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## IPD arrests one for robbery and numerous drug charges

On Friday afternoon, the Irvine Police Department made its largest drug bust in recent years.

The drug bust began after a controlled drug buy went bad.

A citation states that Kevin Scott Abney, 39, arranged the drug buy with a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department.

Abney originally arranged for the meeting between himself and the confidential informant at his residence at 999 Dark Hollow Road, Irvine, according to a citation.

He then allegedly changed the meeting location to a church parking lot on Crooked Creek Road.

Abney was reportedly

driving a 2007 GMC Yukon and had a dark complected Hispanic male with him. That male had heavily tattooed arms.

The confidential informant said the Hispanic male got into the informant's vehicle at the church parking lot, when Abney rolled his window down and yelled something to the Hispanic male.

The informant states the male grabbed the informant's shirt which revealed the video surveillance system. He grabbed the camera off the informant and took \$200 in cash.

"That was a big mistake," he yelled as he exited the vehicle.

The male reportedly got into Abney's vehicle which

fled the scene.

The informant called Sgt. John Sturniolo and explained what had occurred.

Sgt. Sturniolo and a Ravenna officer went to 3580 Crooked Creek Road where a male fitting the Hispanic's description was living.

As the officers approached the residence, two vehicles were leaving the property including a dark colored SUV. The driver of the SUV told police the man they were looking for had just left with another male.

Sturniolo, the Ravenna officer and an Estill deputy sheriff went to Abney's residence where they saw Abney walking in front of his garage.

Abney was taken into

custody.

Sturniolo said when he told Abney there was more than one camera, Abney dropped his head and moaned.

"I have no idea what you are talking about," Abney reportedly twice told Sturniolo when asked who the other male was and if he was going to cooperate.

Abney was charged with robbery second degree, tampering with physical evidence, and trafficking in a controlled substance, first. He was then transported to the Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville.

That citation states that the confidential informant was assaulted during the robbery.

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Kevin Scott Abney, 39, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine, was charged with robbery and multiple drug charges after a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department reported a robbery during a controlled drug buy. Abney is incarcerated at Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville in lieu of a \$150,000 cash bond.



The Irvine Police Department executed a search warrant Friday at 999 Dark Hollow Road, Irvine and found a large quantity of drugs. Many of the illegal drugs were found in canning jars. Chief Brad Smith said that most of the seized drugs were packaged for large quantity sales. IPD seized 25.1 ounces methamphetamine, 4.4 ounces of heroin, 1,007 oxycodone pills, 220 suboxone strips, 22 suboxone pills, 3,666 xanax pills, two viagra pills, 11 klonopin pills, 1 ambien pill, marijuana, 7 hydrocodone pills, and a 2007 black GMC Yukon. IPD was assisted with executing the search warrant by Ky. State Police, the Estill County Sheriff's Dept. and Ravenna Police Department.

## School board gets Title 1 funds; hires Dr. Ong as medical director

by CATHY DAWES  
The Estill County Tribune

On Thursday night Superintendent Jeff Saylor was pleased to announce that the school district had received Title 1 funds that would allow some positions to be filled throughout the district with no cost to the general fund. The board also approved four instructional positions within the marching band. Those salaries will be paid for by the band boosters and will not impact the general fund either.

Mr. Saylor reported that some inaccuracies about the career and technical center had been printed in a neighboring county's newspaper and he felt like he needed to clarify some of that information.

He said that rumors were circulating about the location of the technology center and that property had already been purchased for that building in Powell County. Saylor said that was absolutely not the truth and that at this time the board has not secured a location for the technology center.

Saylor said that they should be receiving paperwork pertaining to the 5.7 million dollar grant for the technology center and the board would have to choose an architect. He said that Ross and Tarrant had been the architect for many years and although they

were satisfied with the work by the company he didn't think it would be a bad idea to explore other options. He went on to say that he had a template that he would like to send out to other architects and have them attend the next meeting with their proposals.

"Before we purchase the first acre of land, we need to have that architect in place," stated Saylor.

Saylor reported that Dr. Vivian Ong had partnered with the school district as a medical director. He said that before the school nurses were not even allowed to administer Tylenol or any other basic medication to a student but now with Dr. Ong on board they would be able to offer more services to the students.

Saylor said that the offers that had come in from an outside source looked really good on paper but with the condition that the healthcare system is in right now he didn't feel like it was a good idea to pursue those options.

Board Member Donna Isfort said that the healthcare committee had met several times and had many good discussions regarding this matter and they felt like this was the best option to start the school year out with.

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## Two car collision sends driver, child to local hospital

A driver and a 12 year-old passenger were injured during a two car collision on the Winchester Road on Sunday night.

The wreck was investigated by Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris.

The deputy stated a 2016 Honda Odyssey was being driven south on the Winchester Road about five miles from Irvine. The driver was identified as Judy Samples of Reges Road.

Morris said that Steven Hix of Spicer Road, Irvine drove his 91 Chevy out of a driveway at 5380 Winchester Road.

Hix told the deputy that he looked both ways but did

not see anything coming.

The collision report states that Hix's vehicle entered the southbound lane and struck Samples' vehicle, which came to a stop in the southbound lane.

Hix's vehicle spun around left the road on the left hand side. It went down an embankment before coming to a stop.

No injuries were reported to Hix or his passenger.

Samples and the 12 year old girl were transported to Marcum and Wallace Hospital for treatment of injuries.

Two other passengers in Samples' vehicle were reportedly not hurt.



Children attending the River City Players annual drama camp presented Family Showdown (similar to Family Feud) on Friday afternoon. Pictured are Luke Hughes, Papa Bear; Roger Dawson, the host played by Gavin Holloway, and Grumpy acted by Ainsley White.