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After Sheriff Chris Flynn and Deputy Kevin Shackelford returned to apartments on Richmond Road about 12 hours after their first trip last Wednesday to investigate another drug trafficking tip, the sheriff confiscated heroin, methamphetamine, marijuana, and \$10,422.78. One person was arrested. Photo courtesy of Sheriff Chris Flynn

Sheriff confiscates over \$10K in cash from suspected dealer

Estill County Sheriff Chris Flynn confiscated over \$10,000 in cash after making an arrest for drug trafficking last Wednesday.

The sheriff received a tip of illegal drug activity near an apartment complex on Richmond Road located almost five miles from Irvine.

The tipster said it involved a tan Honda Accord, saying that individuals had been going up to the car and getting something from the driver.

Flynn stated that he has received other tips about the driver of this vehicle which involved the sale of illegal drugs.

Flynn and Deputy Kevin

Shackelford responded to the location because there was an active arrest warrant on the driver.

When he arrived just after noon, he saw the vehicle backed in beside the apartments and the driver, Christopher Gene Sizemore, 42, of Bertha Wallace Drive, Irvine was sitting in the driver's seat.

The sheriff said he walked up to the vehicle and asked Sizemore to get out because he had a warrant for his arrest.

"Yeah. I know I have a warrant," Sizemore stated, according to the citation.

Flynn said he located from the driver floor board a clear case containing two suboxone strips, a cylindrical purple metal container, and a plastic bag with one xanax inside. Inside the purple container were eight suboxone pills.

He added that in the same area, he located a green cloth bag. It contained a plastic bag of a brown powdery substance which Flynn suspects is heroin. There was also a brown pill bottle with chunks resembling the same brown substance and a bag of green leafy substance, suspected marijuana.

Flynn stated that underneath the green cloth bag was a set of scales and a glass pipe.

A white bottle was reportedly found between the center console and the seat, which contained a small plastic bag of suspected methamphetamine.

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Two are charged with drug crimes

One of them flees the scene but is arrested in mud/water

KSP Trooper Ty Robinson, Sheriff Chris Flynn, and Deputy Brad Smith responded to an apartment complex on Richmond Road, almost five miles from Irvine, around midnight last Wednesday.

The officers were investigating a drug tip, as well as a stolen property tip at the location.

When the officers arrived, Trooper Robinson said they observed Johnathan E. Dixon, 29, of Sugar Hollow Road, Irvine and Charles Durham, 42, who lives at the apartment complex, walking out of a building outside the apartment complex that is owned by Durham.

The citation states that Dixon immediately put his hands in his pockets, but was asked to take them out.

During a pat down for weapons only, Robinson asked Dixon if he had anything illegal. Dixon reportedly began moving items from his pocket and placed them on his truck. According to the citation, Dixon said, "that's all."

The citation adds that Dixon consented to a pat down by the trooper because he said he didn't have anything more.

Robinson said he patted down Dixon's left jean pocket. When he got to the right jean pocket, he said Dixon fled on foot.

He stated he ordered Dixon to stop running. They went over a ravine and down into a large ditch line filled with rocks and water. Robinson said they both fell multiple times.

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State Representative Bill Wesley, right, recently recognized Ravenna Police Chief Ken White with a citation. Wesley is chaplain of the police and sheriff departments and the Estill County Rescue Squad.

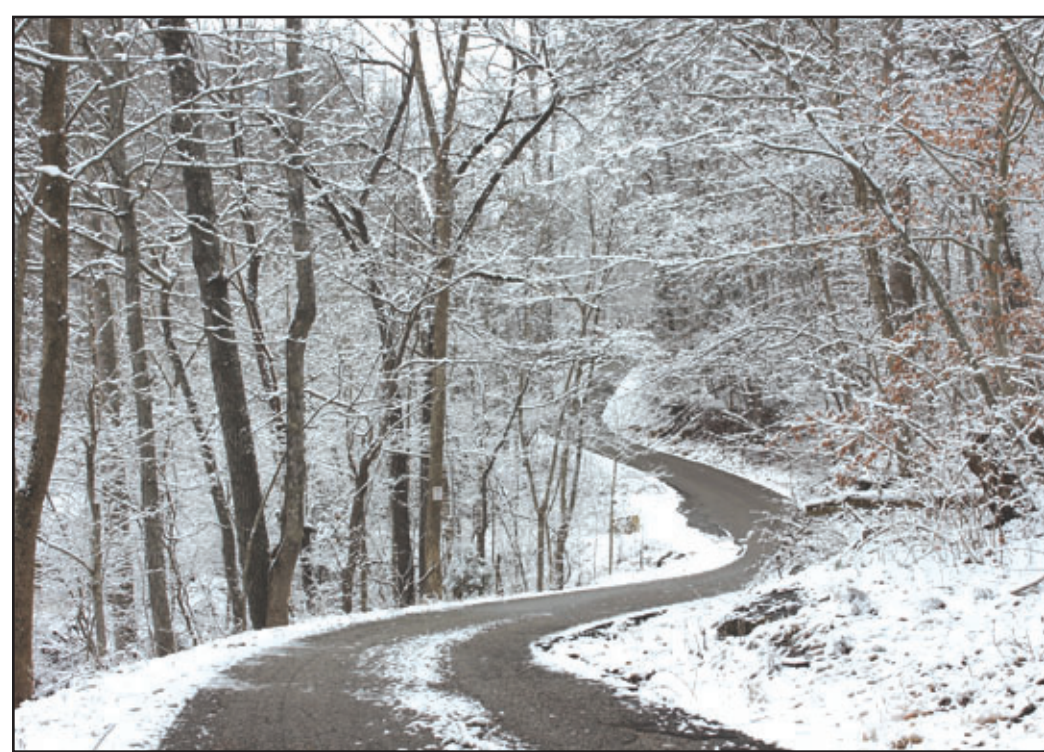


State police and the sheriff's department investigated a tip on drug trafficking and stolen items last Wednesday on Richmond Road. The officers confiscated heroin and 16.5 grams of methamphetamine and made two arrests. Photo courtesy of Sheriff Chris Flynn

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Thursday's snow weighted down branches of pine trees as seen above. More snow is forecast for this weekend, along with colder weather.



Several rounds of snow followed rain and flooding in Estill County this past week. Hargett Road is pictured above following Thursday's snowfall.