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Police execute search warrant after accidental call made to 911 dispatch

A call accidentally made to 911 has put the phone's owner behind bars on drug trafficking charges.

Others have also been arrested, and more may be arrested as the result of the phone call.

Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith said that IPD was already investigating Samuel Lucas Willis when 911 dispatch received a "pocket dial" from an unknown cell phone on August 22.

During this phone call, a series of drug transactions were reportedly heard and recorded at the dispatch center.

When the dispatcher placed a return call to the call phone, Smith said the male identified himself as Lucas Willis.

The following day, IPD executed a search warrant at Willis' home at 922 Pea Ridge Road, Irvine.

A citation states that when

IPD entered Willis' resident, Willis threw money on the floor. It also adds that he had a cut up straw in his hand, and a small key chain container with percocet inside.

Willis was charged at his home with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, prescription controlled substance not in proper container, and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possession.

IPD says Willis was in possession of oxycodone and over \$600 in cash.

Officer Karl Ribenbark charged Willis with illegal possession of a legend drug. The citation states that three neurontin pills were located under a couch that Willis was sitting on while the search warrant was being executed.

IPD says that Megan Estes, 21, of Dug Hill Road, Irvine, came to Willis' residence while the search warrant was being executed.

IPD says Estes told them

she came there to buy a 30 mg oxycodone pill, and that she had bought drugs there in the past. Police say that she admitted to taking a 15 mg oxycodone earlier that day.

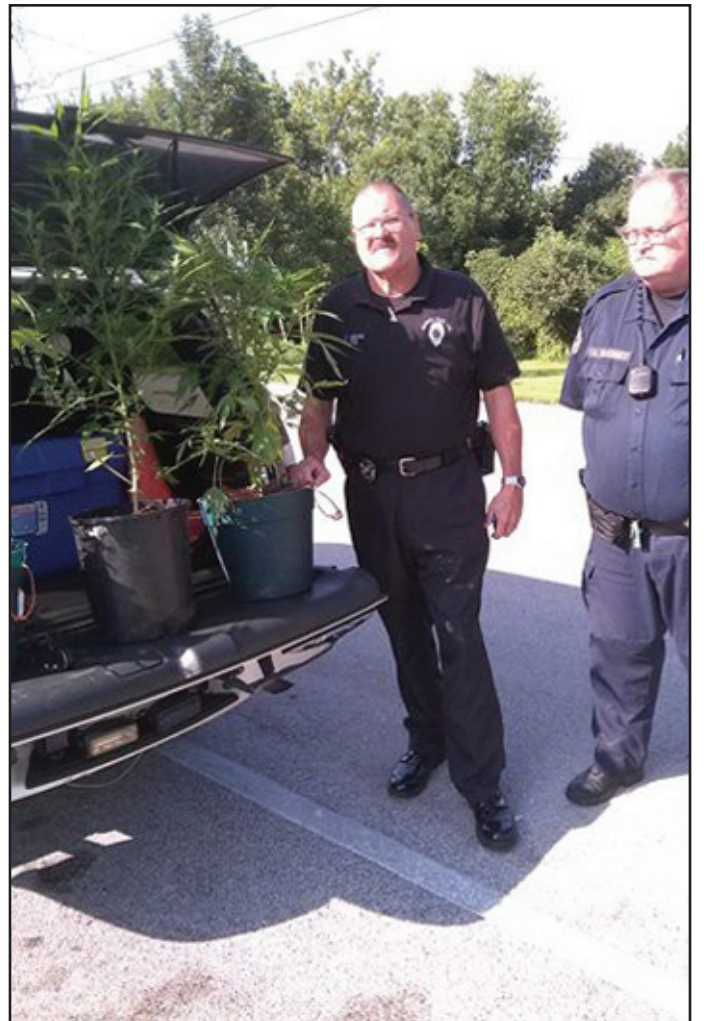
Estes was charged with public intoxication and attempt to traffic in a controlled substance.

Darrell Spicer, 52, of 470 Pea Ridge Road, Irvine was a passenger in a motor vehicle which pulled up while IPD was executing the search warrant.

Two active warrants from Madison and Estill counties were served on Spicer.

The Madison warrant was signed by Judge E. Neal on November 30, 2011. It says that Spicer was found guilty of 5/28/2009 of theft by unlawful taking or disposition. The warrant was issued because Spicer failed to make restitution to Kohl's for \$149.00.

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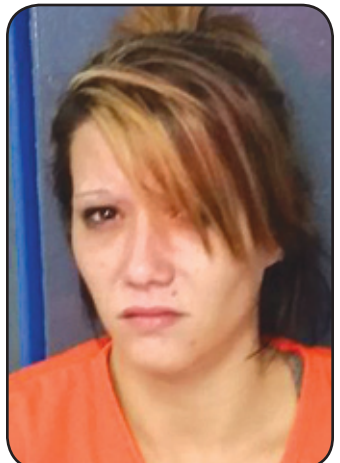


MISSING SOMETHING?

The Ravenna and Irvine Police Departments confiscated three "clone" marijuana plants on Monday from somewhere in Estill County. If these are your plants, or if you have information about these plants, please call Ravenna Officer James Gross at 723-3332. With Officer Gross is Irvine Captain Adrian McKinney.



Samuel Willis



Megan Estes



The Four Seasons Garden Club dedicated a Monarch Butterfly Way Station on Thursday at West Irvine Elementary School. The state garden club president Joanna Kirby (center of photo) was present. Four Seasons is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Traffic stop finds pot pre-packaged to sell

Two men were arrested for trafficking in marijuana during a traffic stop on Friday evening in Irvine.

Officer John Sturniolo said he observed a vehicle driven by William A. Cromer, 21, of Richmond,

failing to use a right turn signal. He added the right light of the vehicle was out.

Irvine's drug canine made a hit upon the vehicle. Sturniolo said that permission was given to

search the vehicle.

IPD say they located pre-packed marijuana in two different amounts. IPD also reports finding digital scales, two needles, and \$196 in cash.

The vehicle was towed and impounded in the city lot.

Cromer was charged with failing to use proper

signal, trafficking in marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and license to be in possession.

A passenger, Floyd Darrell Wooten, 26, of High Street, Irvine was also arrested.

Wooten was charged with trafficking in marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

KG Enrollment Drops Drastically

by CATHY DAWES The Estill County Tribune

The Estill County School Board met in regular session on August 21, 2014. Superintendent Bert Hensley reported that the number of students enrolled in the school system had increased by fourteen students but he was concerned about the number of students enrolled in Kindergarten. The enrollment of Kindergarten students had dropped significantly from last year. The Kindergarten class is down forty one students this year and Hensley said that it will have an effect as the class makes its way through school.

Mr. Hensley informed the board members that \$131,626 was owed to KSBIT, which is the Kentucky School Board Association's insurance and safety solution. The money owed by the school system is a result of an audit performed

by KSBIT from 2008 to 2013. The board was given three different options as to how and when they could pay the money back. Hensley recommended that the board choose option 2 which would allow them to pay a percentage of the total amount and then to make yearly payments on the remaining balance.

"They basically stole the money from us. We are being deceived and there's nothing we can do about it," stated Jon Bicknell.

The board voted unanimously to take the compensating rate with exonerations when discussing whether or not to raise property taxes. The board took a four percent increase last year and according to Angie Howell, that increase generated 1.6 million dollars in property tax and \$407,000 in motor vehicle and water crafts taxes.

Brandon Tyree of Certified Properties addressed

the board about the construction at the Estill County High School locker rooms. Tyree said that he had paid for a moisture test out of his pocket before making the decision not to lay tile in the locker room. He said that considering the amount of moisture in the locker rooms he felt like painting the floor would be the best option. Tyree added that he was sorry that it was taking so long to complete the project but there were 5-7 major leaks that had to be repaired under the school.

"We appreciate your hard work and going above and beyond to prove yourself," said Amy Thomas.

In consent actions, the board approved change order #3 on the high school construction project, a section 7 request for the academic teams, a contract with King And Points physical therapy, and a waiver for a new district facilities plan.

Carhartt Appoints Hardy As Sr. VP

Carhartt, America's premium work wear brand since 1889, recently announced William Hardy of Irvine as the newly-appointed senior vice president of supply chain. In this position, Hardy will lead the manufacturing, engineering, sourcing, quality, social compliance, and supply planning departments at Carhartt.

"William is an essential leader at Carhartt with a strong history at the company," said Linda Hubbard, president and chief operating officer at Carhartt. "He most recently developed our demand planning and forecasting department and created an integrated product strategy, focusing

on both our core styles and innovative styles like Rain Defender®, Quick Duck® and Force, for the entire company."

Hardy joined Carhartt in 1993 as an intern in engineering and has worked in multiple areas including fulfillment services, operations, procurement and product planning. During his 20+-year career with the company, Hardy has been instrumental in establishing and managing the RCV Customer Service Center, as well as the development of the business support and integrated planning departments at Carhartt.

"The Senior Management Team welcomes William's



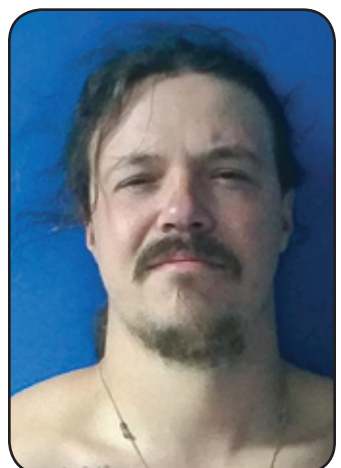
William Hardy

input and leadership," said Hubbard. "We are very fortunate to have him on the team, and look forward to continuing to collaborate with him on our brand strategy and vision."

Obituaries
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William Cromer



Floyd Wooten