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## One flown to hospital after apartment fire



Firefighters quickly knocked down an apartment fire at Stacy Lane on Monday. The apartments are close to the county fire station.

The Estill County Fire Department was called to an apartment fire at Stacy Lane Apartments around 1:37 p.m. on Monday.

"It was just up the road (from the fire department)" said Chief Derrick Muncy.

Upon arrival, Muncy said there was heavy smoke and fire coming from a lower apartment at the unit farthest from Richmond Road.

"We began battling the fire," he stated. That's when the fire department quickly learned that someone was possibly inside.

The firefighters made entry into the apartment and found a male victim laying in the floor.

The male was taken by Estill County EMS to Marcum & Wallace Hospital. The victim was then airlifted to UK Medical Center. Muncy said he heard later the man was then transferred to UofL Hospital.

Muncy said the fire was contained to that one apartment.

The upstairs apartment over the burned

one had a lot of black smoke damage to its ceiling.

Muncy stated the firefighters took out the ceiling of the second story apartment to make sure there were no flames in the ceiling.

The burned apartment is part of a four-plex, which share electrical wires. Electricity was disconnected to all four apartments until the wiring can be inspected for safety.

The four families in the four-plex were displaced. Muncy said the Red Cross was contacted to help those families.

Because the building is a commercial building, Muncy said he is required to call Kentucky State Police to investigate.

He added that state police will also be called when someone gets burned.

State police are still investigating the cause of the fire.

The condition of the male victim was not known at press time. His name was also not made public.

## Estill grand jury returns 5 indictments

Five indictments were returned Dec. 5 by the Estill County Grand Jury.

Brian Edward Hall, 45, of Cantrill Street, Irvine was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol).

The indictment states that Hall had 22 amphetamine salt pills in his possession on July 8.

Irvine Officer Colton Lewis was the investigating officer.

Anthony C. Thacker, 32, of Beattyville, was indicted on eight charges, including failure of non-owner

to maintain required insurance, six counts of first degree and first offense, and first degree criminal mischief.

The indictment says on April 1, 2016, Thacker created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to Hilary Bledsoe by striking her vehicle with his vehicle.

The same day, the indictment says that Thacker created a substantial danger of death or serious risk to five others, including Wallace Taylor, Sky Greene, Karla Williams, Angela Campbell, and Michelle Carswell.

According to the indictment, Thacker wantonly

damaged Bledsoe's 2016 Hyundai Elantra.

KSP Trooper Nick Brumbach investigated the case.

Linda L. Hamm, 47, of Rockaway Road, Irvine, was indicted for theft by unlawful taking - \$10,000 or more.

According to the indictment, she was employed by Cash in a Dash between June 1, 2015 and January 30, 2017. The indictment says that she took \$71,203.35 from the business for her own use.

Jeffrey S. Rose, 52, of South Irvine Road was charged by indictment with first degree bail jumping.

The indictment says that

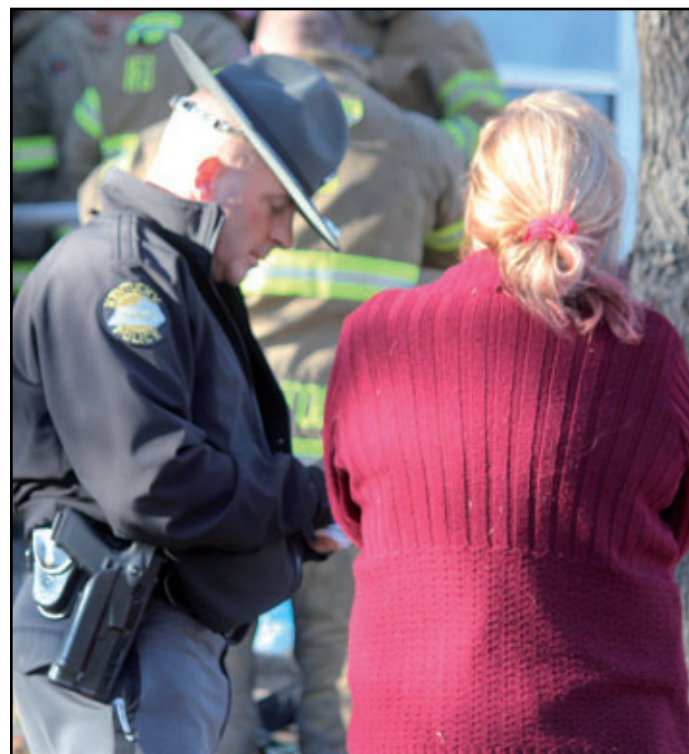
Rose was released from custody with or without bail. It adds that he intentionally failed to appear in Estill District Court on Sept. 22, 2017.

Circuit Judge Michael Dean issued a warrant for Rose's arrest. Det. Joie Peters conducted the investigation.

Michael D. Miller was indicted for theft by deception - \$10,000 or more and being a persistent felony offender in the second degree.

Between March and May 3, 2017, the indictment states that Rebecca Lytle had given Miller a credit card for him to make certain purchases.

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A Kentucky State Trooper interviewed a resident of Stacy Lane Apartments (above photo).



The children "rented" for Christmas played games during Sunday's production of "The Rented Christmas" by River City Players.

## Chris Pasley is first from Estill to make All-State Symphony Band

The band program at Estill County High School continues to excel in regional and statewide performances and the band has reached another milestone with the first ever Estill band member being picked to the All-State Symphony Band.

Estill junior trumpet player Christopher Pasley auditioned for the Kentucky All-State Band this past weekend and not only made the band but was named to the elite All-State Symphony Band.

Over 1000 high school musicians gathered at John Hardin High School in Radcliff, Kentucky, on Saturday, December 9, 2017, to compete for a coveted chair in the prestigious All State Band event.

Nearly 200 of these students were trumpet players, auditioning for one of the 32 available positions. Students were required to perform two prepared pieces, sight read, and play major scales, chosen by the judges, in a live audition setting.

After a very successful audition, Chris was named 5th chair in the All State Symphonic Band. Only the top 12 trumpet players in the state are awarded a spot in this top band (20 are chosen for the bottom Concert Band).

Not only did Chris earn a chair in the top band, he was named the 5th best trumpet player in the state of Kentucky! Estill band director Jason Bowles said, "This is yet another milestone for the music program here in Estill County, and an truly remarkable achievement for Chris."

In the history of participation in All State Band auditions, Estill County has had seven students make these bands (all time), but no student in Estill County High School history, has been named to the All State Symphonic Band!

This is the highest ranking position ever held for an Estill County Band member. Christopher will be performing with the All State Symphonic Band at the Kentucky Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference at the Kentucky Center for the Arts (Louisville) in February.

Estill's marching band competed in the state finals for the 4th straight year in 2017 and received their second Runner-Up trophy after having been state champion for two straight years.

Trumpeter Christopher Davis "Chris" Pasley is the son of Tina and Byron Pasley. He has been play-



All-State Symphony Band member Chris Pasley

ing drums since he was five years old but didn't play the trumpet until he entered the Estill band program. He has been in the Estill band for six years.

Although Chris admits that it takes a whole lot of individual work with the trumpet, he gives credit to Bowles and one of the band

assistants, Alex Britton.

The Estill band program overall gets a tremendous amount of support from parents, band boosters and the school system that has made it possible to have additional assistants in the program.

"Congratulations, Chris," adds Bowles, "On your stellar accomplishment!"

### Obituaries

Virgil Ben Barnett, 88

Jeweldena Tipton Carroll, 88 (Memorial Service)

Amber Hail, 38

John Lunsford, 56

Jackie Plowman, 61

Richard Reeves, 72

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New Obits at EstillTribune.com

### Fireman files lawsuit against clerk & Irvine

The city of Irvine has been named in a lawsuit, along with its city clerk/treasurer, Robin Powell. Powell was named both individually and in her capacity as city clerk/treasurer.

The lawsuit was filed by Christopher Mitchell, a former full time fire fighter for the city.

Mitchell was hired as a fire fighter in 2005. He quit working for the city after an injury last December.

According to the lawsuit, Mitchell had several insurance policies with premiums deducted from his paychecks. The insurance policies provided benefits in the form of lost benefits and certain medical payments.

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