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NEWS RELEASE

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Trio Charged in Connection with Violent Assault/Robbery of Waxhaw Man

A man, his mother and his girlfriend are in the Union County Jail in connection with the violent assault of 73 year old Willie Nelson Adams that occurred at Adams' residence Saturday night on Bigham Road near Waxhaw.

Eddie Glenn Lowery, age 30, and his mother, **Patricia Kay Benton, age 49**, both of 4806 Bigham Road, along with Lowery's girlfriend, **Elisha Chaney Hicks, age 34**, of 7714 Benton Edwards Road, Marshville, have all been arrested and now face numerous charges associated with a crime that has left Adams in critical condition.

The investigation has determined that Adams and Lowery lived only a few doors down from Adams and Lowery was known to visit at Adams' residence. Detectives believe Lowery, Benton and Hicks formulated a plan Saturday night to rob Adams. The three went over to Adams' residence and attacked him with a blunt object, believed to be a baseball bat, once he opened the door. Adams was struck multiple times with the object before being robbed of his wallet and its contents. In addition, the three suspects broke the window of his vehicle parked in the yard and removed cash from inside. The three fled the crime scene leaving Adams in critical condition before being found after noon Sunday.

All three suspects are facing the following charges:

Assault with Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury
Robbery with Dangerous Weapon
Conspiracy to Commit Robbery

**First Degree Burglary
Breaking and Entering of a Motor Vehicle
Larceny**

Sheriff Eddie Cathey commended the excellent work of the detectives, crime scene search investigators and deputies who resolved this violent assault as quickly as they did. He stated, "Our detectives worked together to quickly identify the people responsible for this senseless crime. I am very proud of the work they did. We also need to keep Mr. Adams and his family in our prayers."



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