

Grand jury returns first indictments of 2016

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Fields' indictment adds that he unlawfully remained on the premises of the bar and grill.

According to the indictment, Fields had concealed unopened mail matter in a bag which belonged to Dawn Estes, Metia Crowe, and Jesse Lancaster.

Irvine Police Officer John Sturniolo conducted the investigation.

Robert Harvey Jr., 46, of Fourth Street, Ravenna was indicted following an investigation by Ravenna Police Chief Ken White on November 3, 2015.

The indictment charges Harvey with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excluding alcohol), promoting contraband, first degree, and first degree persistent felony offender.

According to the indictment, Harvey had methamphetamine hidden on his person while he was booked at the Estill County Jail on November 3. Court records say Harvey has previously been convicted of at least two prior felony offenses.

Linda F. Puckett, 46, and Orville Eugene Puckett, 46, both of Plum Street, Irvine were named as co-defendants in an indictment.

Their charges are possession and trafficking of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia - buy/

possess.

A glass meth pipe with residue and a colored piece of paper with white powder were taken into evidence during the investigation by Officer Sturniolo on December 11, 2015.

Mr. Puckett was also charged by the indictment with being a second degree persistent felony offender. The indictment says he has been convicted previously of one felony offense.

William Matthew Johnson, 32, of Rice Station Road, Irvine and Tommy Witt, 34, of Winston Road, Irvine, were named as co-defendants in a six-count indictment.

Johnson was charged with three counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The indictment says between Nov. 27 and Dec. 21, 2015, Johnson possessed a muzzle loader rifle, a .410 shotgun, and a .22 rifle.

Both men were charged with three counts of receiving stolen property in connection with those firearms, which had been reported stolen by Kathy Lafferty.

Deputy Morris investigated the stolen firearms.

Christopher T. LeMaster, 26, Ernest R. LeMaster, 50, and Steven D. LeMaster, 52, of 4th Street, Ravenna and Elizabeth J. Wiseman, 46, of Richmond were named as co-defendants in a six count indictment.

Their charges are possession of a controlled sub-

stance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, and four counts of drug paraphernalia buy/possess.

The indictment says on Nov. 5, 2015 the four possessed methamphetamine, marijuana, 58 hypodermic needles used with illegal drugs, three glass pipes used with illegal drugs, six burnt metal spoons used with illegal drugs, and a digital scale used to weigh drugs.

KSP Trooper P. Powell conducted the investigation.

Anthony S. Smith, 43, Rice Station Road, was indicted on a single count of receiving stolen property over \$500, but under \$10,000. According to the indictment, Smith sold several pieces of jewelry at Cash in A Dash in Irvine on Sept. 29, 2015. The jewelry had been reported stolen by Phyllis Eldridge.

Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith investigated the case.

Jonathan Horn, 29, of Misty Hollow Road, Irvine, was named in a single count indictment. Horn was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense. The indictment say Horn possessed methamphetamine on Dec. 11, 2015.

Officer Sturniolo conducted the investigation.

Gary L. Robertson Jr. was charged in a two-count indictment for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, third of-

fense, and driving on a DUI suspended license, first offense.

Both charges are Class B misdemeanors. The case will be remanded to Estill District Court.

The indictment says that Robertson's B.A. was greater than 0.08 on Nov. 12, 2015.

Chief Smith presented the investigation to the grand jury.

Jimmy L. Fowler, 32, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine was indicted for three counts of wanton endangerment, first degree and two counts of wanton endangerment, first degree of a police officer.

The indictment states that he engaged in conduct which created substantial danger of death or physical injury to LaDonna Fowler, Jeff Fowler, a juvenile, Deputy Morris, and KSP Trooper Zach Pennington on Dec. 13, 2015.

Deputy Morris appeared before the grand jury.

John Harrison, 30, of Broadway, Irvine, was indicted in a superseding indictment. He was originally indicted on all these charges but one r.

The circuit clerk's office said that a charge of being a persistent felony offender was added to the original indictment.

Harrison's charges are assault, second degree (domestic violence) minor injury; resisting arrest, possession

of a controlled substance, second degree; promoting contraband, first degree; and second degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment states that Harrison choked Natasha Rogers on Sept. 24, 2014. One and a half packages of suboxone strips were found hidden in his wallet while he was booked at the local jail.

It adds that Harrison was previously convicted of one prior felony offense.

The investigation was conducted by Officer Sturniolo.

A four-count indictment was returned against Maggie R. Puckett, 47, of Turner Ave., Irvine.

Puckett was charged with illegal possession of a legend drug, possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and promoting contraband first degree.

The indictment says on Oct. 1, 2015, Puckett possessed a 400 mg. gabapentin, three Loritab pills, a plate with residue, a card used for crushing/chopping pills and a shortened straw used to ingest chopped pills.

It adds that she had four more Loritab pills when she was booked into the Estill County Detention Center.

Chief Smith presented the case to the grand jury.

James H. Hobbs, 28, of Wildflower Ridge, Ravenna, was indicted for reckless driving, fleeing or evading

police, first degree (motor vehicle), three counts of wanton endangerment, first degree of a police officer, wanton endangerment, first degree, and improper passing.

The indictment says Hobbs drove at 80 - 90 mph on October 30, 2015 while fleeing or evading police. It adds that he also improperly passed several vehicles.

The three police officers involved in the alleged chase were Ravenna Chief Ken White, Irvine Officer Karl Rifenburg and Irvine Chief Brad Smith.

Chief White presented the case to the grand jury.

Kenneth Caldwell Jr., 39, of S. Wynn Ave., Irvine was indicted for criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree; fraudulent use of a credit card, over \$500, under \$10,000, theft by unlawful taking or disposition of a firearm, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

According to the indictment, Caldwell wrote and cashed several checks belonging to Frances Caldwell without her permission between August 2015 through November 13, 2015.

It adds that he also used her credit car without permission.

The indictment states he took a .22 caliber rifle and a .12 gauge Remington shotgun, a diamond ring and a 14 caret gold necklace.

KSP's P. Powell investigated the alleged crimes.

Flea market owners interested in renting vacant city building

The Irvine Council went into an early closed session at Monday's meeting to discuss leasing a city owned building.

Willis Estes and Tammy McGee addressed the council separately about leasing the building for a flea market.

Estes is the current owner of Riverview Place, which is not handicapped accessible. The city's building is on one level.

Estes had a heart attack and says he is not able to move furniture to the second and third floors now.

McGee has been the owner of the Irvine Flea Market on Winchester Road for eight years. She does not own the building and must move because the state transportation

cabinet has rented the parking lot for up to two years during the construction projection.

After the closed session, the mayor announced that no action would be taken.

The council had announced plans to also go into closed session for personnel, but Mayor W.J. Noland stated that a special meeting would be called instead.

The mayor presented quotes from businesses interested in doing the city's payroll and collecting property taxes.

Several council members said they were for someone doing the payroll but were opposed to them collecting property taxes.

City Clerk Robin Powell presented some quotes on

software used for collecting property taxes. She also presented a quote for new copier leases for the clerk's office and the police department.

The council agreed to review the information and make a decision at the next council meeting.

Privilege licenses were approved for Need A Ride Cab Company and an apparel novelty store on Main Street operated by William VanWinkle.

Councilwoman Nelle Williams said she wished the council and mayor could get along better. She added that she had gotten an anonymous letter from an employee who stated he or she was afraid to come to a council meeting because he or she would be fired.

Other council members also received those letters.

Councilman Woody Tipton said he had gone to city hall Monday and asked Noland about firing city employees.

Noland was asked openly at the meeting, and he said no about firing employees.

In the past, council members have been appointed to police, fire and other committees and have met with employees of those departments. Councilman Billy Arthur suggested the council start doing that again.

Noland said he would have to think about it.

The council gave second reading to an ordinance which would allow the sale of alcoholic beverages on election days.

Ravenna Council

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Councilwoman Tina Johnson stated that some of Ravenna's streets were in poor shape.

Councilman Terry Johnson asked the council to look at buying a new cruiser.

He was told the cruisers were running okay now. Ricky Williams said that James Gross was bringing his cruiser to be looked at on Tuesday to see if it had transmission problems. It was also not heating up.

Police Chief Ken White said if the city gets another cruiser, then he would like for it to be all wheel drive to be used in the winter. Ravenna has some hilly streets. White's report for January was 61 activities.

Fire Chief David Harvey reported four activities, including trash burning on 5th Street and an accident involving a deer, just past Michael's Restaurant.

The fire department assisted in the search for a missing child on Walters Ridge and with a trailer fire in Irvine.

Former councilman Louis Officer said that cabinets for one of the new houses had broken because it was left overnight in the unheated house. He was told that will be replaced.

Salmonella Outbreak

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Taylor said that he considered closing down the restaurant that was under investigation but decided to wait until the final test results came back. He added that there is also a stomach virus going around that has the same symptoms as salmonella poisoning and that anyone that thinks they may have it must give a stool sample to be tested. He also added that salmonella poisoning can be contracted by an employee having it

and not washing their hands well or even by opening a door after someone that has it.

"It's not to epidemic proportions and I can assure the people of Estill County that we will get to the bottom of this," stated Taylor.

Environmentalist Kenny Cole could not be reached for comment on Monday but Taylor said that they will have a conference call on Wednesday morning with state health officials to discuss the final test results.

Traffic stop nets concealed weapon, drugs

An Estill County woman was arrested Friday evening after taking her daughter to gymnastics.

Someone apparently called and said the mother was observed to be passing out at Andy's Gymnastics.

After gymnastics, Amy A. Thomas, 32, of Webb Road allegedly drove into Irvine. Officer John Sturniolo located her at 101 Main Street around 7:30 p.m.

The officer said that Thomas had slurred speech, difficulty walking and stand-

ing and dialing a phone. He added that she failed field sobriety tests.

During a search, Sturniolo said that a .38 special revolver was found in Thomas' purse in the floorboard of the vehicle.

He added that she had prescriptions for oxycodone and gabapentin, but there were 46 pills missing in the oxycodone bottle and 63 in the gabapentin bottle.

He stated that Thomas was in possession of 3.5 clonazepam pills, and a cut

straw with white powder residue was in her wallet.

Sturniolo said that Thomas was read her implied consent at Marcum & Wallace Hospital, but was unable to contact her attorney.

He stated that she refused a blood draw. Her vehicle was towed, and a family member picked up Thoma's daughter.

The clonazepam, weapon, and drug paraphernalia were entered into evidence, Sturniolo said.

Thomas was charged with

driving under the influence of drugs, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance third degree, and wanton endangerment first.

She was released from custody the following day on a \$2,500 cash bond.

She will be arraigned on the charges in Estill District Court on February 17th.

Sturniolo was assisted at scene by Deputy Randy Farthing and Ravenna Police Chief Ken White.

Beattyville woman faces 12 charges

A Lee County woman faces a dozen charges after a traffic stop in Irvine early Monday morning.

Officer John Sturniolo said he observed a vehicle striking the curb on River Drive and driving down the center of the turn lane. He added the driver failed to use a turn signal as it turned into the southbound lane of KY 89 (Main Street).

The officer stated the driver, Kimberly Newman

aka Kimberly Phillips, 34, failed field sobriety tests.

Sturniolo said the K-9 Fritz alerted on the vehicle, and a bag of marijuana was located in the center console along with rolling papers and a container with white powder residue.

Newman was arrested and taken to the Estill County Detention Center. During a search at the jail, Sturniolo said that 1 600mg neuronin, 9 800mg neuronin,

and a syringe were found in Newman's bra.

The officer said that Newman was read an implied consent at Marcum & Wallace Hospital. He added that she refused to contact her attorney and the blood draw.

He added that her vehicle was towed and will be held until proper registration and insurance can be obtained.

Newman was charged with operating a motor ve-

hicle under the influence of drugs, third offense; operating on a DUI suspended license, third offense; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; expired registration; failure of non-owner to maintain insurance; failure to use signal; failure to use seat belt; reckless driving; promoting contraband; illegal possession of a legend drug (neuronin); and improper turning.

Estill Co. Sheriff Dept.

One person was injured in a one vehicle accident on Little Doe Creek on Thursday, Feb. 4.

Deputy Randy Farthing said that James Sparks of Little Doe Creek was traveling east when he apparently lost control of his vehicle, a 1995 Honda Civic. The vehicle left the roadway, struck a fence, a tree, and went over an earthen embankment.

Sparks was transported by Estill EMS to Marcum & Wallace Hospital. His vehicle was severely damaged in the front.

Rachel Richardson of Glyn Court, Irvine was arrested in the roadway on Feb. 5 by Deputy Farthing. She was charged with Alcohol intoxication.

Tara Fox and William Fox, both of Winchester Road, Irvine, were arrested February 6 by Deputy Farthing. They were each charged with assault fourth degree domestic violence, minor injuries, public intoxication, and endangering the welfare of a minor. The citation states there were two minor children in the house, which had no heat. The outside temperature was 25 degrees.