

Ralph Shane Pace who was being sought by Detectives of the Henderson County Sheriffs Office turned himself into authorities after 2 weeks on the run. Pace who is believed to be a part of a group of three men wanted for larceny from a business in the Mills River area was arrested Wednesday morning at the Henderson County Magistrates Office. He is charged with two counts of Felony Larceny and one count of Felony Possession of Stolen Goods. Pace, 34 years of age resides at 543 Gypsy Lane, Hendersonville.

Thieves broke into the business of Moore and Son Contracting located on McDowell Road in Mills River and stole a number of large truck tires sometime late on the 23rd or early on the 24th of November. Again, early in the morning of the 26th of November, the thieves returned. This time, one of the owners of the business was able to give deputies a detailed description of the vehicle, its location and direct patrol officers to where they could make a traffic stop on the vehicle. When deputies tried to pull the vehicle over near the Fletcher exit on I 26, the two occupants fled the scene. Responding Detectives recognized the vehicle as belong to Nicholas Matthew Surrett 37 YOA of 575 Gypsy Lane Hendersonville. Surrett was already a suspect in the case. After an extensive manhunt in the Naples area, Surrett was located and officers continued to search for the other suspect, believed to be Pace. Surrett was charged with two counts of Felony Larceny and one count of Felony Possession of Stolen Goods.

Sheriff Rick Davis says that the manhunt included officers from the Fletcher Police Department, Hendersonville City Police Department and the NC State Highway Patrol. The Highway Patrol also provided helicopter air support in an effort to locate the fugitives. The Sheriffs own canine team and officers from the Patrol Division, the Warrant Squad and CID also assisted in the search of the area. The Sheriff also credits the hard work of his officers and detectives with keeping the trail behind pace so hot that it was only reasonable to turn himself in. We were never far behind him and knew that it was only a matter of time before he either surfaced again and was caught, or got tired of staying on the run, Sheriff Davis said.

Sheriff Davis also noted that a third suspect, Michael Paul Gordon 34 YOA of 612 Old Sunset Hill Road, was arrested on December 6th as a result of investigations concerning this case. Gordon was charged with one count of Felony Larceny.



Surrett, Nick



Gordon, Michael



Pace, Ralph Shane