

Estill grand jury returns 20 indictments

Twenty indictments were returned by the Estill County Grand Jury on Friday.

Jerry D. Stone, 48, Winchester, Edward Wayne Jordon, 41, Race Track Road, Irvine and Ashley Nicole Groves, 31, were named co-defendants in an indictment.

Stone and Jordan were indicted for manufacturing meth on Oct. 30 while Groves was charged with complicity to manufacture meth.

Groves and Jordan were charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth). The indictment says on Oct. 30, an officer witnessed Groves injecting meth, and Jordan threw two bags of meth into a fire pit.

Groves was also charged with being a second degree persistent felony offender. KSP Trooper T. Robinson conducted the investigation.

Casey Myers, 28, of J.R. Furniture Road, Irvine, was indicted for burglary third degree on Oct. 13. The indictment says Myers broke into an outbuilding owned by David French.

Myers was also charged with first degree persistent felony offender.

Deputy Randy Farthing was the investigating officer.

A second indictment charges Myers with second degree burglary and first degree persistent felony offender.

This indictment states that Myers broke into the residence of Victoria Rison on Oct. 13. This investigation was conducted by Deputy Doc Morris.

John P. Barnett, 36, and Shade C Barnett, 38, both of Abney Hollow Road, Irvine were named in a three count indictment.

John was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (oxycodone) and being a first degree persistent felony offender.

Shade was indicted for complicity to traffic in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense.

The indictment says that on June 2, John sold two 30mg oxycodone to a confidential witness.

The investigation was conducted by Ken Scarberry of the U.S. Forestry Service.

David E. Mullins and Shade C. Barnett were named as co-defendants for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, and first offense. Mullins, 44, is also a resident of Abney Hollow Road.

The indictment states the duo sold two 30mg oxycodone to a confidential witness on May 23.

Scarberry was also the investigating officer for this case.

Russell Brinegar, 23, of Wallace Circle, Irvine was indicted for two counts of sexual abuse first degree. The offenses allegedly occurred between July 2015 and October 24, 2015. Both victims were under 12 years of age. The indictment says Brinegar subjected the two victims to sexual contact.

The case was investigated by KSP Trooper A. Brashear.

A five count indictment was returned against Timothy Tipton, 39, of Cressy Road, Irvine. Tipton is charged with burglary, first; fleeing or evading police on foot; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; and first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says that between August 1 and Sept. 26, Tipton unlawfully entered the home of Shane and Beth Abshear while possessing several handguns.

The investigation was conducted by KSP Trooper T. Robinson.

Melissa Bishop, 37, of N. Sulphur Wells Road, Irvine and Billy Ray Neal 35, of Richmond were named as co-defendants in burglary third. The indictment says they broke into Sandhill Christian Church to commit a crime on Oct. 26.

A second indictment was returned against Bishop and Neal for burglary third degree, theft by unlawful taking, and criminal mischief first degree.

The indictment says the couple broke into Irvine Food and Gas on Sept. 22. They allegedly broke out the front glass door and stole cartons of cigarettes. Deputy Morris investigated the break-in.

Bishop, Neal, Anthony Tomson, 42, Richmond, and Brenda Neal, 68, Richmond were named as co-defendants in an indictment.

The indictment charges Bishop and Mr. Neal with criminal mischief first degree, and Tomson and Brenda Neal with complicity of criminal mischief first degree.

The indictment states that Bishop and Mr. Neal broke the glass entrance door at Irvine Food and Gas on Oct. 25 to attempt entry. It states that Tomson and Brenda Neal acted in complicity to break the glass.

That investigation was conducted by Deputy Farthing.

Bishop was indicted for theft by unlawful taking or disposition over \$500. The indictment says that on October 21, she took items that were reported stolen by Robert Bishop.

Deputy Farthing also investigated that theft.

Elijah Stone, 28, of Winchester was indicted for criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree.

The indictment says that on Oct. 9, he purchased an alternator at Advance Auto parts with a check belonging to Kayla Sergeant without her permission.

The case was investigated by Ksp Trooper A. Brashear.

A second indictment against Stone charges him with third degree burglary and two counts of criminal mischief first degree. The indictment states that Stone unlawfully entered the AT&T Store with the intent to commit a crime on April 25.

The indictment adds that Stone attempted to drill the lock and damaged the lock at the AT&T Store. It also states that he struck the pharmacy window at Whitehouse Clinic with a hammer on April 26.

KSP Trooper Z. Pennington was the investigating officer.

James Curtis, 30, Winchester was indicted for receiving stolen property (a firearm) on Nov. 4. The .22 Magnum belonged to Donald Edge of Estill County

Curtis was also indicted for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and second degree persistent felony offender.

Trooper Robinson conducted the investigation.

Tommy Witt, 34, of Winston Road, Irvine was indicted on three counts of theft by unlawful theft or disposition.

The indictment says that Witt charged items at Advance Auto Sales without permission of three business owners. Charges were made August 4 to Hardy Oil Co., Oct. 1 to Hardy Gas Co, and Nov. 1 to Isaac Lumber Co.

The investigation was conducted by Deputy Morris

Timothy Cody McKinney, 28, Covey Road, Irvine, Daniel Conrad, 30, Poplar Street, Ravenna and Angela Woods, 28, Richmond were named in a six count indictment.

Conrad was charged with receiving stolen property over \$500. The indictment says he had several items reported stolen at Carhart, Inc. on Oct. 27.

McKinney was charged with burglary third degree of Carharts on Oct. 27. He was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition for reportedly taking garments reported stolen by Carhartt.

McKinney was also charged as a persistent felony offender in the second degree.

Woods was indicted for complicity to burglary third degree of Carhartt and complicity to theft by unlawful taking.

Morris investigated the break-in at Carhartt.

Cody Ballard, 24, of South Irvine Road, was indicted for public intoxication, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and second degree persistent felony offender on Nov. 12.

Farthing was the investigating officer. Bradley Brooks, 30, of King Cemetery Road, Irvine was indicted for wanton endangerment first, assault fourth, unlawful imprisonment first degree and terroristic threatening, first degree.

The indictment says on Nov. 15, Brooks created a danger of death or injury to the female victim It adds that he punched her in the face and threw her up against a wall. The indictment adds that he restrained the victim and pointed a loaded shotgun at her. Trooper A. Brasher investigated.

Tommy Bowling, 37, of Broadway was indicted for burglary second, promoting contraband, first, and first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says that Bowling entered the residence of John Nutter on Oct. 28 to commit a crime.

It adds that he had 30 suboxone stirps hidden on his person while he was booked into the Estill County Jail.

IPD Chief Brad Smith conducted the investigation.

An indictment charged Brien Vann, 24, of Riddell Clem Road, Irvine with receiving stolen property over \$500 and second degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says that on Oct. 21, Vann possessed several items that had been reported stolen by Ann Collier.

Deputy Farthing conducted the investigation

An indictment charged Justin Patrick, 27, of Sandhill Road, Irvine with tampering with physical evidence and four counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree.

The indictment says that Patrick attempted to burn stolen checks on August 8 to get rid of the evidence.

It adds that on July 24, July 19 August 8, and July 30, he attempted to cash checks at Ravenna Food Mart belonging to Stella Gray.

IPD Officer John Sturniolo investigated.

Body of Christ honors law and emergency workers

Law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, constables, sheriff's deputy, state police, and 911 dispatchers were honored Saturday by the Body of Christ.

Pastor Bill Wesley, the son of a police officer, said that God had laid it on his heart to honor the local officers. The Body of Christ ministry started planning three months ago for Saturday's event. Wesley said the planning began before Richmond Officer Daniel Ellis was killed while on duty.

When Wesley was a young man, he found himself on the wrong side of the law. He mentioned that he was arrested numerous times by late Irvine police officer Sam Tipton.

Wesley turned his life around to the Lord. He started trying to help others overcome their addictions to drugs and alcohol. He also told them about the Lord, and somewhere along the way the Body of Christ ministry was started. The growing ministry meets in a remodeled shopping center on River Drive.

While working with drug addicts and alcoholics, Wesley has worked closely with the local law enforcement and emergency dispatchers.

Chaplain Chris Carlyle referred to Mark 12:29-31 where the Bible talks about loving your neighbor as yourself. He said he believes policemen have that love or they could not do the job they do.

"It sure ain't about the money," he stated. "I don't have to carry a sword because you do."

Others also stated the law enforcement was a calling, similar to being in the ministry.

Former Irvine Mayor

Ernest Farmer spoke Saturday morning. "Why do you want to become a police officer?" was the first question he asked applicants.

Farmer then addressed each of Irvine's police officers and told them of their strengths.

"It's not about putting someone behind bars," is what Officer John Sturniolo has been heard to say. "It's about saving a family."

Suzy Gross said when she was hired as 911 dispatcher, she was a single parent. It was a paycheck to support her family.

"I didn't know there was a family associated with the job," she stated.

All of the law enforcement and dispatchers said they were like one big family.

"If you don't answer (the radio), I status check some of you," she stated.

They take their radios (and work) home with them. Gross said she was off-duty when she was listening to an officer on the radio and realized he needed back up. Her husband, James, is a Ravenna Police Officer and School Resource Officer.

He was working in the back yard. She went outside and told him he was needed for back up. As he was leaving, she hollered that he was forgetting his pistol. He hollered back that he had the shotgun in the cruiser.

Irvine's K-9 Fritz was also honored Saturday. Pastor Wesley said it was not the first time the dog had been inside his church.

He announced a few weeks ahead of time that he was doing a sermon on "Obedience," and they were having a special visitor.

Some members kept questioning on who the special visitor was, and Wesley told him the visitor was a



Irvine Police Officers were honored. Left to right are Capt. Adrian McKinney, Chief Bad Smith, Sgt. Michael Gross, Officer John Sturniolo, K-9 Fritz, and former Mayor Ernest Farmer.

full blooded German. A few members started learning German phrases and were quite surprised when Fritz arrived, but Wesley used the dog to teach about obedience.

Wesley said that one policeman and his wife had not gone on a honeymoon. One had never been on a vacation, and another could not remember the last time he and his wife had gone on

vacation.

Before he left, Captain Adrian McKinney was asked when his last vacation was. After a while, he decided that it was about 20 years since he and his wife, Cathy, had been on vacation. He remembered them taking their son when he was about three years old.

McKinney was encouraged to open his box of gifts that was donated by the

sponsors. There were many items inside, but it included tickets to Renfro Valley and a stay at a motel.

Over 80 businesses had sponsored or provided gifts for the invited guests.

Lunch for the group was provided by Fazoli's of Richmond and Winchester. Dunkin Donuts also donated donuts.

All of the officers and dispatchers were asked to

sign up for the "Adopt A Cop" program at the church. Church members will be paired up with the officers and dispatchers and will pray for them and be there for them if they help.

Constables, state police, the sheriff and his deputies were also invited. The Body of Christ held two sessions on Saturday to accommodate all law enforcement and dispatchers.



Law enforcement is a family affair for the Gross Family. Left to right: James is employed by Ravenna Police Dept. and as school resource officer. His wife Suzy is a 911 dispatcher and son Michael is an Irvine policeman. Michael's wife Mary works for Probation and Parole.