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## Two indicted over illegal possession of food stamp cards 10 others are indicted, including one for sexual abuse of child

Two Estill men were named in 12-count indictment involving food stamp cards which was returned by the Estill Grand Jury on Dec. 2.

The investigation was presented to the grand jury by Kenneth Scarberry, a Special Agent for the U.S. Forestry Service.

James A. Bailey, 70, of 87 Marcum, Road, Irvine was named in four counts of prohibited activities, commencement of proceeding

for enforcement. This offense is a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison.

The indictment states that on October 20, 2014, Bailey had in his possession four food stamp cards belonging to Danny Elkins, Harold McIntosh, Christy Cramer, and Darrell Thacker. The indictment adds that Bailey had unlawfully gained control over the food stamp cards.

James A. Bailey and

James M. Bailey, 28, also of 87 Marcum Road, were both charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

James M. Bailey was indicted for two counts of possession of a controlled substance, third degree (xanax) and four counts of drug paraphernalia (blue pill crusher, metal marijuana grinder, scissors, and a baggie). All these charges are listed as Class A misdemeanors.

David Coffey, 40, of

Substation Road, Irvine was indicted for sexual abuse, first degree. The victim was under 12 years of age.

The indictment says Coffey subjected a minor to sexual contact who was not capable of consent because the child was less than 12 years of age.

The offense is a Class C felony, punishable by five to ten years in prison.

The investigation was conducted by KSP Trooper Z. Pennington.

An indictment was also returned against Kevin Scott Abney, 36, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine.

Abney was indicted for public intoxication of a controlled substance on August 25, 2014 after his arrest by Irvine Officer John Sturniolo. The indictment says on that date, Abney possessed a forged prescription and had committed forgery of a prescription. The three charges are felonies.

The grand jury also

charged Abney with being a second degree persistent felony offender.

James Rodney Adams aka Jimmy Adams, 47, of S. Hudson Ave., Irvine was named in a two count indictment.

The indictment charges him with theft by unlawful taking and theft by deception - cold checks. It says he sold and pawned jewelry which belonged to Judith Constantino.

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## Suboxone strips found in booklet; 3 arrested

Three people were arrested last week for promoting contraband into the Estill County Detention Center following an investigation by Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith, Captain Adrian McKinney and Sgt. Mike Gross.

Although arrests have been made, the police chief says the case remains open and under investigation.

Last Wednesday, jail staff at the Estill County Detention Center located three suboxone strips in the spine of a booklet which had been dropped off for an inmate Brian Wolfbarger. Wolfbarger, 35, gave an address of Harvest Drive, Irvine.

Chief Smith said that while investigating, the officers learned that Wolfbarger had been communicating with Autumn Reed in an attempt to get contraband into the jail.

IPD says that on December 2, Wolfbarger had sent a money order for \$150.00 to Reed through a third party, and Reed had purchased narcotics (suboxone).

IPD adds the suboxone strips were put inside a booklet, and Reed returned them to

the third party, who took the booklet to the jail.

Wolfbarger was charged with promoting contraband, first; trafficking in a controlled substance, second; and persistent felony offender.

IPD and Probation and Parole Officers located Reed on Eli Sparks Road, Irvine. During a search, officers report they found a suboxone strip container on Reed which had two suboxone strips inside. Reed was charged with possession of a controlled substance, second degree by Sgt. Gross.

Reed, 38 and his girlfriend, Heather Jones, 37, both of Rose Ridge Road, Irvine, were each charged with promoting contraband, first degree and trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree.

The third party has not been identified.

Wolfbarger, Reed, and Jones were arraigned on Friday in Estill District Court. They each pleaded not-guilty to their charges. They are scheduled to return to district court on Dec. 10 for a preliminary hearing.

## The Tradition Continues



The Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party continued Saturday morning although rainy weather had cancelled the Kiwanis Parade which usually precedes the party. Matthew Kringle arrived at the party to listen to the Christmas wishes of all the good little boys and girls. He didn't say how he got there.

## Police chief arrests shoplifter on drug offenses

An Irvine woman faces drug related charges as the result of a shoplifting investigation.

Police Chief Brad Smith went to Family Dollar on the evening of Monday, Dec. 1 to investigate a shoplifting complaint.

He said a female had \$36.00 worth of merchandise in her purse.

He also said he located a pill container in the purse which contained suboxone and several mg dosages and variations of gabapentin. Suboxone strips were also found in the purse.

The police chief said he asked Bertha L. Jones if she had any other items and she said

no. He added that she also told the jail staff the same thing.

A search at the jail revealed a small unlabeled container, which Smith said contained more suboxone. He added that she had \$180.00 with most of that amount hidden in her sock.

Jones, 43, of Scott Court, Irvine was charged with theft by unlawful taking - disposition, possession controlled substance, second degree; promoting contraband, first degree; and illegal possession of a legend drug.

Jones' bail was set at \$2,500 cash. She was released on 10% of that amount or \$250.



Sopranos Sheila Niece and Debbie Carlyle sang with Estill County Community Chorus during their concert Sunday afternoon at First Baptist.

## Obituaries

Mitchell Alcorn Sr., 70  
Leonard Berger, 74  
Dewey Cole Jr., 47  
Samantha Elam, 20  
David Lee III, 22  
Russell Riddell Jr., 60  
Reva Smith, 97  
Ollie B. Witt, 54

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The Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Club was cancelled Saturday morning because of rain. The Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party for children went on, but those in line at First Christian Church had to dress for the rainy weather.