

Escapee Is back in jail

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They also served the Estill County warrant on Myers for second degree escape.

That warrant was obtained by KSP Trooper Ty Robinson on Oct. 10. It states that Myers was being brought outside the Estill County Courthouse and just prior to being loaded in the transport van, he allegedly escaped his leg shackles and took off running in to a wooded area near Church Street.

Myers had appeared in Estill District Court that day on a traffic charge.

Myers had been arrested on Sept. 13 by Trooper Robinson and Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris. He was jailed at Three Forks Regional Jail until he allegedly escaped.

He was charged Sept. 13 with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, theft by deception including cold checks, second degree burglary, third degree burglary and two counts of being a persistent felony offender.

Myers pled not-guilty to those charges on Sept. 14. He later waived his right to a preliminary hearing, and the charges were bound over to the grand jury. An indictment has not been returned.

Myers' bail on the escape charge has been set at \$50,000 cash.

He will be arraigned in Estill District Court on the escape charge on Nov. 7.

Although a Louisville address was given for Myers, Deputy Morris said the man's mother lives in Irvine. His father has also been seen in Estill County since the alleged escape.

Cherry St. couple charged with drugs

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This citation charges Jones with trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (heroin); trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (greater than two grams of methamphetamine), trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree and first offense, possession of marijuana, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (drug unspecified), trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree (drug unspecified), drug paraphernalia - buy/posses, possession of a handgun by convicted felon, and wanton endangerment, first degree.

Bail for Bowman was set at \$2,500 cash. She pled not-guilty to her charges during an arraignment on Nov. 2. Her preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 8 in Owsley County.

Jones was also arraigned on Nov. 2 and pled not-guilty. He will also be in Owsley County on Oct. 8 for a preliminary hearing.

Jones' bail was set at \$40,000 cash.

Court records state that he was arrested on a new offense while he had a case pending.

Irvine Police was assisted with the arrests by KSP Trooper Nick Brumbach.

Five waive indictments, plea guilty to charges

Five entered pleas and were sentenced on the Rock-et Docket on October 26.

Alicia Strange, 27, of Cantrill Street, Irvine waived an indictment on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$500.00. The waiver states that she had several items in her possession on August 1.

A diversion order was entered.

Timothy Powell, 44, of Noland Creek Road, Irvine waived an indictment for tampering with physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense on Sept. 21.

The waiver states that he had heroin in his possession and tried to contain it in a cigarette pack.

Powell also received a diverted sentence.

Nicole Underwood, 32, of Stacy Lane, Irvine waived an indictment for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. The waivers states that she possessed hydrocodone on Sept.

13. Underwood's sentence was diverted.

Brian Jones, 47, of Church Street, Irvine waived indictments on tampering with physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

He pled guilty to trying to conceal a white pill bottle and possessing methamphetamine on Sept. 20.

Judgment was entered for Jones.

Jobie A. Kirby, 36, of Lincoln Ave., Irvine waived an indictment for two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

According to the waiver, Kirby had hydrocodone and methamphetamine in his possession on October 3.

Judgment was entered for Kirby.

These five may have faced other charges, but as the result of their waivers, the Commonwealth will not seek to indict them on the other charges.

School board to hire police officer

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He informed the board there was a situation now going on in the school system, in which state police were coming in Friday to investigate.

The police officer position was advertised on Friday. Saylor said that it may be filled toward the end of December or the beginning of the New Year.

Initially, the school system will hire one officer who will be paid at the same rate as a registered nurse working for the school system.

Among other duties, the

officer will be in charge of traffic monitors.

Saylor also announced that a grant in excess of \$2 million over seven years had been awarded as of October 1 to fund the Gear-Up Program.

The board also voted to advertise for two College and Career Navigator positions and two Academic Interventionist positions (must be certified teachers) for the Gear-Up Program.

Students are served by the Gear-Up Program starting in the 6th grade which continues through high school.

The superintendent stated they are hoping to hire a reading and math teacher.

Although pleased with the grant, Saylor said it did not include money paid to the person who serves as the coordinator.

Over the past several years, the school system has paid Mike Flynn \$8,000 annually to serve as Gear-up Coordinator which was matched by the grant.

Flynn has agreed to continue to serve as coordinator. The board learned that years ago, the school district paid the coordinator's entire

salary. No action was taken on this matter Thursday, because it was a special meeting and the item was not on the agenda.

Saylor was given approval to seek quotes from surveyors, after stating the need to survey the West Irvine school property. He said it was on three deeds and there were some trees that needed cut. He wanted to make sure a tree was on the school's property before it was cut. The survey can also help the school district consolidate the deeds into one.

Police Activity Report

The Irvine Police Department arrested one man after a controlled drug buy took place at Hardee's Restaurant on October 30.

A citation states that the controlled buy occurred between a confidential informant working for IPD and **Zachary Adrian Schooler**, 25, address unknown.

According to the citation, the confidential informant met Schooler at the restaurant where he bought 1.36 grams of methamphetamine from Schooler for \$80 cash.

It adds that the informant and Schooler set up another sale for heroin at a later date.

Sgt. John Sturniolo says that Schooler was still at Hardee's a few minutes later and was taken into custody.

He reportedly had \$78 cash with three of the twenty dollar bills matching the buy money.

IPD reports they located 2.72 grams of a brown substance (suspected heroin) and three syringes.

Sgt. Sturniolo says that when arrested, Schooler gave them a false social security number.

Schooler was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (heroin), giving officer false identifying information, and drug paraphernalia - buy/posses.

IPD Chief Brad Smith assisted with the arrest. Schooler was arraigned Nov. 2 in Estill District Court. He pled not-guilty. His preliminary hearing is set for Nov. 8 in Owsley County.

Bond for Schooler was set at \$20,000 cash.

A bench warrant from

Estill District Court was also served on Schooler by Chief Smith.

Schooler had been found guilty in March of 2016 of fourth degree assault and had failed to pay the fine.

Judge Wm. Leach set Schooler's bail at \$263.00 cash on this warrant.

• **Glenn Newton**, 64, of Churchhouse Hill Road, Irvine was arrested Oct. 30 in the Estill County Jail parking lot by Sgt. John Sturniolo.

Newton was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree (suboxone).

The citation states that on Oct. 5, Newton sold four suboxone pills to a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department.

IPD seized \$126 plus coins during the arrest. Newton's bail was set at \$5,000 cash.

• **Jared Ross**, 36, of Covey Road, Irvine, was arrested by IPD Chief Brad Smith on Oct. 31.

The chief stated that he and Sgt. John Sturniolo responded to Ross' residence in reference to a man passed out. The officers located a needle, a small bag of suspected meth, and a klonazepam pill.

Ross was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and drug paraphernalia.

Ross' bail was set at \$1,000 cash.

• An indictment warrant was served on **Kenneth P. Stepp** on Nov. 1 by Chief Brad Smith. Stepp was indicted in Estill County for second degree burglary.

Stepp, 40, is listed as homeless.

A warrant from Estill District Court was also served on Stepp for failing to appear for a preliminary hearing on the same charge. No bail was set.

• Two Estill District Court warrants were served on **Gretta M. Brock**, 36 homeless, on November 1 by Chief Smith.

The Estill warrants charge Brock with failing to appear on charges of third degree criminal trespass and public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Judge Leach did not set a bail for Brock.

She allegedly failed to appear in Madison District Court on August 31 on a charge of abuse or neglect of a child. She was sentenced to six months or a \$1,990 cashier check or money order would be purged.

• An Estill County man was arrested during a reported burglary in progress on Nov. 4.

Troopers Scott Townsley and D. Hobbs were dispatched to the burglary on McKee Road, Irvine around 10:21 a.m.

A citation states the burglary occurred at the residence of Steven Young.

It adds that Young's son-in-law, David Baker, pursued **Chris Bowman** on foot after seeing him leave Young's home.

Bowman, 28, of Bluebird Lane, Irvine reportedly had a backpack on his back.

Baker told state police that Bowman dropped the backpack in a creek.

The citation states that Baker got Bowman to stop running in a field near Murphy's Ford Road until police arrived.

When police located the backpack, they said they found a gun and several pieces of jewelry inside. Young identified those items. Police say that inside the back pack were a screw driver and pry tool.

Bowman was charged with first degree burglary, possession of burglary tools, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct, second degree.

Bowman was released from custody that day on a \$10,000 unsecured bail bond.

He is scheduled to be arraigned in Estill District Court on November 21.

• **Joshua Frank Riddell**, 36, of Stacy Lane, Irvine was arrested by state police on Poplar Street, Ravenna on Oct. 31.

Trooper Casey Caudill was dispatched to Poplar Street because Riddell had been making threats to kill his wife and daughter. Riddell was known to have a gun on him.

The citation states the man was finally taken into custody. The trooper said he located a .45 automatic handgun in the small of Riddell's back.

The citation adds that Riddell is a convicted felony and does not have a carrying a concealed deadly weapon permit.

Riddell was charged with menacing, alcohol intoxication in a public place, resisting arrest, carrying a concealed weapon by a felony offender, and carrying a concealed weapon.

Riddell pled not-guilty at his arraignment. He is scheduled to be in Owsley County for a preliminary hearing on Nov. 8.

His bail was set at \$2,500 cash.

New boss for troubled DC Veterans Center

Those of you who get care at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center (over 120,000 of you) probably can breathe a sigh of relief. A new director has taken the helm.

Michael Heimall comes with loads of experience: former Army officer, served as director at Walter Reed, 30 years in various capacities, a degree from the War College and a lot more. But the Washington DC VA Medical Center might be his biggest challenge yet.

This was the facility that risked lives because of chronic shortages. Remember when surgery staff had to run to other hospitals to borrow equipment? Or the dirty storerooms for sterile supplies, expired material on the shelves, surgeries canceled for lack of equipment, half a million uninventoried items stored in unsecured areas, \$92 million in supplies ordered when there was no clue about what they already had, and confidential patient info stored in an unsecured

area and found in the dumpster? The VA's Office of the Inspector General had plenty to say about it in its report.

All that nonsense will hopefully come to a screeching halt. A to-do list for Heimall: Of the 40 fixes recommended by the OIG, how many have been implemented?

Recently the D.C. facility was downgraded from a ridiculously low two-star rating to only one star. It's just my opinion, but no VA medical facility should ever be allowed to fall below a three-star rating without major intervention swooping in. At this point, there are eight others with one-star ratings: Atlanta; Big Spring and El Paso, Texas; Loma Linda, California; Memphis; Montgomery, Alabama; and Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona.

One thing Heimall needs to keep an eye on: The sterile processing center was to be completed by March 2019. Let's hope it will be.

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Phyllis Dawson played the role of Vera Carp in "A Tuna Christmas" on Friday and Saturday. Both performances were well attended. Vera was the self-proclaimed pinnacle of Tuna's "high society." The play used very little props, and in the above photo, Vera was talking on the telephone.

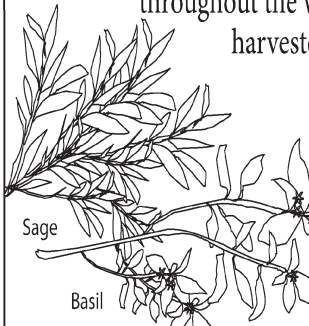
The Garden Bug

Drying herbs

If you grow your own herbs, enjoy their fine scent and flavoring properties throughout the winter by drying the harvested stems and leaves.



2 Hang stems upside down inside paper bags in a shaded, airy, cool location.



1 Cut stems of herbs about 6 to 12 inches, removing any dead or diseased leaves.

Sage

Basil