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Miss Estill County Pre-Teen and her court



Pictured left to right are second runner-up Shaelyn Parson, 1st runner-up Zoe Abney, and Miss Pre-teen Estill County Kyra Farthing.

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Three are charged with promoting contraband into jail after being arrested on other charges

Three people were arrested at different times for different offenses, but all three ended up being charged with promoting contraband into the Estill County Detention Center, a felony.

The three were identified as Steven T. Wells, Samuel D. Riddell, and Margaret Lee Richardson.

Wells, 35, of N. Plum Street, Irvine was arrested at 8:59 p.m. by Sgt. Michael Gross.

The citation states the Irvine Police Department received a complaint of domestic violence at Shell Mart.

The officer said when he arrived, he made contact with Wells and the other party. He added that Wells had problems speaking and his pupils would not dilate.

Sgt. Gross stated that Wells failed field sobriety tests. He added that after he placed Wells under arrest, Wells began to scream and curse in the parking lot of Shell Mart. He was drawing attention from the customers.

According to Gross, Wells continued his tirade into the jail, yelling and cursing at

the jail staff.

Gross said Wells was advised when he was placed under arrest that if he had any contraband, he needed to tell the officer.

During a search at the jail, Gross said that five pills were found loose in Wells' pocket. The bottle for the pill was found on Wells.

Gross said the pills were identified as Acetaminophen/Hydrocodone bitartrate, a schedule 3 narcotic.

In addition to promoting contraband, Wells was charged with public intoxication and second degree disorderly conduct.

Samuel Riddell, 48, of Apple Blossom Lane, Irvine, was arrested by Irvine Officer John Sturniolo on July 4 at the intersection of Court Street and River Drive.

The citation states that Officer Sturniolo observed Riddell driving with no

headlights from Powell Avenue onto River Drive around 3:30 a.m. He said that Wells had slurred speech and difficulty handling his wallet. The officer added that Riddell failed field sobriety tests.

Riddell's vehicle was towed.

Riddell was charged with driving under the influence, failure to illuminate headlights, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance second degree (barbiturate), possession of a controlled substance 2nd, illegal possession of legend drug, tampering with physical evidence, and promoting contraband first degree.

Sturniolo said that Riddell had three and a half marijuana cigarettes in a cigarette package. Two pills were found in a pill bottle.

The officer added that Riddell tried to ingest a pill

which was hidden in his pocket.

He said that Riddell had 178 cetirizine in different pills bottles.

Riddell's bail was set at \$10,000 cash on July 4.

Margaret Richardson, 46, of Cobb Hill Road, was arrested July 3 at the Twin by Sgt. Michael Gross.

Gross said he was called to the Twin at the intersection of River Drive and Lilly Avenue because a male and female were intoxicated.

He said Mrs. Richardson had slurred speech and was extremely unsteady on her feet. He added that she failed field sobriety tests.

The officer said he asked Mrs. Richardson if she had any drugs or contraband on her. He stated that she said no, but a search at the jail yielded two xanax.

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Grand Jury indicts 6 in burglaries

14 indictments are returned

The Estill County Grand Jury indicted six individuals in four separate burglaries in Estill County.

Craig E. Johnson, 32, of Chamberlain Branch, Irvine and James Hunter Yates, 30, of Lilly Ferry Road, Irvine were named as co-defendants in a first degree burglary at the home of Dwayne Travis on May 7, 2014.

The indictment states the two entered Travis' home to commit a crime. The indictment says that when leaving the home, they were armed with a deadly weapon, making the offense first degree.

First degree burglary is a class B felony, punishable by ten to twenty years in state prison.

Johnson was also charged with being a second degree persistent felony offender. The indictment said that he has been convicted of one prior felony offense.

The burglary was investigated by Deputy Doc Morris.

Andrew S. Hunt was indicted for a first degree burglary at the home of Vernon Hunt on April 26, 2014.

The indictment states that Andrew Hunt entered the home to commit a crime, while armed with a deadly weapon. The relationship between the victim and the indicted man is not known.

The investigating officer was Trooper T. Robinson.

Eric Brooks, 27, of Old Fox Road, Irvine and Billy Brooks, 34, of Hargett Road, Irvine were named as co-defendants in a burglary at the old Hargett School Building on April 11, 2014. The two men are cousins.

Third degree burglary is a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in state

prison. The indictment also charges Eric Brooks with possession of burglary tools, a misdemeanor.

Deputy Doc Morris investigated the burglary.

Michael D. LeForce, 24, of Irvine was indicted for a second degree burglary at the residence of Emily Leach on May 6, 2014.

This burglary charge is a Class C felony, punishable by five to ten years in prison.

LeForce was also indicted for fourth degree assault (domestic violence), minor injury to Ms. Leach.

KSP Trooper Z. Thompson investigated the burglary.

Ten other felony indictments were returned by the grand jury on June 30.

William A. Cromer, 21, of Richmond, Ky. was indicted for carrying a concealed weapon, menacing, possession of marijuana, and promoting contraband, first degree. The first three charges are misdemeanors.

The indictment states that Cromer had a weapon which placed Cassie Coffey in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury on April 1, 2014.

It adds that Cromer had a bag of marijuana in his pants while he was being booked into the Estill County Jail.

Irvine Chief Brad Smith was the investigating officer.

Harvey L. Bunch, 32, of Hood Avenue, Irvine was indicted for sexual abuse first degree. The alleged victim is under 12 years old.

The indictment states that in January of 2013, Bunch subjected the female to sexual contact by forcible compulsion.

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A large crowd turned out on Saturday night for the Demolition Derby at the fairgrounds. It was the last night of the annual fair and the participants in the derby put on a good show for the spectators. Drawings were held during this year's fair which included \$100 gift cards for groceries. Josh Bingham won the zero turn mower which was drawn on Saturday.

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Aimee Ormes had few words to say to MC Darrell Horn and little breath to say them with, after a long, hard fight to catch and hold a pig in the greased pig contest at the Estill County Fair's Old Fashion Night on Wednesday. The pig was speechless.

Obituaries

Farrie Gullett, 79

Lloyd King, 68

Norma Reeves, 85

Susan Tipton, 56

William Williams, 82

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