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Teacher, boyfriend among those indicted

Estill Grand Jury returns 21 indictments on May 24

Twenty-one indictments were returned by the Estill County Grand Jury on May 24. Sherry D. Murphy, 39, of Joseph Proctor Bypass, Irvine was named in two separate indictments.

Her first indictment charges her with intimidating a participant in the legal process, a Class D felony, and assault fourth degree (child abuse).

According to the indictment, Murphy forced a juvenile to lie on January 20 to social services and Estill County school officials. It adds the same day that she had struck a female juvenile in the mouth causing physical injury.

Murphy's second indictment charges her with facilitation to prohibited use of an elec-

tronic communication system to procure a minor for sexual offenses, two counts of tampering with physical evidence, and failure to report child abuse, first offense. The first and last charges are misdemeanors.

A man who was reported to be Murphy's boyfriend, Torstein Torsteinson aka "Thor" of the same address was indicted on charges of prohibited use of an electronic communication system to procure a minor for sexual offenses and tampering with physical evidence. Both charges are felonies.

Murphy's second indictment states that she solicited a minor through electronic communications for sexual activity with Thor on Sept. 1.

It adds that she deleted messages from

the victim's cell phone and messages between herself and Thor which could have been used in an official proceeding.

Also on Sept. 1, the indictment states that she failed to report child abuse.

Thor's indictment states that he solicited a minor for sexual activity over an electronic device on Sept. 1. It adds that he also deleted messages from his cell phone which could have been used in an official proceeding.

KSP Det. Austin Brashear investigated the case against Murphy and Torsteinson.

A nine count indictment was returned against James Alan Coffey Jr., 32, of Doe Creek Road, Irvine.

The indictment charges him with two

counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, and second offense, two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree and first offense, trafficking in marijuana, trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree and first offense, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment states that on March 22, Coffey sold 3.4 grams of methamphetamine for \$140 to a confidential informant. A search warrant was executed and officers found 52.4 grams of methamphetamine which Coffey intended to sell.

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Honorary State Cop



Dakota Glasson was surprised when he graduated on Friday night when a group of Kentucky State Troopers marched into the gym in the middle of the graduation ceremony. They called Dakota up to the stage. Trooper Leslie Strong, right in photo, is Dakota's neighbor. She explained the criteria for being an honorary trooper and said that Dakota met those requirements. The troopers first presented Dakota with a plaque with his name on it and saying he was an honorary trooper. Trooper Strong removed Dakota's graduation cap, and they placed a trooper's hat on his head. He wore the trooper hat until it was time to go up and get his diploma. The trooper hat was one that didn't get thrown up in the air at the end of the ceremony. His graduation cap said he was "moving on to greener pastures." He is the son of Tracy and Connie Glasson.



Graduates gathered outside the high school before commencement on Friday evening for photos and to say good-byes to their friends.

ECHS Class of 2019

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Stacy Kindred wore her green West Irvine Wildcat shirt to Friday's graduation. It has the names of her students in her first year of teaching, most of whom graduated on Friday night. One exception was Eric Cox who died in an automobile accident in Madison County when he was only nine. Because Eric was unable to receive his diploma, a graduating cousin went up to accept a high school diploma for Eric. Two other class members were also deceased. Thomas Lambert also died as a child, but of natural causes. His family accepted his diploma. Brooklyn Fox died in April. Her twin sister, Haley Fox was presented with a diploma for Brooklyn. Chairs with caps and gowns were left vacant for the three students.

Obituaries

- Billy Blythe, 71
- Develia Conner, 89
- Robert Horn, 86
- Russell Howard, 44
- Lawrence Hughes, 70
- Martha Lynch, 70
- Tony Miller, 55
- Kenny Rawlins, 61
- Harold Wiseman, 86

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Fiscal court passes budget, announces new fire rating

The Estill Fiscal Court met in a special session on Friday afternoon to pass the budget for the fiscal year which begins on July 1.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said the budget will now be sent to the state for their approval or recommendations. It will return to the fiscal court for their approval of any changes recommended by the state before it takes effect.

The judge said he had received a letter on the new ISO rating at the fire department the day of the court meeting.

He added that fire chief Derrick Muncie will update the fiscal court at the next meeting.

The new rating is lower, and residents within a five mile radius of the Estill County Fire Department at Clear Creek will see a reduction in their fire insurance rates.

Jessica Stevens, a member of the Tourism Commission, was present. She was told the 3% transient tax had generated \$8,901.21. The tourism commission must appoint a treasurer and open a bank account. They must request those funds be transferred to the commission.

The commission must have an audit com-

pleted annually and present a copy of it to the fiscal court.

Ronnie Riddell, director of Estill County Emergency Management Agency, presented bids to the fiscal court which were opened in an earlier fiscal court meeting for a new 911 phone system.

Riddell said the bids were nearly the same. He recommended the fiscal court take the low bidder.

He said the bidders were required to have a cellular back up system.

"Cellular back up is a huge deal for us," Riddell stated.

The new phone system is contingent upon receiving grant money.

Riddell stated he had been able to obtain a line of credit at Citizens Guaranty Bank up to \$2.5 million. He was given a verbal quote of 5 percent interest.

He estimated the bank would be repaid in ten days, and CSEPP may reimburse the interest as well.

Riddell was given approval to obtain the line of credit for EMA, because the county had financial problems for the last several years.

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