

Irvine Police arrests 14 in drug busts

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Danny Bledsoe, 49, of 325 Jacqueline Court, was arrested by Officer Sturniolo at his residence and charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (methamphetamine).

The citation states that Bledsoe drove another person to make a controlled drug buy earlier on June 2. It adds that he had two other people in the vehicle when the meth was sold for \$40.

Bledsoe's bond was set at \$10,000 cash. The transaction was recorded both on video and audio, the citation states.

A bench warrant was also served on Bledsoe. It was issued because Bledsoe is allegedly in contempt for nonpayment of child support.

On Friday night of June 3, two persons were arrested at 103 Chestnut Street, trailer number 2. One of those arrested was Victoria Erin Neal, 32, the occupant of the trailer.

She was charged by Officer Sturniolo with trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree (suboxone) and trafficking in marijuana less than eight ounces.

A citation states that she sold suboxone pills and marijuana cigarettes to a confidential informant on one occasion. Then at a second time, she allegedly sold suboxone strips and marijuana cigarettes.

She reportedly received \$25 for each suboxone and \$5 for each marijuana cigarette.

Neal was released from custody on a \$3,500 cash bond. She will be arraigned on July 20 in Estill District Court.

While IPD was executing the search warrant at Neal's residence, they say that Larry Alan Riddell, 41, of Dreyfus Road, Waco, drove up to Neal's trailer.

Officers said they noticed that Riddell was acting suspicious so they questioned him. The citation states that Riddell was attempting to purchase narcotics and he stated

that he was an addict.

IPD searched Riddell and said they located a scale, a needle, pill container, and enough cash to buy a pill. Riddell was charged by Chief Smith with drug paraphernalia and attempt to traffic in a controlled substance, second degree.

Bail for Riddell was set at \$650 cash.

Rodney Shane Hix, 39, of Hix Lane, Irvine and Tamika Leah McDonald, 45, of Beattyville were arrested Friday night, June 3 at the Main and Third Streets in Ravenna.

A citation states that Hix sold methamphetamine to another male in the parking lot of Meade's on River Drive earlier that evening. The transaction was reportedly caught on surveillance video.

The citation by Officer Sturniolo said the meth was sold for \$110 which was recovered at the scene. The citation adds that Hix had a bag of syringes in the vehicle.

There were also two small children in the back seat of the vehicle during the drug transaction, stated the police officer.

Hix was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and unlawful transaction with a minor.

Bail for Hix was set at \$10,000 cash.

McDonald was also arrested on the same three charges. Her bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

Two people were arrested at 1100 Winchester Road, Apartment #4 on Friday afternoon.

The occupant of the apartment, Seab Anglin, 72, was charged by Officer Sturniolo with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree (lortab).

The citation states that Anglin sold five 7.5 mg lortab pills to a confidential informant for \$40.00 on May 29 at his apartment.

Officer Sturniolo stated that Anglin had \$1,438.37 in his possession at the time of

his arrest.

Anglin has been released from custody on a \$2,500 cash bond. He will be arraigned on July 20.

Garry Dwight Collett II, 43, was at Anglin's apartment and IPD also arrested him.

Officer Sam Hensley wrote in the citation that Collett was acting nervous when police knocked on Anglin's door.

The officer said that Collett was being checked for weapons when Collett pulled a pill container from his pocket. Hensley stated that Collett told him he had the proper containers in his vehicle.

Officer Hensley said when Collett opened the trunk of his vehicle, he observed a plastic bag containing numerous pills. The officer stated the pills were packaged in common street sales fashion. He identified the pills as lortab and klonopin.

Collett was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (lortab) and trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree (klonopin).

Collett was released on a \$2,500 cash bond. He is scheduled to be arraigned on June 15.

On Saturday night, June 4, 26 year old Bradley W. Brandenburg was arrested at his home on New Fox Road, Irvine.

Officer Sturniolo charged Brandenburg with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (methamphetamine) and complicity to traffic in a controlled substance (also methamphetamine).

The citation states that Brandenburg took another male to a residence to traffic in methamphetamine on May 28. The officer said the transaction was successful. Sturniolo said that Brandenburg then traded Neurontin with the dealer for methamphetamine. The transactions were recorded by IPD on a video and audio.

Bail for Brandenburg is \$2,500 cash.

Lloyd Cain, 20, of Richmond and Gerald

Brandon Johnson, 28, of 204 Scott Court, Irvine were charged with hindering prosecution/apprehension second degree on Saturday night, June 4.

Officer Sturniolo said that Cain was at 510 Sweet Lick when IPD was attempting to serve an arrest warrant on another person.

The citation states that Cain told IPD the wanted male was at the residence but had since left.

IPD said the officers located the wanted man in the rear bedroom with another male.

Cain was released on custody on a \$650 surety bond. His charge is a misdemeanor. He will be arraigned in Estill District Court on July 20.

Cain reportedly told the officers that he did not know why he lied to them.

Deputy J. Daniel Smith said that when he arrived, he said the male the arrest warrant was on ran towards the back of the trailer.

He said when he went to the back room, he found Johnson hiding behind a recliner in the corner. He said a continued search found the other male in a pile of clothes.

Johnson was released from custody on a \$650 surety bond. He will be arraigned in Estill District Court on July 20. Court records say that Johnson was arrested on a new offense while he had a case pending.

Jeremiah S. Hix, 35, of 207 Fifth Street, Ravenna and Carrie M. Estes, 33, of 325 Eades Drive, Irvine were arrested by IPD on Monday, June 6 on Hood Avenue. They were each charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (methamphetamine).

Hix's arrest warrant said he sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant working for the Irvine Poolice Department for \$40.00 on June 1.

Estes' citation states that she was with Hix during the controlled buy.

Police Activity Log

During the past week, the Irvine Police Department served indictment warrants on Amy S. Fauste, Brian Dixon, Travis Cooper, Jeremy Barnes, Sherman D. Collins, and Jeffrey A. Twist.

A list of those indictments were in last week's edition of the Estill County Tribune.

A bench warrant was also served June 6 on Dixon by Sgt. Mike Gross. The warrant was signed by District Judge Bo Leach, and the charge is listed as testing post for oxycodone on 2-15-16.

Brenda Brandenburg of Sandhill Road reported a break-in of an outbuilding at 126 Patsy Road on May 30. Brandenburg is the caretaker of the Patsy Road property.

Someone had pried the lock off the outbuilding and removed a riding lawn mower, a commercial weedeater and a hedge trimmer.

Deputy J. Daniel Smith is investigating the burglary.

A two-vehicle collision with injuries occurred on June 1 on White Oak Road, about two miles north of Irvine.

Derrick L. Burns of Leighton Road, Irvine was driving on White Oak Road toward Dry Branch Road when he apparently merged into the oncoming lane of travel.

Deputy Smith said that Burns' vehicle collided with a Chevy cavalier driven by Mason L. Short of White Oak Road.

Two passengers in Short's vehicle were transported by ambulance to be checked out for minor injuries. They were identified as James M. Reed and Tanah Chandler.

A Wall Street man has been charged with being nude on the bypass.

Deputy Smith was dispatched to the bypass around 1:40 a.m. on June 1 to investigate a nude man hitchhiking. Smith's report said he found the naked man on the side of the road.

Jacob Harrison was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance and indecent exposure.

Harrison told the deputy that he was partying with inmates under the bridge and decided he wanted to go home. He also told the deputy that he had used "speed and weed."

Trina Begley, 36, of Kirkland Ave., Irvine was charged with shoplifting under \$500 on June 5 by IPD Sgt. Mike Gross.

The citation states that she had several items in her purse in an attempt to take them without paying. She was at the Family Dollar on Winchester Road.

James Zachary Garrett, 30, of O'Possum Run Road, Irvine was charged May 29 by KSP Trooper Z. Pennington with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and drug paraphernalia.

The citation states that Garrett was a passenger in a vehicle in which the trooper made a traffic stop on. During a search, the trooper located needles and a small pill container in Garrett's pants pockets. The citation says the pill container had a baggie of meth.

Garrett's bond was set at \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 property. Garrett was arraigned June 1 where he pleaded not-guilty. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for June 15.

Jeffrey S. McQueen, 31, of Glyn Court, Irvine, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, third offense, driving on a DUI suspended license, first offense, and possession of a controlled substance.

Deputy J. Daniel Smith was dispatched to the intersection of Old KY 52 and KY 52 around 2:21 a.m. on Friday, June 3 because a vehicle was stopped at that location for 10 minutes and the driver was passed out.

He said that McQueen was difficult to wake up and failed field sobriety tests. McQueen was taken to the hospital for a blood draw but the staff was unable to draw his blood. The citation states McQueen had four naloxone pills in his pocket in an unmarked bottle.

His bond is set at \$1,000 cash.



The Estill County Farmers Market opened for the season Friday at 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The market will open each Friday at the fairgrounds at 4 p.m. Above, Robin Reed of Rosses Creek set up at the farmers' market. He had log grown mushrooms (shiitake), assorted greens, and sweet potato slips. Others at the market had pork products, strawberries, rabbits, plants, fresh baked breads, and much more.



Michelle Osborne brought her four sons and her nephew with her to the farmers market on Friday. They stopped to get free ice cream. A different family oriented activity is planned for each day the farmers market is open. This Friday will be the market's grand opening day. Miss Whitney from the library will be there on June 17th for storytime and Fathers' Day Crafts. She will also be there on July 8 to organize an All American Kids Parade.

School Board met Tuesday

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Saylor announced the board's attorney, Jerry Gilbert, resigned effective the day of the board meeting.

Until a new attorney is hired, Saylor said the school board can rely on the Kentucky School Board Association for a few days or can pick up an attorney on a retainer fee.

Saylor's new superintendent coach, Dr. Fred Carr, was present when Saylor presented his Capstone Project, a power point presentation of his first year as superintendent.

"He's been a role model for other new superintendents in the state," said Dr. Carr.

Saylor has attended 19 days of training. In addition, he is serving as president of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.