

Dumb criminals

Crackheads "birdnap" parrot



Everyone in the area knows Indian. Customers of Marietta Feed and Seed enjoy talking to him; other folks bring their guests by just for a chat. He always has a cheerful word for everyone who visits the busy store on West Beaver Street, and when the phone rings, he cheerily says, "Marietta Feed and Seed."

But Indian is not your average store clerk; he is the beloved 8-year-old African gray parrot that store owner Sally Kerr raised from a three-week old chick. He's like a member of her family, so she was devastated a few weeks ago when someone broke into the store and stole him.

Sally says several businesses around hers had been burglarized the week preceding Indian's disappearance, then she received a call from an employee one morning saying her store had been robbed. Several things were stolen – some cash and small items of merchandise – but worse than all of that, Indian was missing.

Bursting into tears, Sally rushed to the store where she saw several of Indian's feathers in the bottom of his cage and later found more in a box near



photo by Sabrina Gouch

the store. She believed the robberies were drug-related and that the crooks were still in the area, so she set out immediately to find her bird.

For six or seven hours she and dozens of other volunteers drove up and down the streets in the vicinity of the Feed and Seed store, stopping to talk to everyone they encountered. "If you see anyone who might know where Indian is, please let me know."

One of those she spoke to was a grandmother who lived across the street, and within 10 or 15 minutes, the woman's grandson came to Sally and said, "I know where your bird is. The man says he traded crack cocaine for him, but if

you'll pay him \$40, he'll let you have the bird." When Sally questioned how he knew it was her bird, the young drug user responded, "because I heard him talking. He said 'Marietta Feed and Seed.'"

So Sally paid the \$40 and Indian was returned. His little feet were tied up and he was wrapped tightly in an old shirt, one of his wings bent in an awkward position. When he was freed, he began trembling and Sally fears the intelligent bird will suffer an avian version of post traumatic stress syndrome.

But, thankfully, Indian is back at his post, doing OK and still greeting customers with "Marietta Seed and Feed."

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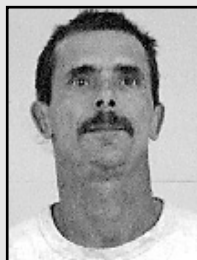
DIANE ELIZABETH BODDEN

Race: White Female DOB: 7/26/72
Height: 5'8" Weight: 180
Violation: Violation of Probation/Burglary



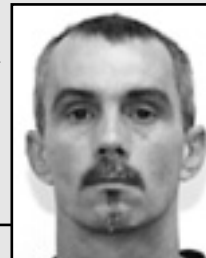
JOHNNY RAY COLTRANE

Race: White Male DOB: 3/9/63
Height: 5'8" Weight: 160
Violation: Violation of Probation/(Felony) and FTA



JOHN HARRIS DORMAN

Race: White Male DOB: 3/16/64
Height: 5'11" Weight: 140
Violation: Violation of Probation (Felony)



CHRISTINE RENE DUTTON

Race: White Female DOB: 3/9/75
Height: 5'4" Weight: 150
Violation: Fraud



DAVID CHARLES ELLSWORTH

Race: White Male DOB: 3/13/77
Height: 6'0" Weight: 185
Violation: Child Abuse



BRADLEY HOWARD WALKER

Race: White Male DOB: 5/9/69
Height: 5'11" Weight: 227
Violation: Violation of Probation/Burglary



MAEGAN LORRAINE McKENDREE

Race: White Female DOB: 6/30/81
Height: 5'5" Weight: n/a
Violation: Grand Theft Auto



JOHN BAILEY HUDSON

Race: White Male DOB: 7/14/77
Height: 5'9" Weight: 175
Violation: Absconded Sex Offender



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