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Estill grand jury returns nine indictments

Nine people were indicted on felony charges by the Estill County Grand Jury on June 28.

Among them was Bradley Still, 24, of Richmond, Ky. Still's indictment charges him with two counts of wanton endangerment in the first degree, leaving the scene of an accident - failure to render aid or assistance, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, first offense.

The indictment states that Still was driving under the influence on April 26, when he was involved in an automobile

accident in Estill County. There was an eight year old child in the vehicle with him.

The indictment says that Still wantonly engaged in conduct which created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to the eight year old, and Donnie Winkler and Susan Bailey who were in a vehicle struck by Still's vehicle.

Deputy Chris Coffey investigated the collision.

Wallace Stanley Cress, 45, of Beatyville was indicted on a single charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

His indictment says on April 16, he took a John Deere Gator valued at \$5,000 which belonged to Lloyd Beckley.

Sheriff Chris Flynn investigated the Gator theft.

David Noland, 32, of Scott Court, Irvine was indicted on a second degree escape charge. He allegedly cut off from his ankle on March 1 a court ordered monitoring bracelet.

Wesley Edmonson, 42, of Red Lick Road was indicted on a similar charge. The indictment says that Edmonson cut off his court ordered monitoring device

from his ankle on October 26, 2018.

Edmonson was also charged by indictment with second degree persistent felony offender. The indictment says he has been previously convicted of a prior felony offense.

Brad Kirby of Probation and Parole investigated the monitoring device incidents.

An indictment charges Larry D. Johnson, 46, of Rice Station Road Irvine, with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and tampering with physical evidence.

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Estill County Fair Baby Show Two year Old Winner

There were a lot of girl entries in the two year old class, but no boys, and Kendalyn Townsend was declared the winner. She is the daughter of Robbie and Stephanie Townsend. All contestants received a blue ribbon.

Irvine Council approves items on agenda at Monday meeting

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Members of the Irvine council met on Monday night and approved several items on the agenda.

They approved the contract for the 2019-2020 fiscal year between the city of Irvine and Estill Development Alliance in the amount of \$10,000. Mayor James Gross said the funds would be separated into three payments to the EDA.

The council also approved a contract renewal between the city of Irvine and Wesley Jenkins for the building on the corner of Main Street that used to be a dry cleaning business. The contract is a 12 month contract in the amount of \$300 per month.

A privilege license was granted for Jessica Stevens to open a business at 147 Main Street. The business will be called Alright Marketing Agency and will provide graphic design as well as web designs.

An easement was approved for Kentucky Utilities to run a line across the city's lot.

Mayor Gross said that he had a lengthy meeting with Tyler Stalker who was willing to help him obtain grants for the city. He said some of those grants could possibly be used on the park.

Gross also asked for the council's approval to allow one of the city cops to drive his cruiser home for a few nights while he is attending training in Richmond. He said that the officer lives out of town and it would be much easier for him to drive the cruiser home and then head straight to training, rather than having to drive to Irvine to pick up his cruiser. The council were in favor of the officer driving the cruiser while he is in training.

Mayor Gross regrettably informed the council that he had spoken with someone from Kentucky Utilities and this will be the last year that they will take care of the Christmas lights in downtown.

He said that he appreciated them allowing the city to get through this Christmas season but wanted the council to know that it would be a costly expense after this year.

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State police pursues vehicle into Powell County, Thursday

A Clay City man was arrested Thursday night following a high speed chase by Kentucky State Police. The pursuit exceeded speeds of 100 mph and covered two counties.

A citation states that Christopher Kohen Williams, 20, passed Troopers C. Roark and Ty Robinson on Spout Springs Road at a high rate of speed. He also allegedly failed to dim his headlights.

Trooper Roark said he turned around to stop Williams. He activated his emergency equipment, but Willis failed to yield.

The citation states that

Williams made a right turn onto Forge Mill Road in Powell County while failing to signal the turn.

The citation states that Roark pursued Williams on Forge Mill Road at speeds of around 90 mph. Forge Mill Road is a single lane rural road.

The trooper said Williams came to a stop just past his residence.

Three passengers were inside Williams' vehicle, one of whom was a juvenile.

The citation states that Williams placed the trooper and his passengers at a serious risk of physical injury

due to his driving and actions. Roark added that he nearly wrecked at one point on Forge Mill Road.

Williams was arrested and lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail. He was charged with speeding 26 mph or greater, fleeing or evading police, first degree, failure to dim headlights, reckless driving, failure to or improper signal, wanton endangerment first degree police officer, wanton endangerment first degree, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, and no registration plates.

Williams' bail was set at \$2,500 cash.

Woman falsely reports her baby was kidnapped

An Irvine woman was arrested July 19 after falsely reporting that her baby had been kidnapped.

IPD Capt. Sturniolo said that Jacquelin Portwood, 21, of Wallace Circle called 911 to report there was someone in her residence that she wanted to leave.

When officers arrived, she told them that a black male had kidnapped her two month old and run out the back door.

Portwood allegedly told Capt. Sturniolo that she was having a yard sale when the man came inside the residence, grabbed the baby, and ran.

IPD located the man and baby at Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital. The man was identified as Donald Hagans, the biological father of the child.

He told police that he and Ms. Portwood spent some time together the day before

and met again at 10 a.m. on July 19. He told police they drove around, ran errands, and applied for a loan.

He said they began arguing. Portwood was driving and had the baby unrestrained on her lap.

Hagans told police that

Portwood slammed on her brakes several times, causing the newborn to jerk its neck. He added that she attempted to pass the baby over to her five year old son while she was still operating the vehicle.

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A contestant in the four year old category waved to the audience during the Baby Show at the Estill County Fair last Tuesday night.

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