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**From:** Matthew Quatrara  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2014 5:41 PM  
**To:** editor@c-ville.com  
**Cc:** Carter Johnson  
**Subject:** Re: Felony Lane gang

Hi Courteney,  
Thanks for your inquiry on Webster. I'd love to be able to release more details, but the case is under investigation, and, obviously, pending in court, so I am not able to comment on it. Thanks for your patience and understanding. I greatly appreciate it.

Matt

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 22, 2014, at 3:35 PM, "Carter Johnson" <[johnsonc@albemarle.org](mailto:johnsonc@albemarle.org)> wrote:

Hi Courteney,  
Just let me know what time you would like to talk on Monday about the Felony Lane Gang.  
Also, can you please contact Matt Quatrara with the Commonwealth Attorney's office regarding the Donovan Webster question.  
Thanks,  
Carter

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**From:** Courteney Stuart [<mailto:editor@c-ville.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2014 11:49 AM  
**To:** Carter Johnson  
**Subject:** Re: Felony Lane gang

Sure, Monday is fine.

Also, I see that Donovan Webster has been released on his own recognizance and I'm wondering the status of the investigation/accident reconstruction. You told me it could be a while—do you know if that means days, weeks or months?

Thanks!

Courteney

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Hi Courteney,

I received your voicemail and appreciate your follow up email. I would be happy to talk to you about this but am going to need to get some information from our Crime Analyst. I doubt I will have that available this afternoon. Can we talk on Monday? When is your deadline?

Thanks,  
Carter

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**To:** Carter Johnson

**Subject:** Felony Lane gang

Hi Carter,

I'm working on a story about a string of thefts/identity theft related to something known as the Felony Lane Gang. The victim I've been speaking with is name [redacted], and her purse was stolen from her car at the upper Thomas Jefferson Parkway lot back in May. Initially, the thieves used another victim's check to withdraw \$3,000 from her account, but even after she closed that

accounts, they were able to hit her again by using her license as ID to deposit another victim's check and make a withdrawal two months later.

I'm wondering if I might speak with an investigator or find out if these types of crimes have been occurring with more frequency in Albemarle County. I know the Henrico County PD has an ongoing investigation relating to Ms. Juers and the other victims as well.

Thanks!

Courteney

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**From:** Courteney Stuart <editor@c-ville.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 12:11 PM  
**To:** Denise Lunsford  
**Subject:** Follow-up article on Weiner case

Hi Denise,

I'm working on a follow-up story to the Weiner case after the recent Washington Post article on the use of cell tower records as evidence. Do you believe that these issues have any bearing on Weiner's claims contained in the motion to set aside his verdict?

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 1:15 PM  
**To:** editor@c-ville.com  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-up article on Weiner case

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**Sent:** Sunday, June 07, 2015 9:02 AM  
**To:** Denise Lunsford  
**Subject:** Out of office Re: discussion last week

I will be out of the office until Monday, June 8. If your message requires immediate response or if you have a letter to the editor for our next issue, please contact News Editor Lisa Provence at [lisa@c-ville.com](mailto:lisa@c-ville.com). Otherwise, I will respond as soon as possible upon my return.

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**To:** Courteney Stuart  
**Subject:** Thanks

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Thanks for the opportunity to speak with you on Friday.

I really care a great deal about this community and the work coming out of this office. It is not always popular – someone is going to disagree with any decision made here – but it is important to the safety of our area and to all the individuals involved in our cases that the matters be handled with an eye to justice and fairness but also considering the needs of the people involved.

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**From:** Courtney Stuart <editor@c-ville.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2015 11:27 AM  
**To:** Denise Lunsford  
**Subject:** Re: Thanks

Hi Denise,

Thanks for sitting down with me, and for adding this nuanced response. I actually haven't transcribed the interview yet, and I'll give you a call later this afternoon after the paper goes to press. I

On Mon, Jun 29, 2015 at 1:31 PM, Denise Lunsford <[dlunsford@albemarle.org](mailto:dlunsford@albemarle.org)> wrote:

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And finally, something has happened to my phone calendar-- I can't find the time we set to have coffee. Can you remind me? I think it was at 10am at Java Java, but I can't remember what day.

Thanks!

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**To:** Denise Lunsford  
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**From:** Courteney Stuart <editor@c-ville.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:48 AM  
**To:** Denise Lunsford  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you

Hi Denise,

Thanks for the note, and thank you for being willing to answer questions on both occasions. I know this is a rough time. I'll pass on your appreciation to Bill and Jackson. It is a great photo!

Best,

Courteney

On Wed, Jul 22, 2015 at 8:58 PM, Denise Lunsford <[dlunsford@albemarle.org](mailto:dlunsford@albemarle.org)> wrote:

I like the article and really appreciate the time you put into it. Although you totally outed me on the age thing - apparently even to my eldest who thought I was 45. But he's never been good at math or very interested in anything other than music and, lately, clothes and girls. He's real pretty though.

I hope the transition to your new job goes well.

Please also tell Bill and Jack the photo is great.

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Sent from my iPhone

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## Matthew Quatrara

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**From:** Matthew Quatrara  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2014 5:41 PM  
**To:** editor@c-ville.com  
**Cc:** Carter Johnson  
**Subject:** Re: Felony Lane gang

Hi Courteney,

Thanks for your inquiry on Webster. I'd love to be able to release more details, but the case is under investigation, and, obviously, pending in court, so I am not able to comment on it. Thanks for your patience and understanding. I greatly appreciate it.

Matt

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 22, 2014, at 3:35 PM, "Carter Johnson" <[johnsonc@albemarle.org](mailto:johnsonc@albemarle.org)> wrote:

Hi Courteney,

Just let me know what time you would like to talk on Monday about the Felony Lane Gang.

Also, can you please contact Matt Quatrara with the Commonwealth Attorney's office regarding the Donovan Webster question.

Thanks,

Carter

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**From:** Courteney Stuart [<mailto:editor@c-ville.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2014 11:49 AM  
**To:** Carter Johnson  
**Subject:** Re: Felony Lane gang

Sure, Monday is fine.

Also, I see that Donovan Webster has been released on his own recognizance and I'm wondering the status of the investigation/accident reconstruction. You told me it could be a while—do you know if that means days, weeks or months?

Thanks!

Courteney

On Fri, Aug 22, 2014 at 11:41 AM, Carter Johnson <[johnsonc@albemarle.org](mailto:johnsonc@albemarle.org)> wrote:

Hi Courteney,

I received your voicemail and appreciate your follow up email. I would be happy to talk to you about this but am going to need to get some information from our Crime Analyst. I doubt I will have that available this afternoon. Can we talk on Monday? When is your deadline?

Thanks,  
Carter

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**From:** Courteney Stuart [<mailto:editor@c-ville.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2014 9:59 AM

**To:** Carter Johnson

**Subject:** Felony Lane gang

Hi Carter,

I'm working on a story about a string of thefts/identity theft related to something known as the Felony Lane Gang. The victim I've been speaking with is name Pamela Juers, and her purse was stolen from her car at the upper Thomas Jefferson Parkway lot back in May. Initially, the thieves used another victim's check to withdraw \$3,000 from her account, but even after she closed that

accounts, they were able to hit her again by using her license as ID to deposit another victim's check and make a withdrawal two months later.

I'm wondering if I might speak with an investigator or find out if these types of crimes have been occurring with more frequency in Albemarle County. I know the Henrico County PD has an ongoing investigation relating to Ms. Juers and the other victims as well.

Thanks!

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