

# IPD arrests five in drug busts

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The police captain added that \$480 was taken from B. McKinney in \$100, \$20, \$10, \$5, and \$1 dollar bills.

The police department reported they found several items of drug paraphernalia in the home, including needles. McKinney said a four-year-old child was present in the home where the transaction took place and where the needles were found.

Brandon Kelly also pleaded not-guilty during his arraignment on Dec. 19 and returned to court for a preliminary hearing on Dec. 22.

Bail for Brandon Kelly was set at \$20,000 cash.

Three people were arrested on Thursday night at 1182 Pea Ridge Road, Irvine by the Irvine Police Department.

Sgt. Michael Gross stated that Irvine Police Department officers conducted a controlled buy to obtain a 30 mg oxycodone from Anthony W. Coffey, 28, of 1182 Pea Ridge Road.

During the execution of the search warrant, Irvine officers said they witnessed Coffey conducting a drug transaction with valium.

Coffey possessed gabapentin and xanax, according to Sgt. Gross.

Gross charged Coffey with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and illegal possession of a legend drug.

Coffey pleaded not-guilty during his arraignment on Friday. A preliminary hearing was held on Monday. Bail for Coffey has been set at \$20,000 cash.

Chief Smith said when they began executing the search warrant at 1182 Pea Ridge Road he began to clear the residence. He stated that as he looked into the hallway bathroom, he saw Bobby Wayne Carroll handing Anthony Coffey a \$20 dollar bill. He said that Coffey was holding a pill container which contained valium pills.

Smith charged Carroll, 43, 530 Pea Ridge Road, with trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree.

A third person at 1182 Pea Ridge Road was arrested on an unrelated matter. Brandon Jenkins, 26, of 379 Rice Station Road, Irvine, was present while the search warrant was being executed.

A warrant for Jenkins' arrest had been obtained in September by KSP Detective Ken Bradley.

The warrant states that on Sept. 1, 2014, Jenkins was cultivating 36 marijuana plants behind his residence.

Jenkins pleaded not-guilty on Friday and returned to court for a preliminary hearing on Monday.

His bail was set at \$5,000 cash.

Officers Karl Rifenbark and John Sturniolo assisted with the execution of the search warrants.



The Cub Scout Pack 144 and Girl Scout Troops 7180, 7181, 663, & 337 went caroling down Gevena Ave. We would like to tell the people of Estill County a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!! by Amanda Conner

# Christopher is hired as interim supt.

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Band director Jason Bowles asked the board for help in purchasing new uniforms for the marching band for the upcoming season. Bowles said that with the increase in band members that there just wasn't enough uniforms to outfit everyone and that part of the band performed in plain black clothes this year because there was no extra booster money to purchase the uniforms. He said that the booster program operates on a budget of \$18,000 and that nothing is spent extravagantly.

"Please make no mistake in thinking that this is an award for the band and how well they did at the state competition. Our uniforms are rough and outdated," stated Bowles.

He stressed that the life expectancy of a band uniform is eight years and the band had been using the same ones for ten years.

One hundred new uniforms would be purchased for the band and would cost around \$40,000.

"I make the motion if we have the money, give it to them and if not, then give them what we can," said Charlie Bill Muncy.

The board unanimously approved the \$40,000 for new uniforms as well as requests for senior trip money, high school and middle school funds for reconditioning football helmets, and transportation for the FBLA to attend regional and state competition.

The board moved into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810. After several minutes in closed session the board reopened the meeting and Patty Hood stated that no action was taken during closed session but they would like to appoint an interim superintendent to fill in for Mr. Hensley after his retirement on December 31st.

Randall Christopher was chosen by the board to fill the position as interim superintendent. Jon Bicknell was the only member of the board who voted 'no' to Christopher

filling the position. Christopher retired as assistant superintendent in the spring of this year and returned in the fall to oversee construction projects in the district.



Retiring superintendent Bert Hensley and newly-hired interim superintendent Randall Christopher

# Irvine man is arrested on 3 warrants

Three warrants were served on an Irvine man Thursday by Officer John Sturniolo.

A bench warrant was issued by District Judge William Leach, August 1, 2014. The other bench warrant was signed by Circuit Judge Tom Jones on June 7.

Irvine Officer Karl Rifenbark had also obtained an arrest warrant for Kristopher O. Estes II, 21, of 124 Church Street, Irvine. One of the warrants gave an address for Estes on Broadway.

Rifenbark said that on June 5, 2014, Estes had followed Laken Harris out of the Estill County Court-

house. He was cursing her and calling her names.

Once they were outside, Rifenbark said that Estes hit Harris in the face and side several times. He knocked her to the ground and broke her glasses. While Harris was on the ground, Rifenbark said that Estes stole her gabapentin from her purse.

Rifenbark said this caused Harris to have scratches and bruises on her body. The officer said the dispute happened after a court hearing between Estes and Harris.

Estes was charged with fourth degree assault, intimidating a witness in the legal

process, and theft of a legend drug, first offense.

Estes appeared in district court on December 19 where he pleaded not-guilty to the above charges. A preliminary hearing on those charges was set for December 22.

Bail for Estes was set at \$10,000 cash.

The district court bench warrant says that Estes is to appear in court to answer a charge of alcohol intoxication.

The circuit court warrant says that Estes violated the terms of his release by being arrested for alcohol intoxication.

Estes was in circuit court

after he was indicted for unlawful imprisonment, first; wanton endangerment, first; assault fourth; and terroristic threatening, third.

Kristopher O. Estes, 39, of Ashcamp, Ky. was also arrested the same day by Irvine Officer Sturniolo on a Laurel County bench warrant.

The bench warrant charged the older Estes with flagrant non-support. It adds that he is in arrears over \$1,000 on child support.

It also states that Estes I has failed to pay child support as ordered by the court, and owes \$15,637.27 as of October 31, 2014.



It may be cold outside, but our hearts are warmed by thoughts of the many good times we've had serving you this year. Your friendship has made it all worthwhile.

*Merry Christmas, and thanks for all your support!*

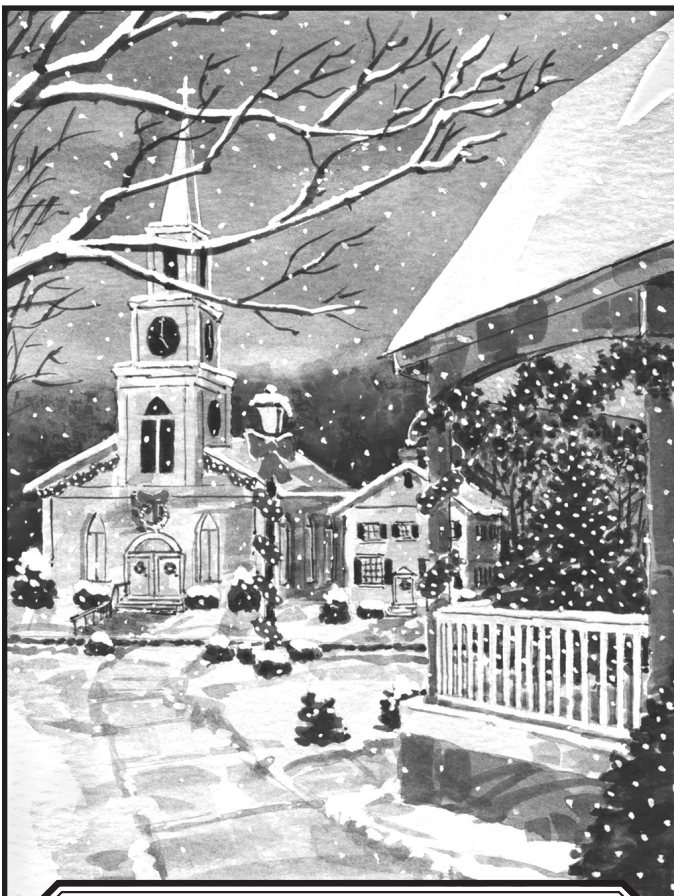
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