



The Irvine Fire Department used their ladder truck Saturday evening to hang a large American flag. Vehicles traveling River Drive near Main Street were able to pass under the flag in observance of Labor Day. Most vehicles participating in the drive turned right onto Court Street and went around the block before heading back toward Ravenna. Like the police, Irvine's firemen made a presence on Saturday night.

Local Police Activity Report

An Estill Co. bench warrant was served Sept. 1 by IPD Officer Jason Conrad on **Billy Metcalf**, 50, of Paint Lick, Ky.

He was found guilty on July 12, 2017 in Estill District Court of public intoxication and loitering.

Judge Wm. Leach issued the warrant because Metcalf had allegedly failed to pay his fine. Bail was set at \$140.00.

• An Estill District Court bench warrant was served on **Sue Stepp**, 55, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine by Officer Conrad.

She was found guilty of theft by unlawful taking or disposition in January.

The warrant was issued because she allegedly failed to pay \$293.00 for a bond. She may be released from custody if a cash bond is paid.

• On Sept. 1, **Rose Muncie**, 38, of Gordon Road,

Irvine was served an Estill District Court bench warrant for failing to pay \$268 after being found guilty of alcohol intoxication last November.

Judge Leach set her bond at \$303 cash.

• A bench warrant from Estill District Court was served August 30 by Officer Sean Davis on **Kaycee J. Watson**, 25, of Sang Branch Irvine for failure to pay a \$133 fine plus a \$35 service fee.

Watson was found guilty in October, 2016 of possession of a controlled substance, second degree and prescription controlled substance not in proper container. Failure to wear seat belts was merged.

Her bond was set at \$168 cash.

• **Gretta Mae Brock**, 36, of Turner Avenue, Irvine was cited August 30 by Officer Colton Lewis for public intoxication of a controlled substance.

• **James R. Krocher**, 38, of Jeffersonville, Ky., was cited August 30 by Officer Lewis for no registration plates, operating vehicle with expired operator license, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, operating motor vehicle under the influence, and drug paraphernalia buy/possess.

• Officer Lewis charged **Jeremy R. Gordon**, 31, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine on August 29 with reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, operating on suspended or revoked license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

• Officer Lewis served a Laurel District Court warrant on **Melissa M. Branegar**, 28, of Stacy Lane, Irvine on August 29.

She was found guilty in April, 2017 of theft by un-

lawful taking or disposition, shoplifting under \$500 and contempt of court.

The warrant says she failed to appear on May 11. It adds that she may pay \$534 cash or serve 11 days.

• An Estill District Court bench warrant was served August 27 by Officer Lewis on **Matthew D. Adams**, 35, of Hood Ave., Irvine.

Adams was found guilty in August, 2015 of nine counts of theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

Judge Leach says Adams failed to pay his fines and set Adams' bail at \$672.50 cash.

• **Richard Clarence Reed**, 21, of Traylor Road, Irvine, was arrested August 27 by Officer Lewis.

Reed was charged with failure to illuminate head lamps, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, operating motor vehicle under the influence, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

A MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On Sept. 20, 1565, Spanish forces capture the French Huguenot settlement of Fort Caroline, near present-day Jacksonville, Florida. The French lost 135 men in the first instance of colonial warfare between European powers in America.

• On Sept. 23, 1846, at the Berlin Observatory, German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovers the planet Neptune. The blue gas giant has eight known moons and a ring system containing three bright and two dim rings.

• On Sept. 17, 1884, Judge Allen disposes of 13 criminal cases on his Oakland, California, docket in only six minutes. Defendants did not stand much of a chance of gaining an acquittal. In a 40-year period only 1 defendant in 100 was acquitted.

• On Sept. 22, 1914, in the North Sea, the German U-9 submarine sinks three British cruisers in just over one hour. The one-sided battle, during which 1,400 British sailors lost their lives, alerted the British to the deadly effectiveness of the submarine.

• On Sept. 19, 1995, The Washington Post publishes a 35,000-word manifesto written by the Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski. Since the late 1970s, Kaczynski had carried out bombings that killed three people and injured another 23. David Kaczynski realized the writing style was similar to that of his brother, Theodore, and notified the FBI.

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IPD arrests three on drug charges

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Brian Scott Tipton, 33, of Sugar Hollow Road, Irvine was arrested August 29 by Irvine's Drug Task Force.

He was charged with three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin and meth on two occasions).

On April 28, a confidential informant allegedly met Tipton at Rose's Garage on South Irvine Road to sell the informant \$80 worth of methamphetamine.

IPD says the crystal like substance that Tipton sold tested positive for methamphetamine.

A confidential informant met Tipton, also on April 28, at the Market in South Irvine.

The confidential informant reportedly bought \$20 worth of a brown substance from Tipton at the Market. The citation states the substance field tested positive for heroin.

The citation adds that Tipton traded a crystal substance to the confidential informant for five older pennies. It field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Tipton's bail was set at \$25,000 cash. He was lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail.

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

Nicole L. Martin McIver, 41, of Shadow lane, Irvine was a passenger in a vehicle which was traffic stopped August 30 at the intersection of Broadway and Powell Avenue by Officer Colton Lewis.

The citation states that she was the owner of the vehicle, which had a cancelled registration. The vehicle was inventoried because it was being impounded.

Officer Lewis said he located seven pills in the truck, which were later identified as oxycodone.

When Martin-McIver was placed in the jail transport van, the officer said she told him she had two needles in her underwear. She added that she had placed them in her pants when the vehicle was traffic stopped.

Martin-McIver was charged with tampering with physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Martin-McIver's bail was set at \$5,000 cash.

The Long Reach of the VAOIG

Veterans Post
by Freddy Groves

When thieves steal from the Department of Veterans Affairs, often it's not just the VA Office of the Inspector General that goes after them. Depending on the crime, it can include the OIG for other government departments and law enforcement from one end of the country to the other. The VAOIG has friends.

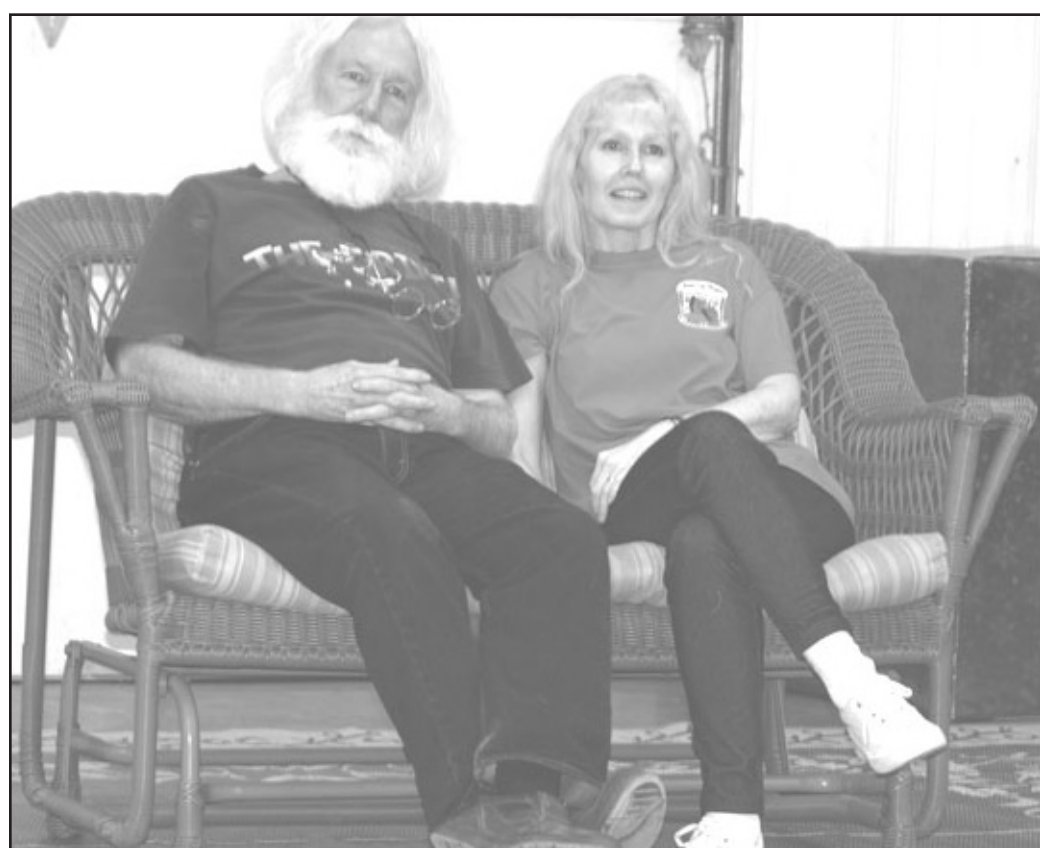
A thief in Florida was hauled back up the coast to New England to face charges that he collected over \$2 million in bribes over the course of five years while working for an electrical company that contracted for government jobs. Not only did he alter and falsify the bid documents, the scammer also involved his children by having the bribery funds diverted through them. Projects included work for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Coast Guard, the General Services Administration (GSA) ... and the VA.

A Tennessee scammer was convicted of theft of public money, making false statements, wire fraud, mail fraud and financial conflict of interest. His crime was particularly bad because while working as a VA field examiner, he schemed to steal over half a million dollars from a disabled vet by convincing the veteran to make out a will with the scammer as sole beneficiary. The thief was forced to resign from the position but went on to another examiner position where he conveniently forgot to reveal his previous resignation for misconduct. All the time he'd lied about his own disabilities and had collected for 100 percent total and permanent disability, supposedly unable to work for two years. Multiple law enforcement agencies were involved.

A Boston woman collected the Social Security and VA benefits of her former father-in-law after he passed away. She had a joint account with him and had been his caregiver. She was indicted on only two counts of theft of public funds and pleaded guilty. Multiple law enforcement agencies were involved in this case as well.

When thieves think the VA Office of Inspector General doesn't have a very long reach, they're wrong.

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Robert and Phyllis Dawson relaxed at Picnic in the Barn after she clogged with the Footloose Dancers.



Young actors with River City Players performed several skits on Saturday. The skits kept with the event's theme, "Christmas in the Park." However, due to rainy weather, it was moved to the fair barn for the second straight year.

This family of plants also known as "indian hemp" grow throughout North American forests, usually at its edge or in clearings. In late fall, its bark can be stripped for its fibers and used in rope-making, as many native American tribes did. These plants contains dangerous toxins and cannot be ingested.

Source: www.wildwoods-survival.com, wikipedia.org

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YARD SALE
Saturday, September 8th, 9-?
at 70 Webb Road, Irvine. Table w/ 4 chairs, hutch, odds & ends. A big variety of stuff!