

# Community

## Union County Arrest Report

The following is the arrest report for the Union County Jail. This report is from the open records for the the period of April 16 through April 23, 2007. The following persons were arrested and charged with offenses, but have not been found guilty.

**4/16/07**  
John Allen Hopkins, 56, of Blairsville, arrested for child molestation; aggravated child molestation;  
Bryan Lee Attebery, 22, of Blairsville, arrested for possession of marijuana with intent (two counts);  
**4/17/07**  
Garnett Non Ledford, 54, of Blairsville, arrested for disorderly conduct;

Guillermo Vazquez Robledo, 36, of Blairsville, arrested for failure to maintain lane; driving while unlicensed;  
Dawn Michelle Bardin, 21, of Blairsville, arrested for driving with license suspended or revoked, first offense;  
Ramon Bruce Patterson, 76, of Blairsville, arrested for D.U.I., first offense; driving on wrong side of roadway; open container;  
Jerald Edmund Janasiak, 37, of Young Harris, Ga., arrested for taillight requirement; D.U.I., first offense;  
**4/18/07**  
Russell Steven Crisp, 20, of Murphy, N.C., arrested for driving with license suspended or revoked, first offense;

**4/19/07**  
Tommy Kip Lloyd, 35, of Blairsville, arrested for probation violation; unlawful to purchase, possess, of have control of any controlled substance;  
Shawn Alan Ratliff, 25, of Blairsville, arrested for battery; interference with a 911 call;  
**4/20/07**  
Hilber Deleion Valazquez, 29, of Blairsville, arrested for no drivers' license;  
Scott Michael Nelson, 43, of Blairsville, hold for other county;  
**4/21/07**  
Alton Richard McKenzie, 49, of Hayesville, N.C., arrested for D.U.I., first offense; failure to maintain lane; no insurance; expired tag or failure to display;  
Daniel Roy McGaha, 25, of Young Harris, Ga., arrested for D.U.I., first offense; reckless driving;  
Blanche Taylor, 47, of Blairsville, serving time;  
Tymddeus Daniel Owen, 25, of Blairsville, arrested for criminal interference with government property; obstruction of officer; disorderly conduct;  
Glenwood Karl Dickerhoof, 27, of Blairsville, arrested for obstruction of officer;  
Sarah Elizabeth Simpkins, 20, of Flint, Mich., arrested for obstruction of officer; possession of alcohol by a minor;  
Kristen Marie Ferrand, 21, of Blairsville, arrested for open container;

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chance to view the fetal image and hear the fetal heart before the pregnancy is terminated.

The Georgia Legislature almost approved a last-ditch compromise on a Senate substitute bill for HB 340, but the Speaker, who sponsored the initial legislation to limit enrollment in the PeachCare for Kids insurance program, did not allow the House to vote on the substitute bill.

As a result, the eligibility level for PeachCare will remain at 235 percent of the poverty level instead of being cut to 200 percent.

The House adopted SB 10 by a vote of 91-84. If signed by the governor, parents would be able to use state money to send their special needs children to private schools.

Opponents of this measure believe that K-12 education has already endured too much of a decline in funding and vouchers will take away even more needed dollars from public schools.

The House passed legislation that would give developers the power to build planned communities with tax-exempt bonds without the authority to tax homeowners. House members removed "taxing" language from SB 200 and its companion constitutional amendment, SR 309. Yet, lawmakers preserved another section in the legislation giving the so-called infrastructure development districts the authority to raise a flat fee from homeowners.

The districts could use the "special assessment" revenues to pay off debt on bonds issued to build roads, sewers and other infrastructure supporting their communities.

Other legislation approved by the House of Representatives during the final week of the session included:

SB 95, which would make it a misdemeanor for a minor to attempt to purchase cigarettes or tobacco related products. It also requires vending machines to prominently display signs prohibiting minors from purchasing cigarettes or any tobacco related product.

SB 23, which would supersede any local rules and allow judges to investigate someone's immigration status before determining bail, handing down a sentence, or deciding on probation.

SB 38, which would close a license plate loophole requiring license plate applicants to have a valid Georgia driver's license or ID card.

SB 148, which would promote nondestructive stem cell research in Georgia. The bill would require all state hospitals by June 30, 2009, to inform pregnant women that they can donate placenta, umbilical cords and amniotic fluid to either public or private banks for medical research. Georgians who contribute to stem cell research would be eligible for a state tax break. The bill also would establish a 15-member state commission that would oversee a system of umbilical cord blood banks and seek grants for non-destructive stem cell research.

SB 72, which includes two other proposals related to education. SB 72 allows administration managers to be employed in addition to, or in lieu of, assistant principals to handle business operations at schools. The meas-

ure also includes provisions of HB 603, which allows school districts to permit alternative teacher certification programs for certain candidates, and HB 208, which changes the composition of school councils.

SB 157, which would require the Department of Community Affairs to establish a grant program to fund E-85 projects, which will convert storage areas for gasoline into storage areas for E-85, a fuel that is 85% ethanol. The goal of SB 157 is to spark consumer interest in using alternative fuels.

Legislation that would have allowed judges to impose the death penalty with a less-than-unanimous recommendation of the jury failed to win final approval. HB 185, which had passed the House earlier in the session and would have authorized a death penalty recommendation of at least a 10-2 jury vote, was defeated unanimously in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This has been an extremely long legislative session, but I am honored and grateful to represent the people of House District 8.

Finally this week, I want to personally send my condolences and prayers to the Virginia Tech University community. We in Georgia support you in your time of grief and pain.

Rep. Charles Jenkins (D-Blairsville) represents the 8th District (Rabun, Towns, Union and White counties) in the Georgia House of Representatives. Contact him at 411 Coverdell Office Building, Atlanta, GA 30334; by phone at 404-656-0126 or by e-mail at charles.jenkins@house.ga.gov.

## Child Abuse Prevention: everyone's responsibility

April has been declared Child Abuse Prevention Month, an opportunity for local communities to take a stand against the abuse of children. Statistics show that 90% of children are abused by someone they know and trust, for this reason alone, we all must realize that child abuse prevention is everyone's responsibility.

Child abuse affects our sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friend's children. Children who are victims of abuse come from rich and poor families, from all ethnic backgrounds and from families of all types of education level. Child abuse seeps into our schools and daycare centers, causing absenteeism and physical and mental illnesses. Child abuse enters into our communities, impacting law enforcement, court systems and healthcare systems. Child abuse ripples through families causing the cycle of abuse to continue from one generation to the next.

But CHILD ABUSE IS PREVENTABLE. Child abuse is a cycle that can be broken. YOU are part of our community and YOU can be part of the solution. As an individual in the community, preventing child abuse starts with small changes:

**Families:** Create an atmosphere in your home that does not tolerate abusive language or behavior. Begin family traditions that affirm the importance of a healthy family relationship.

**Parents:** Each year, up to 10 million children experience abuse. Exposure to violence in the home is a significant predic-

tor of a child's violent behavior. Children exposed to violence are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems including depression, anxiety and violence among peers. Stopping abuse starts with preventing abuse. Commit to talking to your kids about child abuse and dating violence in teens.

**Friends:** One in four girls will be sexually assaulted before the age of 18. Between 30 and 50% of dating relationships exhibit the same kinds of escalating violence as marital relationships. If you think your friend is in an abusive relationship, talk to an adult you trust.

**Coaches:** Boys look up to athletic heroes and coaches that inspire them. Abuse on or off the field is never okay. Teach the children you work with to appreciate the sport in a non-violent manner.

**Educators:** Educators often spend more hours per day with their students than anyone else in a child's life. Educators are often the first person a child will disclose to about abuse.

Be aware of any changes in a student's behavior and any unexplainable injuries or bruises. Let your students know that you care about them and are available to talk.


The mission of the Enotah Child Advocacy & Family Support Center is to provide a child-focused community response to child abuse. The center is a program operating under the umbrella of Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc., a nonprofit organization serving the communities of Towns and Union Counties. If you would like more information on how YOU can be part of preventing child abuse, please call (706) 835-1637.

S.A.F.E. is the state certified domestic violence and sexual assault program serving Towns and Union Counties, and is a certified member of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia. Partial funding is received from the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

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Mike Watkins has his Physician Assistant's Degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta and also has a passion for surgery--performing both in the office and as a surgical first assistant at North Georgia Medical Center.

Sherry Shuman is certified by the American Nurse Credentialing Center as a Family Practice Nurse and has experience in Emergency Medicine, Oncology and Cardiology.

But beyond their stellar credentials they are truly passionate about helping to promote a healthy community.



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