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Dunn charged for kidnapping wife

Allegedly held her hostage in closet for 10 days



ERIK THOMAS DUNN

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A man faces felony charges after he allegedly held his wife hostage for nearly two weeks, stringing her up by the throat with a zip tie and confining her in dark closet.

The suspect, Erik Thomas Dunn, 38, is charged with especial-

ly aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault. He is being held under \$120,000 bond awaiting arraignment on Oct. 25. He could face over 25 years in prison if convicted of the pair of offenses.

According to Sheriff Patrick Ray, the incident for which he is charged dates back to 10 days in July when he allegedly held his wife against her will, terrorizing

and brutalizing her during the ordeal.

"He zip tied her hands and throat," the sheriff reported of the 10 days of terror suffered by the woman. "He also confined her to a closet."

The sheriff noted that the victim in the case suffered serious bodily injury as a result of the incidents.

"The zip tie placed around her

neck caused her to pass out," the sheriff revealed, noting Dunn also employed a knife to cut his wife's left arm and an arrow to injure her foot. "He hit her multiple times with a closet rod."

Dunn was under bond conditions at the time of the incidents, meaning he had been ordered by the court to stay away from his wife.

Airport plans grounded

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A land-owner wanting a pile of cash for his property has put the brakes on plans to build a parallel taxiway at the Smithville Airport.

Airport Manager Joe Johnson reported to the city board of mayor and aldermen at their latest building and grounds meeting that a single property owner is holding up progress. He is asking almost five times more than the land is worth. This comes after country music stars Aaron Tippin and Ronnie Mack Davis have agreed to sell their land at assessed value for the taxiway project. However, property owner Eugene Minnear has thumbed his nose at the \$35,150 offer for his 4.7 acres and has asked for \$152,950.

Johnson told city fathers there is nothing special about the Minnear property, noting it is overgrown and has a barn on it. However, given its proximity to the landing strip, the land will be needed if plans are to go forward.

While their offer was rebuffed, city officials have asked city attorney Vester Parsley to meet with Minnear and see if he can be convinced to accept an offer. If that proves unsuccessful, the board has authorized the attorney to play hard ball and file an eminent domain suit to have the land condemned, thereby forcing the sale at a price that would be determined by the court.

However, in the meantime the airport may miss deadlines in securing some of the \$4.6 million in federal funds that it will cost to build the taxiway.

The need for a taxiway is a point of public safety, Johnson said, telling the board of mayor and aldermen it would allow plans to turn around and taxi back to the airport terminal once they land instead of having to use the same strip where they landed. Johnson pointed out there have been some close calls where planes have been taxiing while other planes are trying to land.

JUST A GOOD OL' BOY



Duane Sherrill photo

Sonny Shroyer, better known as Enos from "The Dukes of Hazzard," makes a fan very happy, signing her replica sheriff's car Saturday during his appearance at New Life Connection Center's Fall Festival. Shroyer took time to visit and sign autographs for the hundreds who came to the event. For more coverage of Shroyer's visit to the New Life Fall Fest, see page 7A.

Plane engine fails

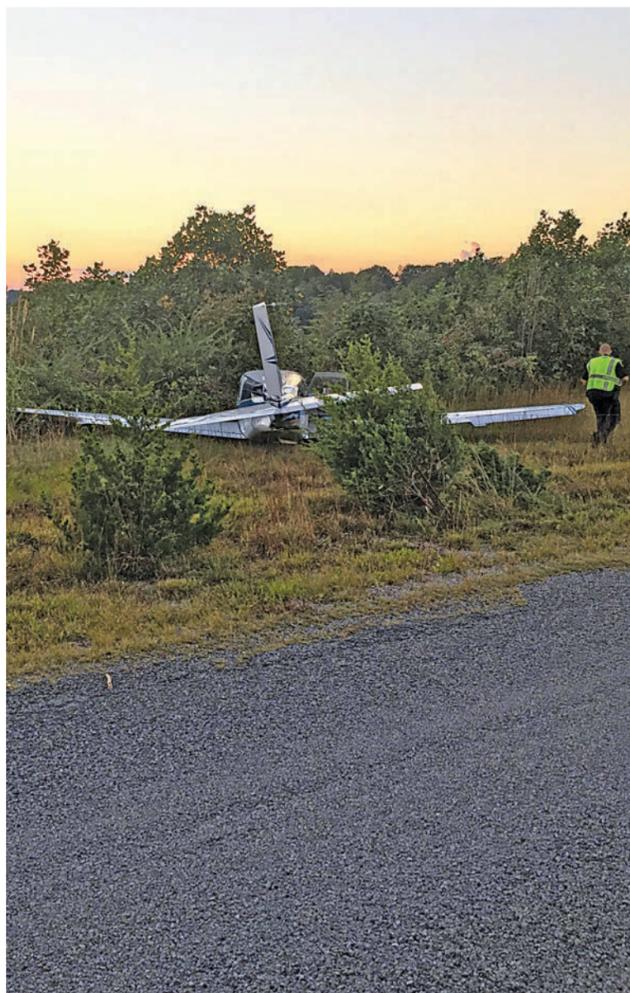
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A pilot escaped serious injury late Wednesday afternoon when he crash landed his plane after it stalled while in flight.

The pilot, Jeff Parker suffered non critical injuries late Wednesday afternoon when his plane crash landed on Cordell Love Road just before dark.

The pilot said his Piper Comanche had taken off from the local airport just before 6 p.m. and had reached about 200 feet of altitude when the engine cut out.

He was forced to make an emergency landing, the small plane coming to rest in a field. He was taken to St. Thomas DeKalb for treatment following the rough landing. It is unknown what caused the engine failure.



Pilot, Jeff Parker, escaped serious injury when he crash landed Wednesday evening after his engine quit in midair.

Rowland, Vincent charged in brass knuckles attack

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A pair of men who broke into a home, terrorizing a couple and beating the man with brass knuckles have been charged with felony assault.

The suspects, Jonathan Z. Rowland, 28, and Ray Franklin Vincent, both of DeKalb County, are charged with aggravated assault and aggravated burglary. The felony assault charges carry three to six years in prison if they are convicted. They are due for arraignment tomorrow in General Sessions Court.

According to Sheriff Patrick Ray, the men are accused of breaking into a residence on Redmon Road and attacking the couple there. The sheriff said the men entered the home and pushed the woman to the floor, one of the men brandishing a metal pipe. The men then turned their attention to her boyfriend, beating him with both the pipe and a pair of brass knuckles which Vincent reportedly used to repeatedly punch the male victim in the body and face. The man was seriously injured in the attack.

The sheriff did not reveal the reason for the home invasion and felonious assault.



JONATHAN Z. ROWLAND



RAY FRANKLIN VINCENT





Halloween Downtown

Wednesday, October 31