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## Irvine officer confiscates over 12 grams of meth

An Irvine man has been charged with trafficking in illegal drugs by the city police department after an Irvine officer reported he located 12.2 grams of suspected methamphetamine during a search.

Officer Russell Morris went to Estill Acres on Sunday night to assist Kentucky State Police in serving an arrest warrant.

He stated that when he pulled in front of the residence, he saw three males in a white truck. He approached the vehicle to see if the wanted man was inside.

At that time, Morris stated that a passenger in the truck started hiding stuff. He added that one of the hidden items was a

plastic bag with a crystal like substance in it. The officer added there were several syringes in the truck in plain view.

The citation states the plastic bag with the white crystal like substance weighed 5.1 grams.

Morris stated that he also found a plastic sandwich bag with 25 and a half suboxone pills in it. During a search of the passenger, the officer reported he found a gabapentin pill and two suboxone pills in the man's cigarette pack.

Morris charged Timothy Puckett, 31, of Turner Avenue, Irvine with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first

offense (methamphetamine), trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree and first offense, tampering with physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possession.

Trafficking in a controlled substance, first and second degrees is usually a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison.

The charges made against Puckett are bumped up to Class C felonies because Morris said the methamphetamine weighed more than two grams and there were more than 20 dosage units of the

suboxone.

Punishment for a Class C felony is five to ten years in prison for each charge.

A second citation was issued to Puckett for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Officer Morris said he found an additional small bag of a crystal white substance in Puckett's front pocket. The officer said this bag of suspected methamphetamine weighed 7.1 grams.

Because this amount exceeded two grams, this charge is also a Class C felony.

Puckett was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail.

## Deputy arrests man having 8.3 grams of suspected meth

An Irvine man was a passenger in a vehicle when he was arrested Tuesday, April 30 by Deputy Sheriff Colton Lewis.

Lewis said he had stopped the vehicle for a traffic stop at the intersection of Main Street and Broadway in Irvine.

The citation states the driver of the vehicle consented to a search of the vehicle.

Deputy Lewis said he lo-

calated a large bag of a crystal like substance in the center console.

He suspects the substance to be methamphetamine. The bag weighed 8.3 grams.

Next to the passenger seat was a large bag containing a bundle of smaller bags used to sell narcotics, according to the citation.

The deputy charged Darin Austin Harrison, 25, of North Grand Avenue with

trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (greater than two ounces of methamphetamine).

Because the amount exceeds two grams, the charge is a Class C felony.

The citation states that Harrison claimed ownership of all items and said he made good money selling methamphetamine.

Harrison's bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

## 2019 Prom King and Queen



Brook Jones and Beau Bond were chosen as Prom Queen and King during Saturday night's prom held at the Estill County High School gymnasium. The theme was a "Rustic Romance."

Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes



Katie Sparks and Wyatt Francisco were among the many lovely couples who attended this year's Prom at Estill County High School. This year's theme was "Rustic Romance."



Victoria Elam was escorted to the prom by Logan Napier. Many students attended the FIO party after the prom.

Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

## Irvine man arrested for raping teen

An Irvine man has been accused of raping and sodomizing a juvenile.

The alleged crimes were reported April 9 to the Irvine Police Department by the juvenile's guardian.

Following the investigation, Police Chief Brad Smith obtained a warrant for the arrest of David Mullins, 46, of North Plum Street, Irvine.

Mullins was charged on April 30 with three counts of rape, third degree, two counts of sodomy, third degree, and one count of sexual abuse, first degree.

The guardian said she saw Mullins engaged in what she believed to be improper behavior with the juvenile.

She then questioned the juvenile who said that she had been in a sexual relationship with Mullins since last summer.

IPD also interviewed the juvenile. She reportedly told them that she had had sexual intercourse at least once with Mullins when she was 15 and at least twice while 16.

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Larry Gordon has been selling home-grown tomato plants on the Richmond Road. He pulls the wooden trailer on days when it isn't raining. He said he may have to get a large umbrella for rainy days. Gordon stated that he learned how to garden and grow plants from his late uncle, Herman Gordon. One of the varieties is beef steak tomatoes. He described them as a big red tomato suitable for slicing.

## Obituaries

David Allen, 61

Jessie Mae Brandenburg

Joyce Hurley, 67

Gordon Wade, 75

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## Former teacher is expected back in court on May 29<sup>th</sup>

A former Estill High School Spanish teacher pled not-guilty to all charges during her arraignment on Friday in Estill District Court.

Sherry D. Murphy was represented by her attorney, Michael Eubanks, at the arraignment.

Murphy has been charged with two felonies, unlawful transaction with a minor, first degree, and intimidating a participant in a legal process.

She also faces four misdemeanor charges including three counts of failure to report child neglect or abuse,

and fourth degree assault.

Murphy waived her preliminary hearing until May 29, at 1 p.m. Normally, a preliminary hearing is held with ten business days after an arraignment.

If an indictment is returned against Murphy before May 29, there will be no preliminary hearing in district court.

Also on May 29, she may waive her right to a preliminary hearing. If that happens, no evidence will be presented and the grand jury automatically gets the case.