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## IPD arrests 4 for trafficking in meth



Tyler Turpin



James Sparks Jr.



James Sparks Sr.



Charles C. Webb

Four men were arrested for trafficking in methamphetamine at 236 Rosebud Street, Irvine during the evening hours of Friday, May 26 by Irvine Sgt. John Sturniolo.

They were identified as Tyler Wayne Turpin, 25, of Barnes Mtn. Road, Irvine; James Sparks Jr., 41, of Little Doe Creek, Irvine; James Sparks Sr., 60, of Little Doe Creek, Irvine; and Charles C. Webb, 44, a resident at 236 Rosebud Street, Irvine.

The citation states that Turpin was paid to drive the three other men to Richmond to purchase methamphetamine. It adds that approximately five grams of methamphetamine were recovered.

The police sergeant said that Sparks Sr. had purchased approximately five grams of methamphetamine.

He added that Sparks Jr. split up the large bag of meth-

amphetamine into smaller bags. He then distributed it to the other men in the vehicle.

Sparks Sr.'s citation states that he had three packets of methamphetamine hidden in his shoe.

Webb allegedly purchased methamphetamine from another man in the vehicle. Sgt. Sturniolo said that Webb had a packet of methamphetamine hidden in his left sock.

Webb's citation states that Webb had been in a controlled drug buy.

Turpin pled not-guilty to trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, and first offense during his arraignment on May 31.

Turpin's bail was set at \$30,000 cash.

Sparks Sr. pled not-guilty to trafficking and possession of a controlled substance when he was arraigned. His bond was set at \$20,000 cash.

Sparks Jr. pled not guilty to a trafficking charge and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The citation states that a syringe was located next to his left leg in the vehicle. His bail information was not available.

Webb was charged with both trafficking and possession of a controlled substance, as well as possession of drug paraphernalia. The

citation states the syringe in the vehicle was also found next to Webb.

Webb pleaded not-guilty to the three charges. Webb's bail was set at \$30,000 cash.

The men are scheduled to return to court for preliminary hearings on June 7.

Court records said that Turpin, Sparks Sr., and Webb were arrested on new charges while other offenses were pending.

## River City Players gets \$200,000 grant to clean up lead and asbestos



The River City Players purchased the Mack Theatre building in 2016, applied for a brownfields grant and received it for \$200,000 to clean up lead paint and asbestos. File Photo

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected Estill County 21st Century, Inc. for a brownfields cleanup grant.

The hazardous substance grant funds of \$200,000 will be used to clean up the Mack Theatre at 114 Main Street, Irvine.

The building was formerly a livery stable, a steam laundry, garage, and movie theatre.

According to the EPA, the site is contaminated with metals, solvent organic compounds, and inorganic contaminants.

In December of this past

year the River City Players (RCP) submitted a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency for the Brownfields Grant.

RCP applied for the grant in hopes of getting financial help to remove the asbestos and lead based paint from the Mack Theater building.

The group will now pursue other grants to restore the theatre to be used by the community.

This Thursday, they are having a hot dog lunch and ask the community to stop by to help support the restoration.. A \$5 donation is suggested for the meal.

## Grand jury indicts 11

Eleven more indictments were returned by the Estill County Grand Jury on May 26.

Douglas W. Newman, 29, of Spencer Ridge Road, Irvine was named in two of those indictments.

The first indictment charges Newman with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, endangering the welfare of a minor, and tampering with physical evidence.

The indictment states that

on March 6, Newman possessed 3.6 grams of methamphetamine with the intent to sell and was within 1,000 feet of West Irvine Intermediate School.

It adds that he had several syringes and two scales used to weigh illegal drugs, and he had hid the meth and other items in a black zip up bag inside the toilet tank reservoir.

The indictment also states that Newman subjected a seven year old boy to danger.

Trooper Z. Pennington was the investigating officer.

Newman was named as a co-defendant in another indictment along with Rebecca Stamper, 38, also of Spencer Ridge Road, Irvine.

This indictment charges the couple with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

According to the indictment, the couple had methamphetamine and a syringe in their possession on March 24.

Trooper A. Brashear investigated the case.

Marcus Reese Singleton, 42, of Main Street, Irvine was indicted on 12 charges following a reported police pursuit on April 5.

Singleton was charged with two counts of disregarding stop signs, two counts of disregarding traffic lights, speeding 26 mph or greater over limit, three counts of wanton endangerment of a police officer, fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle), resisting arrest, assault third degree police officer, and reckless driving.

The accused allegedly failed to stop at intersections of Francis and Laurel Streets and Laurel and Rice Streets. The traffic lights was at the

intersection of Main and Carhartt Ave., where the pursuit went through two times.

The police officers involved in the alleged pursuit were Irvine Officer Colton Lewis, Ravenna Officer Mike Gross, and Irvine Chief Brad Smith. The indictment says that Singleton threw punches at the officers.

Jeremiah L. Johnson, 40, of Jake's Heavenly Highway, Irvine was named in a seven count indictment as the result of a traffic stop on February 23.

The charges include operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle, possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone), prescription controlled substance not in proper container, wanton endangerment, first degree, and promoting contraband, first degree.

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## Couple arrested for selling meth to police informant

An Estill County couple was arrested after allegedly selling methamphetamine to a confidential informant.

Irvine Sgt. John Sturniolo said that Lyndon Todd Dunaway, 38, of Reges Road sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant on May 26.

He added the transaction took place in a vehicle where the woman's five year old child was present.



Meagan Hoffman



Lyndon Dunaway

According to the citation, the \$40 used in the controlled buy was recovered. Dunaway was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and unlawful transaction with a minor under 18 years of age.

The woman, Meagan Hoffman, 29, of Dug Hill Road, Irvine faces the same two charges.

Her citation states that she was a participant in the controlled buy and that she was the driver of the vehicle.

It further states that Hoffman accepted the money for the methamphetamine.

Dunaway and Hoffman were arraigned in Estill District Court on May 31. They each pleaded not-guilty to the two charges against them. They are scheduled to return to court on June 7 for a preliminary hearing.

Bail for Dunaway and Hoffman was set at \$20,000 cash for each of them.

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