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IPD arrests Vargas for robbing CI

The Irvine Police Department has arrested a second man they believe was involved in the July 21 robbery of a confidential informant (CI).

The confidential informant was robbed of camera equipment and \$200 in cash.

On Thursday, IPD executed a search warrant and arrested Cornelius Vargas, 25, at his residence located at 3560 Crooked Creek Road.

Vargas, known as Angel Vargas, was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville.

Vargas was charged with robbery second degree, tampering with physical evidence, trafficking in a

controlled substance, first degree (oxycodone), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and possession of marijuana.

A citation states that IPD seized a .22 caliber long rifle, a .12 gauge shotgun, and a .22 caliber handgun that were found hidden under Vargas' residence.

IPD also reports they found a magazine with five live .9 mm rounds in the kitchen area. Approximately three grams of marijuana were located in a bedroom.

Vargas pleaded not-guilty to the six charges during his arraignment in Estill District Court on Monday. He will return to court on August 9



Cornelius Vargas

for a preliminary hearing.

The court appointed a public defender for him.

His bail was set at \$75,000 cash. If he bails out of jail, he has been ordered to have no contact with the other defendant, Kevin Scott Abney.

Abney also pleaded not-guilty to the charges against him during his arraignment on July 24. During a preliminary hearing last Wednesday, District Judge William Leach found there was

enough evidence to send the case against Abney to the grand jury

The search warrant for Vargas' residence was obtained by IPD after an Estill man told police that Vargas had returned to his residence with the camera equipment and the \$200 drug buy money.

The confidential informant also identified Vargas from a photo lineup.

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Committee turns in petition on the recallable nickle

The committee requesting an election on the "recallable nickle" passed by the Estill County Board of Education turned in their petition around 1:45 p.m. on Monday, July 31.

The five member committee had registered with County Clerk Sherry L. Fox after the Estill County Board of Education voted for the "recallable nickle" on June 15.

The committee then had 45 days to present their petition to Ms. Fox's office. The 45th day was July 30, but because it was on Sunday, the final day was the next business day or Monday, July 31.

Fox said the petition was turned in while she was out to lunch on Monday. She was unable to verify the number of names on the petition on Tuesday.

Fox will go through the petition to make sure that at least 573 of those who signed are registered vot-

ers. That is one-tenth of the number of people who voted in last November's election.

Once the process of verifying voters is completed, she will turn the petition over to the Estill Fiscal Court, who will set a date for the election.

The fiscal court has 30 days to set the special election date.

The Estill County School Board has set aside \$30,000 to cover the expenses of the election.

If the "recallable nickle" passes, it is still not likely the "recallable nickle" will go on tax bills this year, because of the timing.

Other taxing districts will set their tax rates in August or before in order for tax bills to be printed and mailed by October 1. However, the board of education can pay to have their own tax bills printed and mailed at a later date if they want to include the "recallable nickle."

Estill Arts Council hosts first arts camp



Berea College student-workers (in the tie-die shirts) discuss jewelry making and broom making on Friday.

For the first time ever, the Estill Arts Council held an art camp for 27 Estill County children, ages 7 to 13.

The camp was held at the Extension Office on Golden Court.

Each day, the budding artists and craftsmen learned how to do a new art or craft taught by professionals.

Students from Berea College came on two days to teach jewelry and broom making.

Mary Reed of the Arts Council said that college had donated all labor and crafts for this art camp.

Under the direction of Jocelyn Lee, the children made their own tie-dye t-shirts. Lee, a member of the Estill Arts Council, is

a tie-dye artist.

Luann Vermillion is a professional craft artist and member of the Kentucky Arts Council. She taught the students how to make paper and Mexican flowers.

Students painted rocks they could save or hide for the latest rock hunting craze.

As the young artists finished their projects, there were many other projects they could work on.

Reed had brought her first loom, which had a rug started. She was hoping the campers would finish weaving the rug by the camp's end.

Francine Bonny of the Estill Arts Council worked with students on two quilt blocks.

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Obituaries

- Millie Brooks, 72
- Denny Conrad, 78
- Donald Campbell, 85
- Thelma Flannery, 97
- Beulah Richardson, 95
- Ella Robbins, 79
- Martha Smith, 66
- Russell Smith, 55
- Roberta Watson, 51

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New Obits at EstillTribune.com



This young lady did an outstanding job painting on her rock. She turned it over, and the other side was just as great.



Francine Bonny of Estill Arts Council oversees painting of the 8x8 foot barn quilt signs. The one pictured above is "Country Decision" and will be placed on the side of Dr. William Wachs eye care business on Main Street.