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count indictment, Ronnie Brown threatened to kill his estranged wife.

Authorities say Debra Brown, 50, talked her way through the incident, convinced her husband that the two would get back together, and convinced Ronnie Brown to take her back to her car.

When they arrived back at Debra Brown's car, both got into Debra Brown's vehicle.

The couple then traveled to Debra Brown's parents house; Ronnie Brown brought the gun along, authorities said.

Authorities say Debra Brown went into the home, told her folks to call 911 and went out the back door. The 911 call came from 169 C.H. Colwell Drive, the home of Debra Brown's parents, Union

County sheriff's authorities said.

Union County sheriff's Deputy Travis Gibson soon arrived and began questioning Ronnie Brown as he stood outside. "Deputy Gibson asked him if he had a gun," Investigator Lamar Dyer said. "He said he had no gun, but Deputy Gibson could see it in the front seat. It was a 12-gauge sawed off shotgun."

Sheriff's Cpl. Julio Cruz and Sgt. David Goodwin also arrived at the scene to assist in the arrest, Investigator Dyer said.

The first charge against Ronnie Brown was misdemeanor obstruction for lying about not having a weapon, Investigator Dyer said.

Other charges against

Ronnie Brown followed after investigators had the opportunity to interview Debra Brown and her parents, Investigator Dyer said.

The charge of terroristic threats was added and true billed by the Union County Grand Jury, Union County Superior Court records show.

Those charges include kidnapping, false imprisonment, possession of an illegal sawed off shotgun, possession of a weapon during the commission of a felony, obstruction, terroristic threats, and aggravated assault, Union County arrest warrants show.

Bail for Ronnie Brown was denied at a bond hearing in June and he remains in the custody of the Union County Sheriff's Office, jail records show.

Union County Grand Jury July Term Indictments

The following are indictments for the July Term of the Union County Grand Jury completed last week.

James Matthew Beavers, child molestation.

Aaron Tyler Bentley, terroristic threats; harassing telephone calls.

Robert Orvin Birt, terroristic threats, harassing telephone calls.

Ronnie Dale Brown, kidnapping; aggravated assault in violation of Georgia's Family Violence Act; possession of firearm during the commission of a felony two counts; possession of an illegal weapon (sawed off shotgun); false imprisonment; terroristic threats; obstruction.

William James Carryer, conspiracy to violate Georgia's controlled substance act; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute; suspended driver's license.

James Daniel Comstock, second degree cruelty to children.

Marcus A. Cummings, forgery, first degree.

Lori Diane Davis, theft by taking motor vehicle; criminal trespass.

Ronald David Holcomb Jr., conspiracy to violate Georgia's controlled substance act; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, two counts.

Stephen Craig Jones, threatening of a witness in a proceeding; battery; simple battery.

Amanda Leanne Long and Jimmy Wayne Turner, possession of methamphetamine; giving false information to a law enforcement officers, two counts.

William McDowell Jr., and Charlene Sutton McDowell, manufacturing marijuana.

Paul David Mull, aggravated assault; second degree criminal damage to property; reckless conduct.

Tammy Lee Mullins, and Ashley Nicole Sherwood, distribution of a controlled substance.

Charles Freeman Mullins, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

Arlene Ethel Owensby, forgery, first degree; theft by deception; false statements.

Benjamin Patterson, theft by taking.

Sarah Jane Reardon, conspiracy to violate Georgia's controlled substance act; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

Lee Roy Ross, false imprisonment, two counts; battery in violation of Georgia's Family Violence Act; hindering an emergency telephone call.

Deborah Ann Weatherdon, second degree criminal damage to property; theft by taking; driving under the influence of prescription medication.

Boyd Len Weaver, interference with government property.

The *North Georgia News* will publish more indictments in next week's edition.

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and Festival chairman Mickey Cummings.

"We've got a core group of organizers who have been with the Festival from the inception, coupled with new ideas from other committee volunteers, and we have created 12 hours of fun for the whole family."

Just like every Saturday, the Market will open on July 28th, at 7 a.m.

What will be different is the number of vendors – with more than 100 produce, craft, artisan and food purveyors nestled around the grounds.

Kids have their share of the festival, too.

"One large area of the grounds has been designated just for games," JoAnne Leone said.

The Green Bean Festival Committee added a community feature to the festival this year.

Free "Green Bean" kazoos will be handed out and the band will perform at 12:30 p.m. in the Blackberry

Jam Booth.

All ages are welcome. The festival schedule for all the activities can be found on page 7A.

There will be free parking on the north end of Weaver Road and on Deep South Farm Road, across from the hospital. Shuttles will bring attendees to the Market continuously between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Another addition to this year's festival is the Low Country Boil, with proceeds benefiting research for a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. This hearty, authentic meal will be served under a large food tent, from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

There also are events within the event. Wednesday is the deadline for entering the Beauty Pageant; the deadline for entering the Home Canning Contest is Thursday; entries in the Green Bean Recipe Contest can be received until 1 p.m. on Saturday. Bring your entries to the new canning plant; there's a Green

Bean Pizza Eating Contest; and don't forget the 5K Road Race.

Other events include the Bike Ride, children's activities, exhibits, demonstrations, shopping, and festival type foods galore. Look for bushels of beans, local produce, homemade arts and crafts, live music, canning plant tours, and Mr. Green Bean. T-Shirts for 2012 event are now on sale at various locations around town.

For more details, visit GreenBeanFestival.com.

If you can't wait till Saturday to begin having fun, check out the Festival Square Dance held on the square Friday at 8 p.m., immediately following the Courthouse Concert.

Here's a fun Q&A not on page 4A.

Q: What's a tailor's favorite kind of vegetable?

A: A string bean!

Q: What kind of vegetable is jealous?

A: A green bean!

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Despite a late morning shower and the Butternut Creek Festival taking place at Meeks Park, there was still no shortage of gratitude and exuberance on the faces of visitors and vendors alike up on Old Smokey Road.

This weekend there will be no logical defense or alibi to not make the short drive to The Market as it hosts the third annual Green Bean Festival.

And for those that were in attendance last weekend, they were given a glimpse of what to expect at this weekend's festival.

"All the kids, and lots of adults, too, enjoyed meeting and having their pictures taken with Mr. Green Bean," said Festival co-coordinator JoAnne Leone. "He was there this Saturday to encourage families to attend the Third Annual Green Bean Festival, that has been moved from Downtown to the Farmers Market this year."

Some of the most skilled craftsman, gardeners, artisans, and others all brought their trades to the Blairsville Farmers Market.

Vendors were set up both inside and out of the market.

As you arrive at The Market, the tempting aroma of burgers sizzling on the grill at the Lions Club booth creates a growling in your stomach that pleads along with your taste buds for some

Brasstown Beef.

For a newcomer to The Market, it might appear to be jam-packed but according to JoAnne Allen from the Master Gardener's Club it was "a slow day."

"They are having the Butternut Creek Festival in town today so some folks may have gone up there. We usually have a larger crowd than this. We are hoping to add on in the future," Allen said. "Still even on our most busiest days we always have plenty of parking."

Others, like Blairsville's Garner Butt and Pam Holbrooks chose to sell their produce from the bed of their pickup truck.

It was their first time as vendors at The Market, but not their first visit.

"We always come up

here to buy stuff," Holbrooks said. "We come up here to shop on Tuesday and Saturday. But it gets wild up here on Saturday."

When the conversation shifted to the dark clouds moving in, Mr. Butt said "Good. Let it rain."

"Rain is a good thing, just as the song goes," he said. "But too much of it isn't a good thing I don't guess. Some places are drying up while others are washing away."

Holbrooks and Mr. Butt said that they probably wouldn't set up next week, but they're anxious to take part in the Green Bean Festival. "From what I hear next Saturday will be really wild at the Green Bean Festival," Mr. Butt said.



The Farmers Market is a happening place on Saturday, every Saturday during the summer. Photo/Todd Forrest