

# Grand jury returns indictments on January 21

The Estill County Grand Jury returned numerous indictments on January 22.

**Jacob Darbyshire, 22, and Angela Philbeck, 42,** both of Wallace Circle, Irvine were named as co-defendants in an indictment.

Both defendants were indicted for receiving stolen property under \$10,000 and receiving stolen property under \$500.

The indictment states that on August 9, the couple had tools in their possession which were valued at over \$500 and also tools that had been reported stolen, which were valued at under \$500.

The indictment also charged Philbeck with tampering with physical evidence, drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, and possession of burglary tools.

According to the indictment, Philbeck threw away baggies with residue on them which she believed was going to be used in an official proceeding. It adds that she also had bolt cutters in her possession, that are commonly used for facilitating a theft.

The case was investigated by Deputy Brad Smith.

**Thomas Bullen, 35,** of Bybee Loop, **Fred Rogers Jr., 41,** of Sweet Lick Road, and **Rosie Smith, 57,** of Cressy Road were named as co-defendants in an indictment.

The indictment charged all three defendants with receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more. It says on September 14 they possessed a John Deere lawn mower, a John Deere zero turn mower, and an enclosed 16 foot double axle trailer that had been stolen. The items were valued at \$24,000.

The indictment named Bullen in charge of receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more, possession of burglary tools, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, and operating on a suspended or revoked operator license.

According to the indictment on September 16, Bullen was driving a stolen 2017 Hyundai Sonata, valued at \$15,000. His license had been suspended.

The indictment adds that he possessed three sets of bolt cutters, heroin and lortabs, a digital scale, and syringes.

Bullen and Rogers were charged with first degree persistent felony offenders. The indictment states that each of them was previously convicted of two prior felonies.

Deputy Smith and Trooper Ty Robinson conducted the investigation.

An indictment warrant was served January 31 on Bullen.

**Mistie Combs, 45,** of Richmond

Road, Irvine was indicted on three charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, first offenses and trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

The indictment states that Combs sold two packets of heroin and fentanyl to a confidential informant for \$50 on October 21 and again on Oct. 23.

It adds that she sold two packets of meth (less than two grams) and fentanyl to a confidential informant for \$50 on October 26. She allegedly possessed fentanyl and acetyfentanyl on October 26 with the intent to sell.

Irvine Police Chief John Sturniolo investigated the case.

**Bobby Ray Osborne** was named in two separate indictments.

The first indictment charges him with trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (fentanyl) and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

On October 21, Osborne allegedly possessed 1.01 ounces of fentanyl with the intent to sell, along with a digital scale.

The other indictment charges him with aggravated trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (greater than or equal to 28 grams fentanyl) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

The indictment says on August 26, Osborne had 51 grams of fentanyl with the intent to sell and possessed a large amount of syringes and spoons.

Trooper Ty Robinson conducted both of those investigations.

**Christopher Riddell, 46,** of Substation Road, Irvine was charged by indictment with criminal trespass and wanton endangerment, both in the first degree.

The indictment states that on November 7, Riddell entered a house that he was advised not to trespass again and remained unlawfully. It adds the he engaged in conduct that created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to Brian Riddell.

The investigating officer was Deputy Josh King. The indictment warrant was served by Det. Hensley on January 31.

**Dustin Willis, 34,** of Thomas Road, Irvine was named in a five-count indictment.

His charges are trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (heroin), tampering with physical evidence, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, and second degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says that on October 27, Willis had five grams of heroin with the intent to sell.

It adds that he consumed heroin while being transported to the jail which would be used in an official proceeding.

He allegedly possessed marijuana, scales, syringes, and cut off straws.

According to the indictment, Willis has previously been convicted of one felony.

Trooper Robinson conducted the investigation.

An indictment warrant was served on Willis on February 3 by Det. Hensley.

**Thomas McKinney, 51,** of Barnes Mountain Road, Irvine was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance, second offense.

On October 15, McKinney allegedly had methamphetamine, a set of scales, a pipe, three syringes, and a .22 caliber rifle in his possession while driving without insurance.

The investigation was made by Irvine Officer Jim Marshall.

An indictment charges **Gwendolyn Herald, 35,** of Jackson with second degree escape - identify facility.

It states that on December 7 Herald failed to report to home incarceration after leaving a detention facility.

Cody Sutton of Probation and Parole conducted the investigation.

**Darrell Estes, 42,** was indicted on two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

The indictment says that on November 23, Estes had a white crystal like substance and a brown powder substance in his possession. It adds that he had a syringe.

Irvine Detective Sam Hensley, the investigating officer, served the indictment warrant on Estes.

**Christopher Cole, 45,** of Winchester Road, Irvine was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and possession of a controlled substance third degree.

The indictment says that Cole had meth and gabapentin in his possession on October 15.

The investigation was conducted by Irvine Officer Stuart Morris.

**Isaiah Harvey, 23,** of Eli Sparks Road, Irvine was indicted on a single charge of second degree arson.

The indictment states that on September 11, Harvey started a fire at 468 Kirkland Avenue with the intent to destroy the house.

Officer Morris conducted the investigation.

**Dwayne Kevin Horn, 51,** of Winchester Road, Irvine was indicted for unlawful imprisonment, first degree, menacing, and two counts of wanton endangerment.

The indictment says on October 15, Horn prevented Kelsea Berryman from

leaving the residence which created a risk of serious physical injury. It adds that he placed her in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury.

It further adds that he created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to her by yelling at her with his hand on his gun. He allegedly said to her, "I wouldn't leave if I were you."

Irvine Chief John Sturniolo conducted the investigation.

**Charles Hamilton, 44,** of Main Street, Irvine was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, second or greater offense (heroin), drug paraphernalia, and first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says Hamilton had 3.48 grams of heroin, multiple syringes, two digital scales, and a glass meth pipe on November 23. He has been convicted previously of two prior felonies.

Chief Sturniolo led the investigation.

**Anthony Brooks, 37,** of Old Fox Road, Irvine and **Brenda Taulbee, 38,** of Cressy Road, Irvine were named as co-defendants in an indictment.

Both were charged with drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (fentanyl). They possessed digital scales, syringes, and fentanyl on August 28.

Taulbee was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) on the same date.

Brooks was charged with two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The indictment says that he had possession of two Mossberg and Sons rifles.

The investigation was conducted by Trooper Robinson.

Detective Hensley served the indictment warrant on Taulbee on January 31.

**William Caudill, 53,** of Geneva Avenue, Irvine was indicted for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, third offense, and 15 counts of wanton endangerment first degree.

The indictment states that on October 12, Caudill drove onto a field where the Estill High Band was practicing.

It adds that he created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to two band staff members and 13 students.

Caudill waived a formal arraignment, but plea not guilty.

Detective Hensley conducted the investigation.

Indictments were read in Estill Circuit Court on February 2 for Harrison, Bullen, C. Riddell, D. Estes, Colby Cross, and Taulbee.

## Former teacher is re-indicted

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The indictment states that around September 1, 2018, Murphy solicited a minor through electronic communication for sexual activity with Torstein Torestinson over an electronic device. Torestinson was allegedly Murphy's boyfriend at the time and was also known as "Thor."

It adds that Murphy deleted messages from a victim's cell phone in order to conceal evidence because she believed it was about to be used in an official proceeding.

It also states that she deleted cell phone messages between herself and Thor for the same reason.

The grand jury charged her with unlawful transaction because it says that she caused a minor, under the age of 18, to engage in illegal sexual activity.

The indictment says that on or about 2018 through 2019, she solicited four minors by using electronic communications for sexual activity with Torestinson.

It adds that she committed unlawful transaction with a minor by inducing those four juveniles to engage in illegal sexual activity.

The new charges include six misdemeanors, one Class B felony, five Class C felonies, and two Class D felonies.

If found guilty of all charges, the maximum sentence will be 86 years.

Thor was from Honduras and in the United States on a work visa. After his arrest, he was transferred to the federal system.

KSP Detective Austin Brashear has conducted the investigation.

An indictment does not mean that a person is guilty of a crime. A person is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## KSP trooper arrests 3 on drug charges

A state trooper arrested three men on drug charges Friday evening on Stacy Lane.

Trooper J. Hacker came into contact with the men in a driveway at 2020 Stacy Lane.

The citation states that he asked Anthony Brandenburg who was standing beside the vehicle to bring his hands out of his pocket.

While doing so, he

said that Brandenburg dropped a baggy containing two large white pieces of a crystallized substance, suspected to be methamphetamine.

When the trooper searched Brandenburg, he said he located two glass pipes and a large pill container which had a whole pill and a half pill of suboxone.

Hacker charged Brandenburg, 29, with posses-

sion of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, and possession of a controlled substance, third degree - drug unspecified.

The trooper asked the two other men to get out of the vehicle.

He said the passenger, Timothy Riddell, dropped a baggy containing two small white pieces of a crystallized substance suspected to be methamphetamine.

During a search, Hacker said he located two syringes on Riddell. One was in his left front pocket, and the second was in a jacket sleeve pocket.

Riddell, 36, of Matt Riddell Road, Irvine was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

When the trooper began the pat down of the driver, Ryan Newton, 33, of Richmond, he discovered a large lump in the left pocket of his jacket, according to the citation.

Hacker said he stepped away to search a different subject. When he returned, he stated there was a white plastic bag wrapped up, underneath Newton.

He added that he located three large baggies of a white crystallized substance, suspected to be methamphetamine, and a large baggie of a brown powdery substance suspected to be heroin.

During a search of Newton, Hacker said he located a large amount of money in Newton's front left pocket.

The citation states that one of the other men told the trooper that he bought the suspected meth from Newton for \$100 in cash.

Newton was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (greater than or equal to two grams of methamphetamine) and trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (heroin).

The men were transported to Three Forks Regional Jail following their arrests.

## 3 indicted in connection to fatal robbery attempt

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Rhodus was indicted on charges of trafficking in marijuana, over five pounds, first offense, and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

The indictment states that Rhodus had five pounds of marijuana in his possession on October 6 with the intention of selling it.

This is a Class C felony,

punishable by five to ten years in prison.

The indictment describes the paraphernalia as two marijuana scales and THC cartridges. The second charge is a Class A Misdemeanor.

KSP Detective Austin Brashear conducted the investigation. The indictment warrant was served January 31 by Detective Sam Hensley.

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