



BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF STEVE WHISENANT
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS / NARCOTICS DIVISION
PRESS RELEASE

Name: Robert Torrence Spears
DOB: 05/28/1996 **Age:** 24
Race: White **Sex:** Male
Address: 141 Ed Perry Lane. Banner Elk, NC 28604
Charges: F – Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill
Bond: \$50,000 Secured
Court Date: 07/10/2020



Summary:

On June 12, 2020 the Burke County Sheriff's Office received a call about a possible road rage incident on Hwy 181 near Avery County where one vehicle struck another vehicle multiple times. It was also reported that a shot was possibly fired. Avery County Deputies stopped the vehicle in question inside Avery County being driven by Robert Spears. Subsequent to further investigation by Burke County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division, evidence revealed Robert Spears intentionally struck the victim's vehicle several times with his own vehicle. On July 8, 2020, Avery County Sheriff's Office served Spears with a Burke County warrant for Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill. Spears was issued a \$50,000 secured bond and booked in the Burke County Jail on July 9, 2020.

Agencies Involved:

Burke County Sheriff's Office
Avery County Sheriff's Office
North Carolina Highway Patrol