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Estill woman is kidnapped and robbed

An Estill County woman was kidnapped and robbed at gunpoint early Sunday morning. Her accused kidnapper and robber was quickly arrested by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

Sheriff Flynn responded to 300 JR Furniture Road to investigate a woman being assaulted and held at gunpoint (kidnapping).

He was told the woman and her alleged kidnapper had been staying on Elmer Richardson Road.

The woman said the male became

violent, so she had fled to his dad's residence to get someone to come and pick her up.

The citation states that the man followed her there and found her hiding in the bathroom.

She told the sheriff that the male punched her repeatedly in the face. He pulled a knife on her, and she gave him the \$100 she had in her pocket.

The citation states he asked his dad for his 38 pistol before forcing the victim into his vehicle at gun point. He

took her back to her home so she could give him the money that she had saved up for her kids' Christmas presents.

When they arrived at JR Furniture Road, the woman reportedly said the man told her to go into the house and retrieve the Christmas money. He threatened to kill her and her mother if she went in and told anyone.

She went inside the house with her head down to hide the injuries to her face. She retrieved \$515 dollars in cash and took it back outside to him.

The citation states the woman had a visible swollen lump on the right side of her forehead. She also had a scratch mark on her stomach and injuries to her right arm from trying to block his punches to her head.

Estill EMS transported the victim to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital. As Flynn was following the ambulance, he noticed a vehicle at the gas pumps at Rose's Cash and Carry that was driven by the alleged kidnapper.

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Couple in stolen vehicle were arrested Saturday

Two people were arrested Saturday afternoon on Richmond Road by Deputy Brad Smith.

The deputy stated that he received a complaint about a woman on Richmond Road who could not control her body movements. While speaking with the woman, Smith said she could not control her body movements, and she admitted to using methamphetamine.

The citation states the deputy located the woman and a man in a 1997 Toyota Avalon, which had been reported stolen out of Madison County. The vehicle was towed.

Deputy Smith said the

woman falsely identified herself as Ashley McPherson and gave a wrong birth date. She did not give Smith an ID.



Timothy Purdue
Photo/3 Forks Jail

Smith arrested the woman, who was identified as Marlene F. Gross,

33. He charged her with public intoxication and giving officer false identifying information.

According to the deputy, Timothy Joe Purdue, 40, of Glory Street, was inside the Toyota Avalon when he arrived at the Richmond Road scene.

Purdue told Deputy Smith that he had borrowed the vehicle from a friend. The deputy checked the license plate number and it had been entered as stolen from Madison County.

The vehicle belonged to Austin Overbay of Richmond. Purdue was charged with receiving stolen property, a vehicle.

Toys for Estill's Kids



American Legion member Dwight O'Hair loaded the trunk of this car with a garbage bag full of Christmas gifts during the Legion's "Toys for Estill County Kids." The group had registered 70 families, but unregistered families who showed up Saturday were not turned away.

Obituaries

- Mayme Dawes, 75
- Gracie Estes, 93
- Garrett Fike, 82
- Katherine Kaylor, 98
- Robert MucGuffey Jr., 51
- Fudd Morris, 60
- Geneva Richardson, 70
- Iza Robinson, 84
- Mattie Spicer, 53
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- Billy Stamper, 80
- John Turpin, 75
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One of the scenes from CHRISTmas: HIS Story! The outdoor drama was presented by Salem Baptist Church Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.



One of the scenes at Salem's drive-thru drama was Mary and Joseph with the Baby Christ Child.

2 board members finish their terms

In-person classes are discussed

**by Cathy Dawes
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On December 17th the school board met at the Estill County High School.

This was the last board meeting for Jenny Jo Niece and Rhonda Hardy. Both had served four years on the board and were instrumental in getting the recallable nickel passed for the technology center and oversaw several different construction projects throughout the district.

Kathy Samples commended the board for keeping the safety and well being of the kids at the heart of their decisions. She also praised Niece and Hardy for their passion and dedication to the district for the past four years. She said they had stood the course over the past few years and had to make some tough decisions such as the recallable nickel.

Charlotte O'Bryan presented the board with the district improvement plan. She said the district had been on the right

track until the pandemic hit. Saylor said that the kids had to get back in school and get them back on track. He said he would be meeting with principals in the near future and monitor what's been going on at the schools.

Saylor announced the retirement of Felicia Campbell. He said that he would be moving positions around, and that Steve Willis would be moving into the personnel position, and that he would be looking for a transportation manager to hire.

Saylor said that the secretary position to replace Campbell would not be a 261-day position like it is now, because some of those duties would be spread out into other areas. He added that this would be a six-month transition and that Campbell planned on staying and helping train her replacement.

Saylor said that several people had submitted questions about the start of in-person classes.

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