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Police Married, beat woman

Earl Carter allegedly held Kokomo woman at knifepoint for seven hours

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An Anderson man was arrested over the weekend after allegedly raping a woman at knifepoint in his home for seven hours, letting her go only after she asked to say goodbye to her children, say police.

Earl Glenn Carter, 52, was arrested Saturday in connection with the rape and beating

of a 30-year-old Kokomo woman at his home in the 1200 block of West Ninth Street. A police investigation, headed by Anderson police Detective Heather McClain, resulted in a search warrant being served at Carter's home Saturday night.

According to police, over the course of the seven-hour ordeal, Carter choked, beat, and threatened to kill the woman. Police say Carter

drove her back to her Kokomo home after the rape. She was treated at a Kokomo hospital for injuries suffered in the attack.

An investigation into the rape was initially being handled by Kokomo police, but was turned over to Anderson because the alleged crime occurred here.

Police say they collected physical evidence, as well as

statements provided by the woman, witnesses, and Carter himself, which led to his arrest.

Carter has a criminal history in Madison and Howard counties. He was sentenced in 1999

to two years in prison, and two years probation, stemming from Madison County charges of criminal confinement, a Class D felony; battery, a Class A misdemeanor; and possession of a handgun with obliterated marks, a Class C felony.

In Howard County, Carter has been charged with check deception, intimidation, false informing, receiving stolen property, burglary, and multiple seat belt infractions.

Carter's home sits on the corner of Locust and West Ninth streets, neighbor to a church with a daycare center. A red late-model Chevrolet Camaro is parked across the front lawn, and the house, empty, is covered with leaves. Two

trash cans are perched on the sidewalk in front of the house.

Carter's neighbors were surprised to hear charges of rape against a man they knew as a "nice guy." One neighbor, who would not give his name, said that he would often "drink a beer" with Carter. Another neighbor said he knew about Carter's criminal history, but knew him only as a friendly person.

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Bannon leaving Hoosier Park after 13 years

VP of communications, operations will provide consulting

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Tom Bannon hit a trifecta at Hoosier Park.

During more than 13 years, he found professional advancement, personal relationships and a sense of satisfaction. Now Bannon is moving on.

The current vice president of communications and operations, Bannon will leave Hoosier Park on Nov. 30 after the completion of the thoroughbred season. Ironically, it was Hoosier Park's most recent success — the addition of slot machines — that triggered his departure.

"I've been looking for a new challenge for the past few years, but it hasn't been the right time," said Bannon, 41. "Clearly, the company is on solid footing now, they're on an upswing. They need to establish themselves in the gaming portion of it and they need someone that's going to be able to hang with it for the next three, four, five years to get gaming off on the right foot."

Bannon said the addition of a casino demands a skill

Tom Bannon

- Age: 41
- Hometown: Pendleton
- Education: Graduate of Pendleton Heights High School and Indiana State University; MBA from Anderson University
- Experience: Over 13 years at Hoosier Park
- Job changes: Director of communications, director of corporate communications, vice president of communications, vice president of communications and operations
- Previous experience: Riverside (Calif.) Pilots (minor league baseball)
- Family: Two sons, 10 and 8
- What's next?: Consulting work with Hoosier Park



set focused on gaming. He has no job waiting in the wings and no intention to start his own company, contrary to some speculation, but Bannon's professional peers expect he will have no

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74-year-old woman robbed at gunpoint

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A 74-year-old woman was robbed at gunpoint Saturday at the Marsh supermarket on Nichol Avenue. Police say the gunman entered the woman's car, and forced her to drive to a nearby bank to take out money.

Anderson police Detective Joel Sandefur said that police hope to obtain a photo of the robber from the bank's surveillance camera, and warned the public to be on the lookout for the man. Sandefur said police

received a call shortly after 2 p.m. Saturday reporting an armed robbery. He said the woman was returning to her car to unload groceries when the robber entered the passenger side of her car, pulled the gun, and forced the woman to drive to a nearby National City Bank branch. The robber forced the woman to take out money from her bank account and give it to him, say police.

The robber then forced the woman to take him to

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Clear skies ahead

LEAKY ROOF UNDER REPAIR AT PARAMOUNT THEATRE CENTRE

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After much-needed repair, the roof atop the Paramount Theatre Centre is being reconstructed.

Monday morning, a crane lifted materials for a prefabricated roof on top of the Paramount. In December, the staff at the historic downtown Anderson facility realized the roof needed a lot of repair, Don Volk, executive director, said.

"There was damage to the ceiling inside the theater," he said. "The rubber roof was leaking, and it was causing drips on the ceiling. Water was running down the theater ceiling."

Leak marks were an obvious sign that the roof needed repair. The beautiful sky in the theater — known as atmospheric — was created in 1929 and is only one of about a dozen left in the United States.

The project, just for the theater side of the Paramount, will cost about \$80,500.

"That's just paying the contractor," Volk said.

Currently, the Paramount has \$70,000 for the project, but through the Clear Skies Project, which raises money for the Paramount Theatre Centre and Ballroom roofs, Volk hoped the theater would receive the last \$10,500 for the theater repairs before the contractor is finished.

The Clear Skies Project is raising \$150,000 to pay for new roofs for both the theater and the ballroom, as well as extra costs including painting the inside ceiling or gutter work, Volk said.

The theater roof should be done before Christmas, weather permitting, Volk said. However, the company does not have a penalty if it does not complete it by that time.

"The whole thrust is to get it done by Christmas," Volk said.

The work would not affect any shows or events in the theater, Volk said.

After the theater side is complete, money will be raised for the ballroom side of the building, Volk said the staff was applying for a grant from the Department of Natural Resources to help pay some of the costs for the second half of the overall project.

The ballroom roof would, tentatively, be done by early summer, Volk said.

Thomas Hickman, president and owner of contractor Complete Commercial Roofing, did not immediately return phone calls.

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Ed Mitting and Zach Pepple, of Complete Commercial Roofing, unfold more roofing material as they start to install the new covering to the Paramount Theatre Centre roof on Monday afternoon. The workers removed their shoes so they wouldn't damage the material as they worked.

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