

Dahlonega man dies in motorcycle crash

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A man has died following an early afternoon motorcycle accident off Russell Scenic Highway on Saturday, July 16, according to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The man, whose Harley Davidson motorcycle had a Dahlonega registration, crossed over the centerlines of the highway, into the oncoming

lane, then over the shoulder and down an embankment, according to an eyewitness report from another motorist.

No one else was involved in or injured during the accident, according to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The incident is currently under investigation by the Georgia State Patrol, and no further information was available as of press time Monday.

Fugitive taken into custody by UCSO

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A Union County fugitive from justice has been arrested after spending a week on the lam, according to Lt. Daren Osborn with the Union County Sheriff's Office.

James Paul Weaver, 36, of Plott Town Road, was wanted in connection with two counts of aggravated assault



James Paul Weaver

committed on July 6 against his girlfriend, in violation of Georgia's Family Violence Act, according to Lt. Osborn.

At 8:30 the morning of Wednesday, July 13, UCSO deputies discovered Weaver sleeping in a tent on U.S. Forest Service property at Owltown Gap, according to Lt. Osborn.

The sheriff's office considered Weaver to be armed and dangerous prior to his arrest, but he was arrested without incident, according to Lt. Osborn.

Authorities had been searching for Weaver since the evening of Wednesday, July 6, following a 911 call from the frantic victim, who was at the same Plott Town Road address at the time of the assault, according to Lt. Osborn.

"The lady was screaming and yelling that a man was breaking into her house, trying to kill her," said Lt. Osborn. "Everybody converged to the area and arrived on the scene. What we found at the house was forced entry to the back door. We didn't find the victim - she said she was running out the door trying to get away from him, and we lost contact through 911 with her."

"At that time, we focused on finding the victim. We had a couple deputies get down in Brasstown Creek, down there at the Towns/Union county line."

Thanks to the hard work of several UCSO deputies, including K-9 Deputy Lacey, authorities were able to find the victim several hundred yards down the creek, according to Lt. Osborn.

The search continued for Weaver, but to no avail, until Wednesday, July 13.

Earlier in the day of the July 6 incident, it was determined that Weaver and the victim had been arguing before the situation turned violent, with the victim receiving a stab wound to the arm and several cuts, as the two wrestled for a knife being wielded by Weaver, according to Lt. Osborn.

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robbery by force; robbery by intimidation; simple battery.

James Philip Jones, criminal attempt to commit a felony.

Carlie Christine Russell, manufacture of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance.

Charles Douglass Russell, manufacture of marijuana.

Deborah Christine Russell, manufacture of marijuana.

Casey John Cain, manufacture of marijuana.

William Wesley Gibson Jr., manufacture of marijuana; two counts possession of drug-related objects; two counts possession of a firearm by first offender probationer.

Betty Eugenia Hogsed, manufacture of marijuana.

Gary Lee Hogsed, manufacture of marijuana; two counts possession of firearm by convicted felon.

Cody Allen Mortensen, burglary in the first degree; three counts financial transaction card theft; making a false statement.

Jason Matthew Stepp, making a false statement; two counts identity fraud; two counts financial transaction card fraud.

Wade Allen Huffman, failure to register as sex

offender.

Stephen Paul Minton, theft by shoplifting.

Adam James Dye, aggravated assault, Family Violence; aggravated assault; simple battery, Family Violence; simple battery.

Andrew Lawrence Jeavons, statutory rape; enticing a child for indecent purposes; contributing to delinquency of a minor.

Tasha Marie Raymond, attempt to violate the Georgia Controlled Substances Act; making a false statement; false report of a crime; illegal use of communication facility.

Kenneth James McClure, false imprisonment; two counts aggravated battery; battery.

Victoria Lynn Butts, theft by unlawful appropriation by fiduciary in breach of a fiduciary obligation.

Travis Butts, theft by unlawful appropriation by fiduciary in breach of a fiduciary obligation.

James Waddell, theft by taking; entering an automobile.

Travis Michael Boyce, possession of a controlled substance; possession of firearm during commission of a felony.

Jeni Ashleigh Roberts, possession of a controlled substance; possession of

firearm during commission of a felony; driving without a license.

Robert Nelson Dennis, cruelty to children in the first degree; simple battery, Family Violence.

Robert Lee Davis, two counts fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; two counts driving while license suspended; reckless driving; driving on wrong side of roadway; improper display of license plates.

Jessica Muir, theft by taking.

Bruce Edward Longwith, driving while license suspended; driving under the influence (less safe) (alcohol); failure to maintain lane.

Charlie Elmer Ross II, possession of marijuana, more than an ounce; criminal attempt to commit a felony.

Quintez Deon Gearing, obstruction of an officer; simple battery.

Cynthia Marie Smith, four counts homicide by vehicle in the first degree; driving under the influence (less safe) (combined influence); two counts driving under the influence (controlled substance); driving under the influence (less safe) (drugs); three counts serious injury by vehicle; failure to maintain lane.

Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates of Vietnam Veterans Chapters July 21 meeting at Veterans Center



Well it is July of 2016 in North Georgia and hot as you know what. Time to take a break from the heat and attend the VVA/AVVA meeting. It's cool inside. It will be a meeting in which we will

discuss the upcoming flagpole dedication ceremony among other things.

The Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 1101 and the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA)

will meet on July 21th at the Major Leon Davenport Veterans Center at 1:15 PM. Please make plans to attend. I have renewal/transfer forms for anyone that needs them.

Speaker will be Louann Hall from the Veterans Choice Program. This is something we should all become familiar with and this is an opportunity to do so.

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