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KSP says man illegally posted pictures on porn site If found guilty, he could be sentenced up to 435 years in prison

A West Irvine man was arrested Friday on 75 counts of distribution of sexually explicit images without consent, for profit, first offense and 12 counts of video voyeurism.

The man was identified as Brandon Kevin Gabbard, 33, of Cedar Grove Road.

KSP Trooper John Northern said the

alleged charges occurred between December 1 and January 23.

Trooper Northern began investigating after he received information from a female victim that Gabbard had posted pornographic material onto websites without her permission.

The victim reportedly told the trooper that she had been notified by an un-

known individual that nude pictures of herself had been posted onto a pornographic website.

She went to the website, saw the pictures and knew they were the same pictures she had taken and stored on her phone.

She also told the trooper the only time her phone was unattended was at

work where Gabbard also worked. She believed he had taken photos of her pictures using another device.

The victim said she was also contacted by another unknown individual who tried to solicit additional pictures with threats of sending pictures to her family, who were identified by name.

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Governor plans to budget for staff at Estill ATC



During his budget address last Tuesday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced he plans to include funding to pay for staff at the Estill Area Technical Center (ATC). On Wednesday, local school administrators traveled to Frankfort to meet with representatives and state senator. The ATC is expected to open in 2021 and will offer advanced manufacturing, information technology, diesel technology, and other technical education for adults. Pictured left to right are Supt. Jeff Saylor, Teresa Dawes, State Rep. Cluster Howard, Tonya Isaacs, Tim Burkhart, and Dickie Arthur. Photo courtesy of Estill BOE

Grand jury returns eight indictments

Eight indictments were returned on Friday, January 24 by the Estill County Grand Jury.

Shannon Hardy, 34, of West Cedar Grove, Irvine was named as defendant in two separate indictments.

One of the indictments charges Hardy with two counts of destruction of Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN), receiving stolen property over \$10,000 or more, and being a first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says that between August 23 and January 7, Hardy painted over the VIN plate of a blue Chevrolet Silverado.

The truck had been reported stolen by Victor Kleeman and was valued at \$15,000.

During the same time frame, Hardy allegedly cut the VIN plate off a green Chevrolet Silverado.

The second indictment charges Hardy with receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more and being a first degree persistent felony offender.

This indictment says that on December 24, Hardy had a stolen dirt bike, plasma cutter and welder, valued at \$12,500 which belonged to Ken-

neth Hartem.

Hardy was arraigned in Estill Circuit Court on January 24 where he entered not-guilty pleas. He was represented by his attorney, Tom Jones.

Hardy has asked that his bond be reviewed and requested a \$60,000 property bond. He is scheduled to return to court on March 5 and 27.

Sheriff Chris Flynn investigated both cases in which Hardy is accused.

Brandy Horn, 44, of Lake Ridge Drive, Irvine was indicted on a charge of theft by failure to make required disposition of property, \$10,000 or more.

According to the indictment, Horn transferred \$85,000 belonging to the estate of Greg Horn to her own person and accounts to be used for her own personal benefit.

Trooper Toney Allen conducted the investigation.

Horn entered a not-guilty plea in circuit court. She will return to court on March 5 and 27.

Jimmy Lee Draggoo, 57, of Wall Street, Irvine was named in a five count indictment as the result of a traffic check point by KSP Trooper Jonathan Bobea on Sept. 1.

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Six Estill roads are included in state's 6-year highway plan

Six Estill highway projects are included in the state's six year highway plan. The top listed project is reconstruction of 4.1 miles of KY 82.

This is a road where three fatalities and numerous injuries have occurred in wrecks over the past several years.

When it rains, the road is the site of many, many wrecks.

\$2.6 million dollars of federal money is expected to be spent on the re-design of this road in Fiscal Year 2023. The fiscal year will begin on July 1, 2022 and end on June 30, 2023.

The reconstruction, when it occurs, will go from the KY 82 intersection with KY 89 and to north of Hudson Mill, where the three-lane section ends.

Spot improvements are planned for the intersection of KY 89 and KY 2459. Federal monies totaling \$520,000 are expected to be spent on these improvements in FY 2025.

During the upcoming

Fiscal Year 2021, \$1.560 million is expected to be spent to design a major re-widening of KY 89 from the KY 1886 intersection to the Clark County line.

The design will be paid from federal monies. No date has been set for the widening.

Utility relocation is scheduled during FY 2023 for .5 mile on Kirkland Avenue, also known as CR 1645. \$50,000 has been allocated for reconstruction to make the road safer.

Another \$320,000 is budgeted for construction on Kirkland Avenue during FY 2024. Funds for utility relocation and road construction are coming from federal funds.

During this fiscal year, guardrails are supposed to be installed on KY 1571 from mile marker 0.460 to 0.900. The cost of the guardrails is \$93,000.

Installation of guardrail is also planned for KY 499 from mile marker 4.990 to mile marker 5.080. This project is expected to cost \$18,000 and is ex-

pected to be completed in FY 2025.

The last two projects are funded from the Guardrail fund. These are the only two Estill projects that are new for the first time in the state's six year plan. The other four listed were all in the 2018 plan.

Any project not com-

pleted in the next two years will be rolled over into the six year plan presented in 2022.

To view the complete six-year highway plan, you can visit <https://transportation.ky.gov/Program-Management/Highway%20Plan/2020RecHighwayPlan.All.Pdf>.



The FCCLA from Estill County High participated in Region 15 Star Events this past weekend. Kaitlyn Wilson and Jaclyn Centers competed in Chapter in Review, Senior Level. They received first place. Mia Hale and Micah Swim came in first place in National Programs, Senior Level, and Peyton Maybrier and Katie Sparks were awarded second place in Chapter Service Projects, Senior Level. The first place winners advance to state competition in March. Congratulations. Photo courtesy of Estill BOE

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