

Grand jury returns nine indictments

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On November 10, 2015, the indictment states that Alcorn created a grave risk of death and caused serious physical injury to her infant daughter. Then, it says she did not tell paramedics and hospital staff what she had given to her daughter.

It adds that she took klonopin pills from her mother.

The investigation was conducted by KSP Detective M. Keeton.

Kenneth P. Stepp, 37, of Estill Acres, Irvine and Jeffrey Henry, 33, of Woodland Estates, Irvine, were charged

as co-defendants in promoting contraband, first degree.

The two men allegedly had a cell phone on January 13, 2016 while they were inmates in the Estill County Detention Center.

Henry is also charged with being a second degree persistent felony offender.

Glenn Carroll of the Estill County Sheriff's Office presented the investigation to the grand jury.

Mark D. Durbin, 53, of North Madison, Irvine, was indicted on charges of assault fourth degree (domestic violence) minor injury, fleeing or evading police,

1st degree on foot), assault, third degree, police or probation officer, assault third degree, police or probation officer, and resisting arrest.

The indictment says on January 23, 2016, Durbin caused physical injury to his daughter but immediately fled the scene. It says he attempted to cause physical injury to Officers John Sturniolo and James Gross.

James Coffey, 29, of Riddle Clem Road, Irvine, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

The indictment states that Coffey had a baggie of heroin, a glass meth pipe and syringes on January 13, 2016.

KSP Trooper C. Royal was the investigating officer.

Shannon Kirby, 32, and Ashley Kirby, 30, were named as co-defendants in an indictment charged them with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and prescription controlled substance not in proper container first offense.

The indictment says the couple had one oxycodone in their possession on Janu-

ary 16, 2016.

Trooper Royal was also the investigating officer in this case.

An indictment charged Eunice Diane Burton, 42, of Morefield Road, Ravenna with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense. It states that she had one oxycodone pill in her possession on Sept. 2, 2015.

Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith conducted the investigation.

Ashley M. David, 23, of Bertha Wallace Drive, Irvine, was indicted for operating a motor vehicle under the in-

fluence of alcohol or drugs on January 20, 2016. She is also charged with wanton endangerment, first degree. The indictment says she created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to her daughter.

Other charges against David include the illegal possession of a legend drug (gabapentin), failure of the owner to maintain required insurance, reckless driving, and disorderly conduct, second (cursing and yelling in the middle of the road).

Officer Sturniolo was the investigating officer.

A busy week for the Irvine Police Department

A Richmond man faces a dozen charges, including drug related ones, following a one-car collision Friday evening.

Officer Sturniolo said that Lawrence Smith, 34, was unsteady on his feet and displayed heavy HGN in his eyes.

The officer stated that Smith had in his possession one 30mg oxycodone, three one mg. klonzepam, 16 600mg gabapentin, one fentanyl patch, and two syringes, one of which was filled with an unknown liquid.

Smith reportedly refused medical treatment at the arrest scene on River Drive. The citation states that his vehicle had struck a mail box at 301 Main Street in Ravenna and drove away.

The citation states that Smith attempted to contact his attorney but passed out. He was treated due to his unconsciousness.

The Irvine officer said that Smith ingested the evidence (drugs) at the scene. A plastic bag was reportedly found in his mouth at the emergency room.

Sturniolo stated that Smith became unruly with

the hospital staff after becoming conscious.

According to the citation, Smith had a prescription for 45 20 mg. oxycodone filled that day but only had four pills left.

Smith was charged with driving under the influence of drugs, failure of non owner to maintain insurance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance first degree (oxycodone), possession of a controlled substance, third degree (klonazepam), possession of a legend drug (gabapentin), possession of a controlled substance first degree (fentanyl), reckless driving, expired registration, leaving scene of an accident, tampering with physical evidence, and disorderly conduct.

• A Church Street resident was arrested for drug possession on Saturday, March 26 by Captain Adrian McKinney following a disturbance in the street.

McKinney went to 113 Church Street in reference to two females arguing in the street.

The citation states as the police captain tried to gain control of the scene that

Troy Dustin Fugate, 22, of the above address, came out onto his front porch.

A female mentioned Fugate's name, and he began yelling and cursing, the citation states.

Fugate was told to go back inside his home and be quiet, but he continued his disorderly actions, according to the citation.

McKinney said that Fugate's girlfriend pushed him inside the house as the police captain attempted to arrest him. The officer stated he found Fugate inside the house and arrested him.

The citation states that Fugate had a pill bottle in his left front pants pocket with half of a white tablet inside. Fugate told McKinney that it was suboxone, and he had no prescription for it.

Fugate was charged with disorderly conduct, second degree, and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

• An Estill woman was arrested last Wednesday after she allegedly struck a licensed nurse practitioner.

Officer John Sturniolo arrested Jerri Meshell Sneed, 28, of South Irvine Road and charged her with assault

third degree of a doctor, possession of drug paraphernalia, promoting contraband first degree, and possession of a legend drug.

The citation states that Sneed pushed Donna Isfort, APRN, at the Estill Medical Clinic.

It adds that Sneed had approximately 21 predasone pills in her wallet wrapped in a plastic bag. A needle (syringe) and a pill bottle of urine was hidden in her bra. The citation states that Sneed was attempting to submit the urine during a drug test.

She reportedly told the officer the urine belonged to her neighbor. She added that she had smoked marijuana and would not pass the drug screen.

Sneed pleaded not-guilty to the four charges in Estill District Court on Friday. Judge William Leach set April 4 as the date for her preliminary hearing.

Bail for Sneed was set at \$25,000. If released, she is to have no contact with Isfort or Estill Medical Clinic.

• Two bench warrants were served Monday, March 28 by IPD Officer Sam Hensley on Steven Fergu-

son, Dry Branch Road, Irvine.

• Lafayette D. Rader, 46, of Lexington was charged with alcohol intoxication and menacing.

The citation states that Rader was at the Mt. Crest Apartments on Saturday, March 26 where he had been drinking beer all day. He wanted to be around to go to church, but he told the officer he overslept at Apartment #279.

According to the citation, Rader then went to Apartment #278 where he directed his anger toward his nephew.

Rader was charged by IPD Officer John Sturniolo with alcohol intoxication and menacing.

• Bobby Dawes, 47, of Hunting Club Road, Irvine, was arrested Saturday for leaving the scene of a wreck approximately 24 hours earlier.

Dawes was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, and expired registration by Officer Sturniolo.

• A bench warrant was served from Powell County on Jaqueline Neal, 27, of Stanton by Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith.

• Phillip Cox, 6th Street, Ravenna was arrested Friday, March 25 by Officer Sturniolo on charges of domestic violence (no visible injuries) and public intoxication.

The officer said that Cox was located on the front

porch of his residence just after midnight. Cox reportedly told police that he had grabbed his wife's arm during the argument.

The officer stated that Cox displayed HGN in both eyes. His wife told the officer that Cox has been using drugs heavily the last few months (suboxone and percoets).

• Eddie W. Creech, 48, of Kirkland Ave., Irvine was arrested Thursday night at his residence on traffic related offenses.

Officer Sturniolo said that Creech had a bent registration plate and would not stop his vehicle. He traveled approximately one-quarter mile to his residence.

Creech told the officer that his driver's license was suspended back in the 1980s due to driving under the influence.

Creech was charged with no operators license, improper registration plate, and fleeing or evading, second (vehicle).

• Capt. Adrian McKinney served two bench warrants on Erville J. Townsend, 31, of Irvine on March 23.

Townsend was indicted in Estill County during 2015 for the theft of mail matter.

The second warrant states that Townsend was found guilty in Estill District Court of failure to wear seat belts and failure of owner to maintain required insurance. He allegedly failed to pay restitution. Judge Leach set his bail at \$130.35 cash.

Police Pursuit

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He added the driver refused to get on the ground and refused to obey his commands. He said the driver smelled of alcohol, had slurred speech and difficulty walking. Police physically subdued the driver.

Jeremy Allen Barnes, 29, of Glory Street, Irvine, was taken to Marcum and Wallace Hospital. He reportedly refused to call a lawyer and also refused blood work.

Sturniolo said an orange suboxone tablet was found in the watch pocket of Barnes' jeans.

Barnes was charged with reckless driving, speed 26 miles or greater over the limit, operating on a suspended operators license, fleeing or evading police in motor vehicle, two counts of wanton endangerment, two counts of wanton endangerment of a police officer, operating a vehicle under the influence, resisting arrest, and possession of a controlled substance.

Bail for Barnes was set at \$20,000 cash. He was arraigned on March 23. A preliminary hearing was set for April 4.

Court records indicate that Barnes was arrested while he had an offense pending.

IPD arrests 6 for hiding fugitives

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Begley was charged with hindering prosecution or apprehension and fleeing/evading second degree (on foot).

Gary Rogers, 48, of Richmond, and Travis Cox, 23, McKee Road, Irvine, were each charged with hindering prosecution or apprehension, second.

Their citations state they attempted to hide Hall and Rose in the bedroom to avoid arrests.

A bench warrant from Es-

till Circuit Court was served on Crouch by Chief Smith.

Circuit Judge Michael Dean issued the warrant saying that Crouch has failed to abide by MCR conditions. Crouch was placed in a diversion program in Sept. 2015 after she was charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Judge Dean stated that Crouch could not make bail on the bench warrant.



Children lined up by the park fence and patiently waited until the horn sounded so they could start hunting eggs Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna.

Resident asked council to fix holes in her back yard

Louise Holbrook, a Main Street resident, sat quietly through the Irvine Council meeting on Monday waiting to address the council about two issues.

Before she addressed the council, Councilwoman Nelle Williams mentioned an article in *Kentucky Cities* recommending how citizens were to address the council and for how long.

The article suggested that citizens be limited to one topic and no more than ten minutes. It also recommended they call ahead to be placed on the agenda.

Holbrook stated that she was not sure then that she would be allowed to address the council. She was assured the city had not adopted those regulations.

She asked if she could get a copy of the city's financial statements.

"I'd like to know where my (tax) money is spent," she stated.

Councilman Tim Burkhardt said council members had received a quarterly financial report at the last meet-

ing. He said the revenues versus expenses are looking very good, and the city is in the black.

They assured Holbrook that she could receive a copy of the financial report.

Holbrook said she and her neighbors had a problem in their backyards with a storm sewer.

"My yard is coming full of holes," she said.

She put concrete in one hole and set a bird bath on it. She put down pieces of wood and set a swing on it. Another place, she put down bricks and set flower pots on it, but they sank.

"It's going to eat my yard up," she stated.

She added that she was afraid her grandchildren would fall into a hole.

"I'd like it fixed before my yard is eaten up," she stated.

Holbrook addressed the council a few years ago about a storm drainage problem in her backyard.

Councilman Tobo Bryant said he used to crawl through the concrete storm sewer when he was a young boy.

He stated that he thinks it has fallen in.

City Clerk Robin Powell presented quotes for insurance to the council members. The new plan will not go into effect until May 1.

She said the new auditors came to city hall last week.

The council accepted a gift from an anonymous source to pay for flags for the Mushroom Festival. Powell said she would order them on Tuesday.

Bryant said the city thanked the anonymous donor very much.

Powell presented a page from a 1997 personnel policy that employee Lloyd Shuler had in reference to employees taking four hours if they were sick.

"Most places do have a half day or a whole (sick) day," Burkhardt stated.

City attorney Rodney Davis asked the council to table the issue until he could research the city ordinance and minutes to make sure it passed.

Police Chief Brad Smith said he has sent letters to

property owners who need to clean up their properties.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy stated the fire department will clean the streets before the festival. He also stated the hydrants needed flushed by the water company because they have sediment in them.

Councilwoman Janice Bush asked if a new owner of Rockhouse Restaurant would have to apply for a liquid license.

Chief Smith said the licenses are not transferable, but the licenses are up for renewal on April 1 anyway.

Mayor W.J. Noland presented a building ordinance to the council which is like what Madison and Clark counties have, and is up to the latest code.

Davis took the ordinance to look at it, but he said he thinks it is the same ordinance the council updated the electrical part a few months ago.

The mayor said he had received a quote of \$5,000 for work in Rising Park. The bidder is insured.