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IPD rounds up three alleged drug dealers

The Irvine Police Department rounded up three alleged drug dealers over the weekend.

Two females and a male were arrested in three separate incidents at their homes, where the alleged drug transactions occurred.

Those arrested were Sue Collett, 58, of 104 Bluebird Lane, Irvine; Ricky Westerfield, 35, of 113 Oak Street, Irvine; and Sara Hall, 36, of 2600 Stacy Lane, Apartment #203.

Collett was arrested around 8:30 on Friday night. She was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (loratab); and two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance third degree (xanax and attex).

Her citation states that she sold loratabs

and xanax to a confidential informant on two separate occasions. It adds that she attempted to sell muscle relaxers on a different date and time.

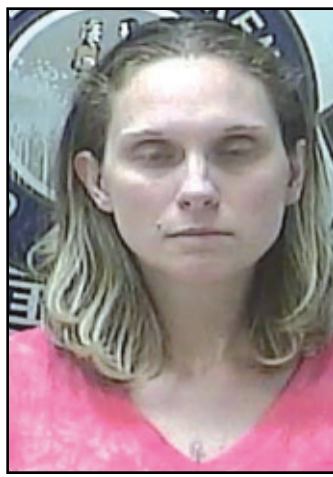
Westerfield was arrested around 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. He was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree (methamphetamine); trafficking/sale of a simulated controlled substance, first degree; trafficking in a controlled substance, first (methamphetamine - conspiracy) and unlawful transaction with a minor/controlled substance.

The citation states that Westerfield sold methamphetamine and a simulated controlled substance to a confidential informant. It adds that he conspired to sell meth to a confidential informant.

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Sue Collett



Sara Hall



Ricky Westerfield

Ravenna Council debates SRO contract and officer

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

Tension was high among council members in Ravenna on Monday night and Mayor Estine Tipton struggled to keep the meeting in order as the council discussed the School Resource Officer and the contract between the school system and the city of Ravenna.

Councilman William Van Cleve had asked the topic to be put on the agenda due to the contract being up for renewal in July. He said according to his estimate and the way the contract reads that the city of Ravenna is not getting what they pay for.

He would like to see the school board pay an additional \$10,000 towards the SRO's salary. In that contract it states that the officer is to work 180 days for the school and 80 days in Ravenna. The school district pays 52 percent of his salary and the city

pays 48 percent.

Councilwoman Sharon Snowden spoke against the resource officer and said that it was nothing personal against the officer but she felt like he was not doing what he needed to be doing as far as working the days that were agreed upon for the city.

"I live on Main Street and I never see him up here unless it's payday," added Snowden.

Councilwoman Amy Crowe asked why they would not want to do something to benefit the students of the county.

"That's not our responsibility. Our responsibility is to Ravenna as a whole," replied Snowden.

Van Cleve said that other cities that he knew of did not pay a penny for the officer. He said that the resource officer in Stanton was contracted through the sheriff's department and that the Powell

County school district pays for 100 percent of his salary.

He also questioned how the contract could've already been signed until the year 2020 without the council's knowledge.

Mayor Tipton replied that the new contract had been signed but Michael Gross had a potential job offer and could be leaving and that would void the contract. Van Cleve said that was not true because it doesn't list Gross specifically in the contract. It just states an officer employed by the city of Ravenna.

"I just feel like the tax money we take in should be spent on a return for the city," added Snowden.

Councilwoman Beverly Thompson said that one way to increase revenue for the city would be for the council members to take a reduction in their monthly pay.

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Scouts Earns Eagle Awards



Anthony Holder, son of Tony and Joyce Thomas, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Boy Scouts Troop 144.



Dalton Goolman also received his Eagle Scout award on Sunday. Dalton is also a Boy Scout with Troop 144.

Two Boy Scouts from Troop 144 were awarded with Eagle Scout honors during a ceremony Sunday at Providence Baptist Church.

The Scouts were Dalton Goolman, son of Brad and Melissa Goolman, and Anthony Holder, son of Tony and Joyce Thomas.

Holder became a Cub Scout in Pack 144 when he was six years old, and Goolman joined Pack 82. Holder will be a junior at Estill County High School next year, and Goolman will enter his freshman year.

In the years between being a Cub Scout and reaching the Eagle Scout rank, the young men worked for and achieved many Scouting awards.

The young men worked jointly on a community service project which is required to reach the Eagle Scout rank. Their project was re-building the outdoor classroom at Estill County High School.

Brad Goolman said he remembered the outdoor classroom when he was a student at the school. It had become overgrown.

The young men split duties on the outdoor classroom. Holder worked on the classroom itself, while Goolman worked on the bridge which crosses a small creek.

They didn't do all the work themselves. To qualify for the Eagle award, the teens must work with and supervise other troop members on the project.

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Kennedy Riddell and Landon Coomer at ECMS Spring Fling, "An Evening in Paris"



ECHS Class of '17 Events

**May 12
Graduation Walk
ECMS at 8:30
West Irvine at 9
South at 9:30
Estill Springs at 10**

May 13 -- Prom

May 14 -- Flo party

**May 15 -- Baccalaureate at 6
Honors Night at 7**

May 17 -- Graduation @ 7:30

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**New Obits at
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County to continue to maintain Mt. Springs Road

Following a public hearing to close a portion of Mountain Springs Road, the Estill Fiscal Court voted unanimously on Thursday to keep maintaining the road.

Kevin and Rebecca Moes, property owners, had petitioned the fiscal court to end a half-mile of maintenance on the road.

"This is a dead-end road on our property," Kevin Moes told a packed courtroom "The dead-end is in the middle of our property."

"It is our property," he added. "It is our back yard."

Rebecca Moes stated that few parties live beyond where the road ends.

"I don't understand why the road would be a pass-way," she stated.

Kevin Moes stated the couple was not stopping anyone who owned property past their place.

After the couple petitioned the fiscal court to quit maintaining the one-

half mile, the county's road committee visited the road and recommended ending county maintenance but keeping the road open as a public passway.

Mark Kirby was the first person asking the fiscal court to keep maintaining the road. Kirby said he was an attorney representing the Southern 4-Wheel Drive Association.

He argued that closing the road would result in an inconvenience to property

owners beyond the point and would impact recreation and tourism.

"There are some folks who actually need this road," he said.

Kirby also stated that keeping the road open was necessary for first responders. He added that state police come down the road for emergencies.

Powell County Judge/Executive James D. Anderson Jr. expressed his opposition to ending county main-

tenance on the road.

"This road has and continues to be a vital transportation artery for Powell and Estill counties, as well as any tourist or traveler who visits either county," he read from a prepared statement.

"(This road) serves numerous cemeteries, historical/archaeological sites, private land holder's access to property and to all citizens who wish to travel it," he stated.

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