Man Indicted On Sexual Assault Charge

By PETE DeLEA
Daily News-Record

HARRISONBURG — A Rockingham County grand jury on Monday indicted a Harrisonburg teen accused of raping a 15-year-old girl in February.

Weylin Holmes, 16, is charged with felony rape, felony abduction and two felony counts of sodomy.

Holmes appeared in Rockingham County Circuit Court following his indictment. Judge Bruce Albertson scheduled Holmes to appear in court on Oct. 8. On that day, the judge will likely schedule a trial date.

Holmes’ defense attorney, John Holloran, said he’s eager to try the case.

“T look forward to the opportunity to put on a vigorous defense and tell the other side of this case,” Holloran said following the indictment.

The investigation began Feb. 4 when the alleged victim talked to a school resource officer at Harrisonburg High School. Police say both Holmes and the girl attended HHS at the time of the assault.

The girl told the officer the incident occurred on Feb. 2 when Holmes, an HHS senior at the time, asked her to go to a friend’s apartment in University Fields, a housing complex on Port Republic Road near James Madison University.

“While she was in the apartment, Holmes asked her to go with him to a bedroom because he wanted to tell her something,” the officer wrote in an affidavit for a warrant to search the apartment, located at 1240 Devon Lane. “The girl said that she told him no he could tell her right there. She said he then grabbed her by the arm and led her to the bedroom.”

The girl told police Holmes raped her once they were inside the room, the affidavit states.

Holmes is free on bond from Rockingham County Jail.

Contact Pete DeLea at 574-6278 or pdelea@dnronline.com

The Sky’s The Limit

Revenue At Grand Caverns Park Setting Records

By ALEX ROHR
Daily News-Record

Grand Caverns Park in Grottoes broke its monthly revenue record five times since January, peaking in July, and it seems marketing and new attractions are the cause.

But Lettie Stickley, Grand Caverns parks and recreation specialist, attributes the almost $83,000 in July revenues, compared to the pre-2013 record of $76,000 of July 2011, to good press.

“The weather [remains] the same in the cave,” Stickley said.

Lettie Stickley, parks and recreation specialist

People each trip. Additional tours will be added as needed, she said. Stickley, however, said she can’t tell if it’s contributed to the July record.

“They haven’t been open long enough to actually con-...

Helper On Pike In ICU

Laney Recovering At U.Va. After Surgeries

By ALEX ROHR
Daily News-Record

HARRISONBURG — A good Samaritan who was injured in a car crash Saturday evening after he stopped to assist a