

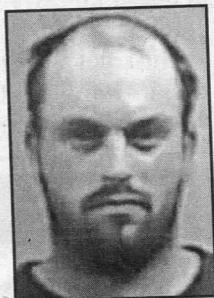
Christopher Bort, admitted that he had been smoking marijuana in the living room with his son present. Further search of the residence found more marijuana inside the house and five plants from 3-5-foot high growing outside the house.

Bort is charged with possession of marijuana 1st, possession of drug paraphernalia, and endangering the welfare of a child. Department of Human Resources was called to the scene. Investigation continues.

Trailer theft solved

GCSD has charged William Phillips of Chancellor with stealing a gravity flow trailer from a Bellwood farmer. The theft took place on or about August 28. GCSD investigators and Coffee County deputies tracked the trailer to Coffee County.

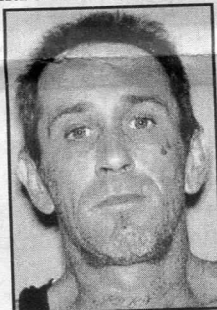
CCSD received reports that a man was trying to sell a trailer to scrap dealers, and the trailer was identified as one stolen from a Geneva County owner. After further investigation Phillips was arrested and charged with theft of property 1st and is being



Phillips

Hartford police make drug-related arrest

On August 31, Hartford Police arrested Kevin Dwight Bannister, 45, of Webb, on charges of unlawful possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana 2nd degree, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The arrest resulted from a traffic stop by Officer Bryan Parks after he observed Bannister recklessly operating a motorcycle on Hwy. 52. Methamphetamine, marijuana, and syringes were found during a search of Bannister and his motorcycle, according to news release from the Hartford Police Department.



Bannister

Information sought on burglary

Geneva County Sheriff's Department is looking for information about a church burglary last weekend. Chief Deputy Tony Helms said the Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church was burglarized between 3 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday.

He said someone kicked in a side door of the church and stole electronic equipment. He said the church is located on Geneva County Road 65

McInnis Veterinary Clinic. If you have information call 684-5660. All calls will be kept in strictest confidence.

Probations revoked

Judge Kenneth Quattlebaum last week revoked the probation for Steven Tyler Majors, 31, of Hartford. Majors had pleaded guilty to a drug charge in 2012 and received eight months in state prison and three years of probation.

Majors was released in June 2013, but on June 19 Hartford Police Department arrested Majors following a motorcycle accident. Chief Annie Ward said that Majors was at the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue and Main Street (Hwy. 123) when his motorcycle was struck by another vehicle.

Officer Brent Parrish saw the wreck and as he arrived on the scene he saw Majors hiding a pouch under a nearby bush.

Ward arrived as backup, and the two officers found that the pouch contained methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. A search of Majors produced a loaded revolver.

Ward said that Majors is a convicted felon and therefore not allowed to have a firearm. Majors was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana 2nd, and carrying a concealed weapon.

Majors probation was revoked and he was sentenced to 96 months in prison and

He also faces a probation revocation hearing in Houston County.

Charles Jones also had his probation revoked by Judge Bill Fillmore and received 72 months in prison for failing drug court in Geneva County.

"He had a chance to turn his life around, but he terminated drug court," said District Attorney Kirke Adams. "He has a history of a lack of compliance."

Adams also addressed the controversy over the recent sentencing of Jake Devoy Lewis, 26, who pleaded guilty to felony electronic solicitation of a child and felony transmitting obscene material.

He received a four-year sentence for each charge to run concurrently with each other and received probation.

Adams noted that Lewis' probation versus prison time came about due to mandatory sentencing guidelines passed the Alabama Legislature after recommendations by the state sentencing commission.

Under the guidelines points are assigned for a wide variety of subjects, including previous convictions, seriousness of crime, and other factors. The sentence the judge can impose is based on that system.



Jones

