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Inmate escapes after court hearing, still on the run

An Estill County Jail inmate remains at large after escaping from custody last Wednesday afternoon.

The inmate, Casey Allen Myers, had appeared in Estill District Court on a traffic charge, failure of non owner/operator to maintain required insurance.

Law officers say that Myers was shackled and handcuffed, but he somehow got out of the shackles as he was leaving the local jail.

He was being taken from the Estill County Detention Center to be placed on

a transport van to take him back to Three Forks Regional jail in Beattyville.

Police say Myers was wearing handcuffs when he escaped. He was clothed in a white t-shirt and orange pants.

Myers was last seen last Wednesday entering the woods off Church Street.

He was described as tall and skinny. Citations state that he is 5'10" and weighs 175 pounds. He has brown hair and eyes. He has tattoos on his neck.

Estill County Emergency

Management notified residents of the inmate's escape.

Myers, 31, of J.R. Furniture Road in Irvine has been incarcerated at Three Forks since Sept. 13.

That was the day he was arrested on two cases by Trooper Ty Robinson. One case charges Myers with possession of a firearm by a felon and theft by deception - include cold checks.

Robinson's other case charges him with burglary third degree and persistent felony offender.

In an unrelated case and on the same day, Deputy Doc Morris charged Myers with second degree burglary and persistent felony offender.

Myers was arraigned on the three cases on Sept. 14 in Estill District Court where he pleaded not-guilty.

His bail was set at \$30,000 full cash.

District Judge Wm. Leach scheduled a preliminary hearing for Myers for Sept. 10 in Owsley County because of a quarantine at Three Forks Jail over hepa-

titis, Myers' preliminary hearing was rescheduled for Oct. 5.

On that date, Myers waived his right to a preliminary hearing. The cases against him were bound over to an Estill County Grand Jury for possible indictments.

Police Chief Brad Smith stated Monday there were several reports of sightings of Myers, but he was still on the loose.

If you see Myers, do not attempt to apprehend. Call 911.



Casey Myers
Photo Submitted

Homecoming Queen Contestants



2018 ECHS Homecoming Queen Candidates

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned during halftime of Estill's football game on Friday night. Front row, left to right: Ashley Stone, Haley Dixon, and Meggie Wilson. Middle row: Meagan Bellamy, Kiely Flynn, Christian Harkins, Kayleigh Angel, Scarlett O'Hair, and Brook Jones. Back row: Adreana Williams, Amerlia Farmer, Alexis Hall, Taylor Duechle, Madison Harrison, and Elizabeth Hardy. See Page 9 for the King Candidate photo.

Estill man is arrested for gun possession

This comes two weeks after he was arrested on an indictment

A Mountain Springs man has been arrested again.

Kevin Moes, 56, was arrested by Kentucky State police on Friday, Oct. 12.

Troopers Ty Robinson and Casey Caudill went to Moes home, along with Deputy Doc Morris. The citation states they were investigating Moes possessing a firearm because he was a convicted felon.

Trooper Robinson said when he walked up to the front door, he noticed a gun rack just inside the door. It had a loaded shotgun on it.

There was not a safety or locking mechanism on the gun.

The trooper said he asked about the gun, but Moes opened the back door and went down the steps. He followed and began yelling Moes' name. He followed Moes through the woods and was able to locate with his flashlight running up a hill.

"State police. Stop running," Robinson called, but he said Moes continued running.

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32 year old is charged with rape of child

A 32 year old Estill County man has been arrested and charged with third degree rape on a warrant obtained by Kentucky State Police.

Isaac E. Barnett of McKee Road, Irvine was arrested Oct. 5 on the warrant obtained by Trooper Ethan Lakes.

The warrant states that

between Nov 1, 2016 and Sept. 14, 2017 that Barnett engaged in sexual intercourse more than 10 times with a victim who was under 16 years of age.

The victim became pregnant and stated that Barnett was the baby's father.

Barnett's bail was set at \$25,000 cash.

Judge says 28 roads to be paved or patched

The Estill Fiscal Court passed several resolutions at Monday's regular meeting to allow black topping to proceed in Estill County.

Judge/Executive Kevin Williams said he expects the blacktopping to be done within the next few weeks.

Approximately \$653,000 is going to be used to repave 28 different roads in the

county.

Williams said the money comes from gasoline taxes and can only be used for resurfacing.

The county plans to use some of their road aid funds for patching and resurfacing while the black top plant is in operation.

Williams stated that county road aid funds can be used to lay blacktop over gravel.

"We're going to mow until it snows," he stated.

He said the county has three tractors, but one of them needed to be repaired.

A property owner on Stewart Fork Road has asked to take over maintenance of that road after the 0.51 mile marker. His owns all property to the end of the road beyond that point.

The fiscal court will form a committee to look at the road and check the mileage markers. Signs will be posted on the road, and a public hearing will be held.

Williams said this will reduce the county roads to under 273 miles once approved.

He added the trade of

Reges Road for Pryse Road with the state is now complete. The state repaved Pryse Road prior to the exchange.

Williams said there are ten slips in roads in Estill County, including one on the Bypass and probably the largest on Red Lick Road.

The problem with getting the slips repaired, Williams said, is only one drill operator for the district highway office and ten counties to be served.

Williams said the county park was used for a flag football tourney in which teams from 10 different counties participated.

He plans to build a 40x40 shelter at the park with volunteer labor. Jackson Energy has provided a \$2,500 grant from the Roundup program, and the county will match it. Hinkles will come in and grade the baseball and softball fields.

Williams commented this will be a big revenue generator for the park.

On Monday, 77 inmates from Estill County were incarcerated at Three Forks

Regional Jail.

(Two sources said the jail was under quarantine again because of Hepatitis A. The jail has been immunizing all new inmates who come to the jail.)

"We saved \$1,000 today by not having (our jail) open," Williams stated.

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Obituaries

**Christopher
Abner, 40**

Wanda Clark, 69

Carl Fox, 56

**Glenn
McKinney, 70**

Della Taulbee, 78

Robert Terry, 57

**Arcie
Willoughby, 92**

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ECHS CLASS OF 1954

The Class of 1954 got together for a reunion on Friday at Hardee's Restaurant in Irvine. Several classmates were unable to make it. From left to right are Eva Watson, Bobbie Aines, Betty Hale Roberts, Kenny Tuttle, Madonna Clem, Gene Watson, Faye Reece, and Delvin Reece. Gene and Faye are alumni spouses.