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Irvine man sells pawned jewelry after it's stolen

An Irvine man has been charged in connection with a burglary at Square Deal Pawn Shop a month ago.

Tommy G. Bowling, 36, of 719 Broadway, Irvine, was *not* charged with burglary but with receiving stolen property under \$10,000 which a deputy said was taken during the burglary.

Bowling was arrested on Nov. 11, Veterans' Day, by Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris.

The citation states that Bowling admitted to the deputy and KSP Detective Zach Thompson that he had possession of stolen jewelry that came from Square Deals Pawn Shop.

Morris said the stolen jewelry had been sold at several stores by Bowling.

A burglar entered Square Deals Pawn Shop soon after the business was closed on

October 16. Entry was gained by kicking the front door open.

Receiving stolen property is a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison. A burglary charge carries a longer prison sentence.

According to court records, Bowling gave permission for Probation and Parole to search his residence at 719 Broadway.

Probation and Parole Officers report they found a 22 caliber Phoenix Arms handgun in Bowling's bedroom.

Morris then charged Bowling with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

Bowling was arraigned in Estill District Court last Wednesday. He pleaded not guilty to receiving stolen property and convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

He is scheduled to return to court on November 19 for a preliminary hearing.

HOMELESS in Estill County



Gina McKinney points to a floor plan of a proposed homeless shelter to be located in Estill County. Debbie Rison, CEO of Helping Hands Ministry, estimates there are over 100 homeless people in Estill County. McKinney said a second story will be added to the former road department building in Ravenna to house women and children, who are victims of domestic violence.

Debbie Rison, CEO of Helping Hands, said she received a call last Wednesday about a man who was sleeping between trees and bathing in a creek.

She said the best she could do was to put him in the Oak Tree Inn.

Rison estimated there are over a hundred homeless people in Estill County.

That's about how many people attended a meeting on homeless people at the courthouse on Thursday evening.

"Homeless is just not out on the street," said Gina McKinney.

Often, people move in with other relatives. They may sleep in cars or tents. Children often find a home with grandparents.

McKinney said the plan is first to have an emergency shelter for women who have been abused and their children.

Second is to have an actual homeless shelter with separate quarters for men and women.

Third is a transitional shelter for families to stay six to twelve months.

McKinney said the homeless would receive health checks, be trained by the adult learning center for job skills, and receive alcohol and drug abuse counseling.

Rick Prewitt told about he and his son volunteering three days at the Catholic Action Center and the Community Inn in Lexington, and how it had changed his life.

Aaron Hackworth, pastor of newly formed Revival Tabernacle on Richmond Road, called himself the pastor of the broken.

"If you open your eyes, you will see

them all over this county," he said.

"I've seen the (abused) women, but they really have no where to go," Hackworth stated.

Charlie Tipton asked if the county is looking to buy a building for this.

Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor said they were applying for grant money from a community block development grant and ARC to purchase a multi-apartment building.

Sharon Snowden, newly elected council member in Ravenna, said she was opposed to using the former road department building as a homeless shelter.

Taylor said that Ravenna had run the recycling center and road department out, and had complained on the food pantry.

McKinney confirmed they were looking at using the upstairs of the road department building as a temporary shelter for abused women and children.



Aaron Hackworth, Pastor of Revival Tabernacle or church of the broken

Jail will bankrupt county, judge says

"We'll be bankrupt in a few months," Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor said at Monday's fiscal court meeting. He was talking about the county and not Ravenna.

"We cannot afford to continue to spend \$110,000 a month on the jail," he stated. "We're going to have to do something. I don't know what."

County attorney Rodney Davis said the court system is having arraignments by video every other Monday which

should save money.

One of the large jail expenses was housing prisoners out of county. Taylor said that close to \$40,000 of the monthly bill was for housing inmates out of county. He added that overtime and food expenses at the jail were out of control.

He said that only two employees, a male and female, were required to be working a shift at the jail. A payment of \$13,000 will pay off the jail.

Davis said he was not

aware if the jail census had gone up.

Magistrate Darrell Johnson told Taylor the magistrates wanted to meet with Jailer Bo Morris about expenses.

Taylor said at this rate, the jail budget will be over \$1 million this year.

On other items, Taylor announced that a contract has been entered into to replace a bridge at Knob Lick on the Estill and Madison county line. The cost will be shared by both counties.

He said that unless Estill County gets a few weeks of Indian Summer, that black-topping of county roads will not be done until spring.

The fiscal court approved a resolution with the state which will give them \$250,000 in resurfacing funds. Roads to be resurfaced in District 3 include Clark, Substation, Station Camp, Crooked Creek, Candy Lane, Beechwood, Quail Run, and Courthouse Hill.

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Saturday, November 22nd

FBLA's Light Up Rivertown

FBLA will once again organize Irvine's Light Up Rivertown. The event will begin with a Craft/Christmas Fair in the Court House. Booth spots are limited and are already beginning to fill up.

The day will be filled with many other activities as well. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day on the Court House steps, Gingerbread Houses can be entered for prizes, the town tree will be decorated with ornaments made by children from Estill County, and a Tree Lighting Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. to conclude the day. Santa will be on hand for pictures, a Horse and Carriage will be available for rides around the

Court House, and other surprises throughout the day.

Local businesses are encouraged to participate by hosting open houses or other activities as well.

Anyone wishing to reserve a spot for the Christmas Fair or a time to perform should call the Estill County High School at 606-723-3537.

Obituaries

Katherine Davis, 79
Kayma Joy Hall, 87
Donna Isaacs, 71
Sallie Miller, 95
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Girl Scout Troops 181 and 7182 presented the Estill Fiscal Court with donations from their pet food drive. They presented 313 pounds of dog food, 9 bowls, three scoops, 32 cans of dog food, four shampoos, 20 towels, five boxes of dog treats, three bags of puppy pads and approximately 140 pounds of kitty litter to the fiscal court during Monday night's meeting. Accepting the donations was Tommy Mullen, right, the county's animal control officer. The troops also presented pet foods to the Clark County Animal Shelter, Veterinarian Linda Grimes, and four local families.