5 and \$10 bills from the open drawer.

About five hours later, a man grabbed cash from a register at the Waffle House at 2579 Whiskey Road. Police said the man matched the description from the previous robbery.

The man was described as white, 30 to 40 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighing 180 pounds, with a beard. He wore a camouflage hat, a dark shirt and blue jeans. The woman was heavysset and about 5 feet 5 inches tall, with long brown hair.

Woman says she was  
robbed at knifepoint

A North Augusta woman told authorities that she was robbed by a man who threatened her with a knife Tuesday night, officials said.

Judith Hopkins, 63, of the 1700 block of Marion Avenue, told police that a man wearing dark clothes and a bandanna entered her house before 10 p.m., approached her with a large butcher knife and demanded all her money, said Detective Tim Thornton, of the North Augusta Department of Public Safety.

Ms. Hopkins said that after she gave the robber the \$7 from her purse, he told her to give him all the telephones in the house, Detective Thornton said.

She told police the robber left through the front door.

Officials seek suspect  
in attack, robbery

Aiken County sheriff's officials say they want to question a man about a hammer attack and armed robbery at a Aiken mobile home park last week.

Herbert "Herbie" R. LaFavor, 40, is being sought for questioning in the Aug. 7 attack on 59-year-old Wilbur Jones at the T&M Mobile Home Park, Sheriff Mike Hunt said.

Mr. Jones was attacked with a hammer as a slept on a sofa at this home. An unspecified amount of valuables was taken during the attack. Mr. Jones was taken to Aiken Regional Medical Centers, where he was treated and released.

Fort Gordon will hold  
memorial for officer

Fort Gordon will hold a memorial ceremony Aug. 22 for Capt. Kenneth Anderson, of the 551st Signal Battalion, who was killed in what authorities said was a homicide-suicide in Columbia County last week.

According to the base's public affairs office, the memorial service will be at 2 p.m. at Friendship Chapel on Barnes Avenue.

Capt. Anderson was the commander of Company A, 551st Signal Battalion, post base officials said.

An autopsy showed that Capt. Anderson was shot in the chest and the neck Aug. 5, and that his wife's death was a suicide, Columbia County authorities said.

Sheriff's Capt. Steve Morris said the deaths were still under investigation.

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