

Grand Jury returns 13 indictments

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The indictment says on July 12, Gross pointed a shotgun at Irvine Officer Stuart Morris and Ravenna Chief Ken White.

It adds that he disobeyed a verbal direction to stop from Officer Morris and ran into a residence. Then he disobeyed a verbal direction from the officer and ran from the residence.

David Holton, 44, of London, was indicted for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, obstructed vision and/or windshield, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, tampering with physical evidence, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, second degree criminal trespassing, and first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment adds that on April 28, Holton had a broken windshield and five packets of rolling papers. He allegedly instructed his passenger to get rid of a glass case which contained methamphetamine.

He had reportedly entered a parking lot on private property which had a no trespass-

ing sign.

Holton has previously been convicted of at least two prior felony offenses.

The arresting officer was Officer Morris. **Darold Patton**, 19, homeless, was indicted for both second and third degree burglaries.

The indictment says on June 21, he entered the residence and garage of Allie Stamper to commit crimes.

He was also indicted for theft by unlawful taking over \$500 but under \$10,000. He allegedly took a TV, a Kindle Fire tablet, and five knives valued at \$750 from Stamper's residence.

The indictment also charges him with theft by unlawful taking or disposition of an auto. He is charged with stealing a 2004 Nissan Altima from Stamper's garage.

Officer Morris conducted the investigation.

Gregory Newton, 48, of Turner Trailer Park, Irvine was indicted for first degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking or disposition of a fire arm, possession of a fire arm by a convicted felon, and theft by unlawful

taking.

The indictment says Newton broke into the home of Becky Cardell to commit a crime on July 10. He took a Taurus Judge pistol.

He also is accused of taking numerous other items from Cardell's home.

The investigating officer was Morris.

Aaron Martin Noland, 27, of Seventh Street, Ravenna was indicted for theft by unlawful taking or disposition and promoting contraband, second degree.

According to the indictment, Noland took a Samsung phone valued at \$800.00 while in custody on August 15 at the Estill County Courthouse. He then sneaked the phone back into his holding cell.

Sheriff Chris Flynn was the investigating officer.

Fred Rogers, 40, of Sweet Lick Road, Irvine was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and fist offense, theft - receipt of a stolen credit/debit card, criminal possession of a forged instrument second degree, failure to wear seat

belts and first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says Rogers had two or more grams of methamphetamine in his possession on July 24. On June 24, it says he had a credit card and check in his possession which belonged to Evelyn Rawlins.

Sheriff Flynn conducted the investigation.

An indictment was returned against Danny Smith, 51, of McKee Road, Irvine, charging him with flagrant non-support.

It says that as of Sept. 24, Smith has persistently failed to provide child support and is \$42,529.96 behind in payments.

Steve Norton, 55, of Stacy Lane, Irvine was also indicted for flagrant child support. As of Sept. 24, the indictment said that Norton was \$6,092.14 behind.

Norton's indictment also charges him with being a first degree persistent felony offender.

Vicky Travis of the Estill County Child Support Office investigated the alleged non-supports.

Deputy & KSP pursue a teen at high speed

A 17-year old male led a sheriff's deputy and three state troopers on a pursuit October 2 which exceeded 100 miles per hour.

Deputy Chris Coffey got behind a 2010 white Pontiac on Sand Hill Road around 11:10 p.m. The vehicle made an improper start, squealed tires, and went down Sandhill Road at an excessive speed and reckless manner.

Troopers Ty Robinson, Brandon Roark and Evan Warrick got behind Deputy Coffey in the pursuit on Richmond Road, headed toward Irvine.

The juvenile turned right onto South Irvine Road and proceeded onto Doe Creek Road. He then turned right onto Lincoln Avenue where he voluntarily stopped his vehicle.

A citation states that juvenile opened the door, and was placed on the ground and handcuffed. He was then placed in the back of Trooper Robinson's cruiser.

The trooper transported the teen to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital where he refused to call a lawyer or have his blood drawn.

The citation states the on-call Court Designated Worker (CDW) advised Trooper Robinson that the juvenile was to be released to his mother after he was medically cleared.

The juvenile was charged with speeding 26 mph or above speed limit, fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle), operating motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol, improper start from a parked position, reckless driving, failure to or improper signal, no operators - moped license, and criminal mischief, third degree.

The juvenile will appear in Estill District Court on November 27.



Analyse Day, right, painted the face of a friend at the Main Street Market. She was working to raise funds for the middle and high school academic teams. The group also sold snacks.

Fiscal court approves blacktopping; and gets tough on Mt. Springs Road

A list of the roads to be blacktopped was announced when the county received the funds.

The court also approved for blacktop patching on roads being repaired with FEMA funds. The county will pay Hinkles and be reimbursed by FEMA.

A claim for \$1,500 was approved to pay David Conrad for pressure washing and painting at the animal shelter.

Tommy Mullen, animal shelter director, said the \$1,500 was raised through fundraisers.

A claim for \$600 to repair sewer drains and clear a septic top at the shelter was also

approved. Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said the county has had more problems on Mt. Springs Road.

The road department went there to work on the road and was told to leave.

"We're going to work the county roads if we have to carry a gun," Watson stated.

"The road looks good," he added. "The Estill County side is passable."

"Everyone is welcome to use (the road)," said Road Foreman Brad Goolman.

"I want them to stay safe," Watson stated. He said he didn't want anyone to get hurt.

Police & Sheriff Activity Reports

Michael S. Tuttle, of Dry Branch Road, Irvine, was charged with operating on a suspended or revoked operator license and failure of non-owner to maintain insurance during a traffic stop on Sept. 25 at Shell Mart by Deputy James Marshall. Irvine Officer Jason Conrad assisted.

Jeffrey C. West, 26, of White Oak Road, Irvine was served with a bench warrant from Clark District Court on October 1 by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad.

The warrant says West failed to appear in court on Sept. 11 and pay fines and court costs of \$243.00. His bail was set at that amount. He was found guilty in February of operating on a suspended or revoked license while a charge of no registration plates was dismissed.

In February, three charges of contempt of court were also dismissed.

West will be released from custody after paying the bail amount or upon completion of daily jail credit.

Alicia M. Dixon, 31, of Noland Court, Irvine was served with an Estill District Court bench warrant on Oct. 3 by Officer Conrad.

The warrant was issued for failure to pay on a charge of failure of owner to maintain required insurance. No registration plates, no tail lamps, and license to be in possession were dismissed in February.

District Judge William Leach set Dixon's bail at \$198.00 cash.

John R. Tipton, 51, of Tipton Ridge Road, Ravenna was arrested October 3 by Officer Stewart Morris. He was charged with careless driving and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The officer said he observed Tipton crossing into the center lane on River Drive and run off the shoulder several more times. The citation states the driver failed field sobriety tests.

Officer Conrad served a parole violation warrant from the Kentucky Parole Board on **Tyler Neal**.

The warrant says Neal was convicted in Estill Circuit Court for possession of a controlled substance, first offense. He was paroled on the charge in July.

The parole board states that Neal has violated his parole by absconding supervision, failing to complete a treatment for sub-

stance abuse, and failing to report to his parole officer as directed.

An arrest warrant was served on **Ricky Spivey** of Winchester on a charge of theft by deception -- include cold checks under \$10,000.

The complaint states that on May 1, Spivey issued a check for goods or services to Estill Gun & Pawn knowing the check would not be honored.

The check was written for \$750.00. Fees of \$150.00 will also be collected making the total owed \$900.00.

The charge is a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison.

Kentucky State Police served a warrant for the Irvine Police Department on **Raymond Rose**, 19, of Mt. Vernon, Ky. on October 1.

Rose was charged with unlawful transaction with a minor, first degree, and trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, less than two grams of methamphetamine.

Capt. John Sturmiolo said that on November 9, 2018, Rose involved a juvenile in an illegal drug transaction, which involved methamphetamine.

The arrest warrant adds that Rose coordinated a drug buy with the juvenile and a confidential informant who was working for the Irvine Police Department.

Both charges against Rose are Class D felonies.

Bail for Rose was set at \$10,000 cash.

Deputy Chris Coffey served a criminal complaint on **Calvin Jones**, 46, of Substation Road, Irvine.

The complaint was obtained by Kimberly Moore, who said that between July 11 and Sept. 16, Jones agreed to repair her roof for \$3,000. Of that amount, \$1,800 was to be for labor and \$1,200 was for materials.

Moore stated that she had paid Jones \$2,730 as of July 23 in cash and a \$1,250 cashier's check.

On the date that Moore obtained the complaint, Jones had allegedly failed to perform any work or present any materials.

Both charges are Class D felonies.

Jones is scheduled to appear in Estill District Court on October 16.

Richmond Road break-in

On September 25, Tommy King reported to Deputy Chris

Coffey that items had been stolen from a building on Richmond Road. Those items included an air compressor, concrete saw, dvds, power tools, lawn mower, and hand tools.

Coffey said he made contact with **Chris Cole**, 44 of Walling Road, Irvine on October 5.

The deputy said that before he could say anything, Cole said that he knew why Coffey wanted to talk to him. He added that he knew he had messed up.

He added that he would take the blame for what a female had pawned as well. Coffey was unable to locate the female.

King told the deputy that all the stuff did not belong to him. It belonged to three other people as well. Cole reportedly apologized to King and said he knew he was in the wrong.

Cole was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition \$500 or more. The deputy said the items were still in pawn on the day of Cole's arrest.

Bail for Cole was set at \$7,500 cash.

Indoor greenhouse

Ricky Westerfield II, 37, of Peyton Ave., Irvine was arrested October 7 after police report they found a homemade greenhouse at his residence.

Deputy James Marshall said that the indoor greenhouse was discovered when a search warrant was executed. Marshall said that IPD Officer Jason Conrad and Ravenna Police Chief Ken White were instrumental in executing the search warrant and arrest.

The citation states the greenhouse was on the second floor. It had a white light with a timer, two 5-gallon buckets with potting soil, and what appeared to be marijuana seeds ready to sprout.

It adds there was also a small amount of marijuana and marijuana bongs.

Westerfield was charged with cultivating marijuana less than five plants, first offense, possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Bail for Westerfield was set at \$2,500 cash. He was arrested on a new offense while he had a case pending.

New Bethel Baptist Church #1 on Barnes Mountain will be having a Gospel Singing on Saturday, October 19, 2019, starting at 6:00 p.m. The guest group will be Glory Road. There will be refreshments following and everyone is welcome!

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Isaacs added, "We don't want our parents of students with disabilities to be singled out. We're going to make improvements there."

Only schools which had received a four or five star rating were penalized for gaps between students. Some school districts are planning on filing legal action over the reduction.

Estill Springs did not directly receive a rating, but it is a feeder school for West Irvine.

The high school scores were taken from ACT scores. The ACT is given nationwide and is used for college admissions.

Saylor said the middle school under math teacher Donald Norton took ownership of student achievement and implemented a system of improvement. He added the school has made steady progress for the last three or four years.

"Writing is probably a weakness in our district," Saylor said.

He added that writing likely kept the middle school from being rated as a five-star school.

On demand writing will be emphasized in all schools in the future.

Saylor said Charlotte Arvin is in her third full year as principal at West Irvine. He said the school will see dividends on future tests under her leadership.

Because students are only at West Irvine for seven months before they are tested, Isaacs said the district cannot separate Estill Springs from West Irvine.

The administrators said the high school did not score worse than in the past, but it is just a different accountability measure.

Saylor also mentioned the testing model has changed three times in five years.

He said the ACT test is consistent, but the school district is not meeting that goal.

"You can't focus on the accountability system," Saylor said. "The focus has to be on teaching and learning."

Isaacs said the school district administers a MAP test to students in the 9th and 10th grades, and they have already seen a trend of higher scores.

Saylor said all students will not be going on to college. He said that former Estill High principal Chris Winkler encouraged last year's students to go to vocational school if they were not headed to college.

As a result, Saylor said two buses go to Madison County in the mornings and another in the afternoon. Construction is expected to start on Estill's ATC this fall.

Board members will receive a packet of student scores at their next board meeting.