

Crime Spree Suspect Cornered in Coop

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It was a crime spree—but maybe not a very successful one—for a North Wilkesboro man, charged with attempted robbery and attempted breaking and entering in connection with a series of incidents Sunday afternoon. Steven Lamar Ammons, 45, of Jennings Road was arrested late Sunday afternoon, jailed under a \$10,000 after two attempts to rob Wilkes convenience stores, then an attempted home break-in. Reports from the Wilkes Sheriff's Office say the first attempted robbery charge came from Ammons demanding money from a clerk at Uncle Kenny's convenience store on Yellow Banks Road in Hays at about 1:30 p.m. Sunday. When the clerk refused to give Ammons any money, he reportedly left the store, with his next stop, the Grocery Bag convenience store on Traphill Road in Hays.

There, reports say Ammons bought \$2 worth of gas, entered the store and demanded all the money from the register. That clerk, too, refused to give money to Ammons, and he left the store, taking Rock Creek Road where he went off the road and crashed into a tree near the Little Mountain Church intersection. Reports say Ammons exited the heavily damaged vehicle, walked to a nearby home and tried to kick in a door. After two juveniles inside the home called their father, reporting what was happening, Ammons fled the scene without entering, then entered a nearby chicken house, where Deputy B.A. Nelson and an N.C. Highway Patrol trooper found him and took him into custody. Other charges are pending against Ammons in connection with the series of incidents may be pending.