

Estill Grand Jury returns indictments

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The indictment says that by fleeing and disobeying directions, he caused a risk of serious injury or death to a police officer.

The indictment also charges Williams with wanton endangerment first degree of a police officer (Trooper Roark).

He was also indicted for wanton endangerment first degree of three passengers, identified as a juvenile male, an adult male, and an adult female.

James Griffith, 46, of Beattyville was indicted for theft by unlawful taking/disposition - all others \$500 or more but under \$10,000.

On July 19, Griffith allegedly took an Apple watch, backpack, shoes, and several other items from Howard Hogan's vehicle at Marcum & Wallace Hospital.

The theft was investigated by Irvine Officer Stuart Morris.

Chad Caudill, 36, of Beattyville was indicted for second degree escape and first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says that Caudill failed to report October 30 to Probation and Parole for home incarceration after being released from Three Forks Regional Jail.

It adds that Caudill has been previously convicted of two felony offenses.

Bobbie Nickerson, 40, of Sadieville, was indicted for public intoxication of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

According to the indictment, Nickerson was under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place on June 29 and had methamphetamine in her possession.

Deputy Chris Coffey was the arresting officer.

Beverly Willis, 56, of Thomas Road, Irvine was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and tampering with physical evidence.

The indictment says he had several small round pills in his possession March 12 that he stated were 30 mg perocet.

It adds that he tried to pass a small glass container to his brother while being served with a warrant by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

Michael Hatton, 39, was named in a three count indictment, which charge him with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

On August 21, the indictment states that he had methamphetamine, marijuana, two syringes, rolling papers and a small scale in his possession.

The investigation was conducted by Sheriff Flynn.

Frank Estes, 34, of Winchester Road, Irvine was indicted for flagrant non-support.

The indictment says that he has failed to provide support for his two children and is in arrears of \$10,745.41. His last payment was made May 10, 2018.

Christopher Tipton, 41, of Old Fox Road, Irvine, was indicted for flagrant non-support and persistent felony offender first degree.

The indictment states that Tipton has failed to provide child support for his children and is \$30,656.00 behind. It adds that his last payment was made on July 18.

Tipton has been convicted previously of more than one felony offense.



American Legions Riders from Post 79 braved the weather and crowd on Saturday and passed out candy to the children and their families going to the Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party.

Police & Sheriff Activity Report

Courtney A. Barnes, 30, of Blackburn Road, Irvine was served with a Rockcastle District bench warrant on December 3 by Officer Jason Conrad.

The warrantsays Barnes failed to appear on Sept. 23 on charges of possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - advertisement, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transportation.

Bail for Barnes was set at \$500.00 cash.

A Fleming District warrant was served December 2 on **Jacob R. Jones**, 27, of Flemingsburg on Dec. 2 by Officer Conrad.

According to the warrant, Jones had failed to appear or pay a fine and/or court cost on Oct. 10. He was found guilty of failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance and no registration plates.

His bail was set at \$210.00 cash.

Johnny R. Abney, 39, of Turner Avenue, Irvine was served an Estill District warrant on Dec. 7 by Officer Conrad for failure to appear on a charge of theft by unlawful taking, disposition or shoplifting.

No bail was set by Judge Wm. Leach.

John Earl Fowler, 47, of Gibson Lane, Irvine was ar-

rested December 7 by Officer Stuart Morris on charges of public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

The officer said he received a call that an intoxicated male was at McDonald's and getting into a red Pontiac. He located the man inside the red car.

He added that Fowler began moving around inside car and moving things around. A search of Fowler was conducted by Deputy Chris Coffey. Five aluminum foil packets containing a powdery substance were found inside his jacket pocket.

The citation adds that Fowler also had in his possession a foil with a green leafy substance.

A green straw and numerous pieces of aluminum foil were found inside his vehicle.

Peggy Cox, 66, of Cox Cemetery Road, Irvine was arrested December 6 by Capt. John Sturniolo. She was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excluding alcohol) and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

The citation states that Cox was a passenger in a

vehicle collision on Sweet Lick Road.

Sturniolo said he noticed her coming from behind a storage building upon his arrival. She told him that she was driving the vehicle, but a male told the officer that he was driving.

The officer said he administered field sobriety tests to Cox because she was unsteady on her feet and had slurred speech.

He then reported that he found a white plastic container with three types of oxycodone under leaves in the rear of the storage building.

Stacy Dailey, 31, of Hall Abney Cemetery Road, Irvine was arrested December 5 by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

The sheriff said he observed Dailey walking through the field to her residence and confirmed there was an active Estill County complaint warrant on her.

She allegedly said she had some "dope and a rig." She retrieved a small piece of folded up paper from her pocket and a syringe hidden in her bra. Sheriff Flynn states that he believes the crystal like substance is methamphetamine.

He charged Dailey with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and

first offense (methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Then Sheriff Flynn served the outstanding warrant on Dailey.

Dailey was ordered to pay child support in 2007. The warrant states that she has not made a payment since May 2, 2014 and is in arrears of \$9,485.36.

The warrant charged Dailey with flagrant non-support.

Charlsie Neria, 34, of Clear Creek Road, Irvine was arrested December 6 by Deputy Chris Coffey near Stacy Lane and Whispering Woods intersection.

Coffey said he got behind Neria on KY 52 before she turned onto Stacy Lane. He said she crossed the center lane twice.

He pulled Neria over and administered field sobriety tests.

Coffey reported that he found 35 gabapentin in a sandwich bag, a small white bag with a pipe in it, and a couple of small baggies.

Neria was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (Methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance third degree, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hatton is sentenced to two years for rape of student, other charges

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After Hatton was sentenced, he was incarcerated at Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville as a state prisoner.

Following the sentencing, many Estill Countians voiced strong opinions against the lenient sentence which Hatton had received.

They were also critical of letters which had been written by about a dozen community members in support of Hatton. The letters came from Hatton's family, mothers of male soccer players, and

employees where his mother works.

Since Hatton has now been sentenced, he is a convicted felon. He will be unable to vote in Kentucky or carry a weapon when released unless the law changes.

He must also follow the rules for a convicted sex offender, including notifying state police of his address every time he moves. He will be prohibited from living near schools and day care centers and visiting them or being employed by them.



Rebecca Romans, standing behind Santa, brought her daughters, Kindra and Zoe Propes, to see Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturday at the Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party. The annual party gives gifts and treats to all Estill County children 12 years and under.



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