

Several charged in Floyd District Court

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Charges were filed against several recently in Floyd District Court. Those charged included:

Misdemeanor cases

Linda Music, 56, of Martin Branch Road, Wayland, harassment.

Bobbi Murphy, 43, of Cracker Street, Martin, public intoxication.

Brian Shepherd, 39, of Ky. 850, David, second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot) and resisting arrest.

Jason Tackett, 42, of Creekside Lane, Minnie, harassing communications and falsely reporting an incident to law enforcement.

Jonathan Bailey, 46, of Left Fork of Neck Branch, Harold, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Carolyn Curtis, 56, address unavailable, violating an EPO/DVO.

Johnathan Boyd, 22, of 1st Street, Prestonsburg, theft.

Joseph Mullins, 48, of Left Fork of Little Paint, East Point, public intoxication.

Holly Kidd, 56, of Janice Davis Drive, Prestonsburg, third-degree criminal trespassing and theft by failure to make the required disposition of property.

Emily Jarrell, 40, of Nevada Street, Ashland, harassment.

Bruce Jarrell, 40, of Nevada Street, Ashland, harassment.

Jamie Spears, 40, of South Locust Road, Hi Hat, failure to appear in court.

Brian Thomas, 29, of Martin, second-degree criminal trespassing and

theft.

Felony cases

Keisha Craft, 20, of Cliffside Circle, Prestonsburg, first-degree wanton endangerment and second-degree trafficking (unspecified).

Jimmy Endicott, 24, of Town Branch, Prestonsburg, first-degree wanton endangerment (police officer).

Kerrie P. Collins, 43, of Left Fork of Katy Friend Branch, Prestonsburg, first-degree criminal mischief.

Eddie Shepherd, 48,

of Patches Drive, David, first-degree criminal mischief and theft.

Cody Moore, 30, of Ky. 306, Wheelwright, auto theft and first-degree criminal mischief.

Ricky Carroll, 39, of Raymond Griffith Drive, Martin, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bradford Hunt, 48, of Old Wilson Creek Road, Langley, first-degree promoting contraband.

Candice Hamilton, 37, of Ky. 3380, Teaberry,

first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second-degree possession of a controlled substance (unspecified), third-degree possession of a controlled substance (unspecified), possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI and traffic charges.

Editor's note: The above list reflects people who are charged in Floyd District Court. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Couple facing child endangerment charges; woman also charged with drug trafficking

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A Prestonsburg man and woman were arrested on felony endangerment charges and the woman was charged with drug trafficking after Prestonsburg Police said they responded to a report of a possible domestic incidence at their residence.

According to court documents written by PPD Officer Garrett Sprigs, on Dec. 19, he and Officer Jason Arms responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at the Cliffside Circle residence of Keisha Craft, 20, and Jimmy Endicott, 24.

The officers, court documents said, spoke

separately with Craft and Endicott and they gave differing statements about why the argument had occurred. The arguments, Spriggs wrote, also occurred in the presence of a four-year-old girl.

The officers, documents said, smelled an odor of alcohol coming from Craft, who admitted she had been drinking vodka all day while at home by herself with the juvenile.

Documents said Arms obtained consent to retrieve the bottle and, when he went to the bedroom to do so, he saw a spoon containing residue next to an uncapped syringe which was accessible by the juvenile. Craft, the citation

said, told the officers she was "getting ready to shoot up suboxone."

Endicott, the document said, told the officers he had just come home 30 minutes earlier and that he "shoots up" suboxone but was trying to quit. Further, the citation said, Endicott told the officers he was aware of the actions going on at the residence around the child but that he kept his "stuff" put up.

Documents said Endicott was asked where the suboxone was located and he retrieved his pill bottle from a coffee table where the officers also found another bottle of suboxone with approximately 10 dosage units inside. That bot-

tle, Spriggs wrote, had the name marked out and had the word "SELL" written on it.

Craft, the officer wrote, admitted to selling her suboxone, telling them that, when she would get her prescription, she would split them up between what she takes and what she would sell.

Social workers were called to the scene, Spriggs wrote.

Both Craft and Endicott were arrested on a charge of first-degree wanton endangerment and Craft was also charged with second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

SOAR EKY Gala rescheduled for April 29, award nominations extended to Jan. 31

SPECIAL TO APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Shaping Our Appalachian Region's (SOAR) first-ever EKY Gala, presented by Kentucky Power, has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023.

The event will still take place at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

The gala will include a red carpet arrival, awards ceremony, and reception celebrating those moving Appalachian Kentucky forward.

The red carpet will open at 1 p.m. with the

awards ceremony set for 2:30 p.m. with the reception to follow at 4 p.m.

Registration is \$75 and is all-inclusive. The reception will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and local entertainment. A cash bar will also be available.

The awards ceremony will feature more than a dozen awards. Due to the date change, the organization has extended gala nominations to Jan. 31.

For more information on nominations, visit, <https://form.jotform>.

INCREASE

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increased our rates over a two-year period."

The district, Prater said, will implement the total 8.9 percent increase over two years. Beginning in January, rates will increase by 4.2 percent. In 2024, rates will increase by 4.7 percent.

"We asked the PSC to have leniency considering these rates due to the flooding our area

recently went through" said Commissioner Rick Roberts. "They took this into consideration, which is why they broke the 8.9 percent increase into two years. They could have implemented the full increase immediately, which is typically how it's done. So, we're thankful for their understanding."

Prater said it's not the district's desire to institute the increase.

"We didn't ask for an increase, we actually asked them not to in-

crease it," he said. "But, they overrode us in order to make sure there is enough money for infrastructure improvement."

According to Roberts, the district would have challenged the amount of the increase had it been too high.

"If the increase had been too high, we could have challenged it, but you can't challenge numbers," he said. "For us to maintain operational expenses and keep water to our 5300 customers, we

have to pass along the rate."

Prater said the PSC is a consumer advocate.

"The PSC is on the customer's side and they hold us accountable for what goes on here," he said. "We are under their jurisdiction, so we don't have a choice in the matter."

Both Prater and Roberts said their main concern is getting this information to the customers.

"We want the customers to be educated as

to why this is being done, and that it is regulated," Prater said. "As PSC told us, there's never a good time to raise rates, but for us to sustain and make sure our customers have good, reliable water, it's necessary."

The documentation and videos of hearings related to the case may be viewed at, psc.gov. The case number is, 2022-00099.

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understand how these legislators made a decision to commit so much money with no realistic way of understanding the overall impact of its implementation. And it's not like this is the first time this has happened. This is commonplace. And we

accept it for some reason and return the same legislators to Washington D.C. time and time again.

There's a lot of reasons for that, including lack of real choice in alternatives. But, ultimately, the voters are to blame.

Leadership is not always measured by how many times you can tell your constituents, "Yes," but instead, how many

times you can tell them, "No" when it's necessary and especially when it's uncomfortable. Until voters can reject those who go to Washington only with their pockets open for pet projects and ignore the greater good, we will see fiscal irresponsibility take front row center every time.

I'm disappointed in both parties in this matter,

in the supposedly fiscally conservative Republicans who crossed the aisle and bent for pet projects in for the Democrats who continue to prove that they fail to understand that throwing money at problems will not only not fix

them, but create far more new ones in the process.

I pray this bill won't continue or expand the hard times we're currently seeing, but fear that it will. We, and they, need to do better.

VANDERBECK

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services include bodyguard services, time share exchange services, executive employee recruitment, fax transmissions, decorating and design services, lobbying services, marketing services, massages, private investigators, valet services, personal trainers, banquet halls and space rentals facilities, security monitoring services and website design and hosting services.

So although you will save a measly 1 percent on your state income tax,

you will get hammered if you plan a party or send a fax. And when was the last time a dope dealer needed a lobbyist? And if they do need a bodyguard, do you think they give the bodyguard a 1099 at the end of the year?

In addition, there will be a tax on your power bill if you own a second residence. So if you are fortunate enough to have a rental property as a secondary residence, you will get taxed on the electricity used for that unit.

The prioritization of this taxation is obscene and punishes the working class while the tax evaders

will continue to get away with not paying taxes. There has to be a better way.

Now that my blood pressure has subsided, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and heartfelt and sincere thank you for taking time out of your week to read this paper and allowing me to spew my diatribe like Mussolini on the balcony. If my opinion evokes some thought or emotion, good or bad, then I would say that we connected.

Thanks for reading the Floyd County Chronicle and Times.

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