

Ministry Solicitors Charged on Warrants

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A man being questioned by Boone Police in front of Boone Mall yesterday afternoon fled from the officers causing a foot chase that ended with his capture behind the Night Secrets store on Blowing Rock Road. Police say that 33-year old John Daniel Neely was wanted on outstanding warrants from Guilford County—Neely listing a Greensboro address. Even after being wrestled to the ground, Neely gave more than one false names to officers, but eventually was charged with Resisting a Public Officer, Fictitious Information to an Officer, and on the outstanding Failure to Appear Warrant. Neely was given an \$1100 secured bond. Police say that three men were soliciting in front of the mall, claimed they were collecting for Miracle House of Hope Ministries out of Charlotte, a program that came under scrutiny in news reports last week for imposing a quota on solicitors in order to stay in their facility. The call to police was due to aggressive solicitation, asking to have them removed when Neely fled. The two others, 55-year old David William McNebb and Christopher Dane Herwerth, 22, both had Failure to Appear warrants out of Mecklenburg County, and they were taken into custody without incident. It appears that news coverage may be forcing 'collectors' further from Charlotte.