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Firefighter arrested for rape & sodomy of female teenager

An Estill County man was arrested Friday and charged with raping and sodomizing a young woman.

According to a citation, Detective E. Warrick of KSP Post 7 spoke to the victim around 9 p.m. Thursday.

She said the sexual abuse occurred over a three year period at her home.

The citation states that the man first began touching her inappropriately in the butt, breast, and private area.

She reportedly told the detective that the relationship graduated, and she was having sexual relations with the male, including intercourse and oral sex.

The next day, the detective interviewed the accused male, Jerry Lynn Goosey, 32, of Shallow Creek Lane, Irvine.

The citation states that Goosey confessed to having oral sex and sexual intercourse with the victim, who was only 17 years old when the initial incident occurred. The female reportedly told the detective the sexual behavior between her and Goosey ended a month ago.

Goosey was a volunteer firefighter at

the Hargett Fire Department.

Goosey ran unsuccessfully for constable in District 2 during the 2018 election.

He has been charged with third degree rape and third degree sodomy. He is lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail.



Jerry Lynn Goosey
Photo/Three Forks Regional Jail



Uncle Kris visited with Estill County children on Thursday morning across from the Irvine Fire Department. As the children rode by in their family vehicles, Uncle Kris gave them a stuffed animal, and Back Street Grub gave them a token for shaved ice.

Supt. says 1st day of school will be between Aug. 5 & 31

Students in Estill County Schools may return to class sometime between August 5 and 31.

Supt. Jeff Saylor made the announcement at the school board meeting on Thursday. He expects to announce exactly when the first school day will be at the July 16 school board meeting.

"If we're not ready, we'll start school on NTI," he stated.

NTI is the acronym for Non-Traditional Instruction. Estill students finished the last school year on NTI after social distancing began in March.

Saylor's goal is for all students to attend school the first two or three days to be tested to see if they are behind after being on NTI in the spring.

One option the school system may implement

this fall is having one group of students attend class two days a week and another group two other days. Fridays might be alternated between the two groups, but Saylor said that Fridays may be used for students who need remedial help.

When students arrive at school, whether privately transported or by buses, their temperatures will be checked as they walk through the front door. If a student has a high temperature, it will be checked a second time.

Students with high temperatures will be sent home or isolated from other students.

Parents should also provide masks for their students, if possible.

He stated the school board has received some

CARES funds which will be used to purchase masks made locally at Carhartt. The sewing factory is also donating some of their masks to the school system.

CARES funds will be used to purchase camera thermometers to check students temperatures when they walk through the door.

Contact tracing will be in place for students who test positive for Covid-19.

Saylor stated that he hopes at least half the district's staff will be tested for Covid-19 before school begins.

He added that 40 to 50 percent of Estill's students spend time with their grandparents.

"The death rate increases as the age increases," he explained.

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Uncle Kris' elf, Kierston Kelly, used a pole to hand stuffed animals to children in their vehicles on Thursday.

Former Estill Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor passes away

Former Estill County Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor passed away Friday at age 58 following a long illness.

Taylor resigned in December 2017 with a year left on his term. He cited health reasons and uncertainty with state retirement system as the reason for his early retirement. He served a total of 15 years.

After leaving the judge's office, Taylor continued to work the family farm at Pryse.

When Taylor became judge/executive, he organized a drug recovery march for the second Sunday of September each year.

Hundreds would gather at the Estill County Fairgrounds after morning church services ended. They were fed hot dogs, chips, and a drink before the events began.

Taylor led the supporters in a march

across the Kentucky River bridge and around the Estill County courthouse seven times. (This comes from the march on Jericho in the Bible.)

When the group returned to the fairgrounds, they listened to stories from recovered drug addicts, many of them involved in the Estill County Drug Court.

His former deputy judge/executive Teresa Sparks wrote on Facebook that when Taylor was in good health, he was usually busy with one project or another.

His daughter, C.J. Neal, called herself a "daddy's girl."

During the year 2015, Estill County had one disaster after another, including floods and snowstorms.

Taylor lived at Pryse, and his daughter didn't live too far away on Millers Creek.

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This photo was taken at one of the last acts made by Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor. He passed a proclamation honoring five retired Estill County teachers who were in their 90s in November of 2017.