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Ashland PD Makes Drug, Nuisance Arrests at Apple Garden Inn



George Banks, Jr. Photo: Pamunkey Regional Jail, 01/29/2016



Sharad Amin, Photo: Pamunkey Regional Jail, 04/05/2016

Ashland Police investigators have arrested a local man for drug distribution and the owner of an Ashland motel for maintaining a drug nuisance.

After completing a several month long investigation of narcotics activity at the Apple Garden Inn, 99 South Carter Road, Ashland police investigators arrested George Banks, Jr., 42 years old and a resident of the motel, on Friday, January 29, 2016 for three counts of distribution of narcotics.

Subsequently, Sharad Amin, 69 years old of the 100 block of Macon Circle and the owner of the Apple Garden Inn, was arrested for one count of Maintaining a Drug Nuisance. Amin was arrested on Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

The investigation determined that there has been an escalation of illegal drug use and distribution occurring at the Apple Garden Inn. Despite notifications to management and efforts to assist ownership in reducing these occurrences, arrests at the motel involving narcotics continued.

Ashland Police Chief Douglas Goodman said, "This arrest continues to represent the commitment made by this agency to our residents that we will not tolerate drug distribution and other crimes of disorder that threatens the quality of life of our community and safety of our children."

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