

IPD charges 3 men with illegal drugs

Three men were arrested Sunday night after the Irvine Police Department executed search warrants on Stacy Lane.

Harold Horn, 40, of 2600 Stacy Lane, Irvine was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (complicity) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Officer Dalton Campbell wrote in the citation that Horn was standing by a bed in the living room where a glass pipe was located that a contained a white crystal substance.

Jacob L. Hunt, 29, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (<2 grams methamphetamine).

David G. Tipton, 69, of Carhartt Ave., Irvine was arrested at 501 Stacy Lane, Irvine after IPD executed a search warrant.

Tipton was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, and first offense (drug unspecified) and prescription of a controlled substance, not in proper container, 1st offense.

When IPD executed the search warrant, Officer Mitchell Grater stated that Tipton was found in the driveway and detained.

He reportedly told officers that he had percocets in his front right pocket.

During a search, IPD said they found three white pills, which were suspected to be oxycodone hydrochloride 10 mg.

Officer Tanner Chaney assisted Officers Campbell and Grater with the search warrants and arrests.

Council takes no action on installing a baby box

No action was taken Wednesday evening after a special meeting of the Irvine Council was called to discuss the installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box at the Irvine Fire Department.

The meeting opened with Mayor James Gross and Fire Chief Justin Patrick reporting on their visits and phone calls about the baby boxes at other fire departments.

Gross had also contacted the place where the baby boxes are made.

"They really don't have a box yet. It will take us maybe a year to get the box," he stated.

The mayor also had a copy of the 9-page document from the Winchester Fire Department on their baby box.

There was \$50,000 donated for the baby box at the Winchester Fire Department.

A baby box has other expenses once it is installed. This includes a dedicated phone line, maintenance, and insurance.

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Three year old Mason Chesser told Santa what he wanted for Christmas on Saturday afternoon. Santa was at the American Legion Post on Millers Creek.

Grand jury indictments

The Estill County Grand Jury returned 30 indictments on December 3.

Information on 16 indictments was printed in last week's issue of The Estill County Tribune. This article covers the remaining 14.

Brandon S. Coffey, 34, of Wisemantown Road, Irvine was indicted on a single charge of possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine).

The indictment says that Coffey had methamphetamine in his possession on July 11, 2024.

A one-count indictment was returned against Shawonna D. Brooks, 44, of Newman Cemetery Road, Irvine. It charges her with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine).

Brooks had methamphetamine in her possession on June 23, 2024, according to the indictment.

Theresa Smallwood, 31, of Beattyville faces four charges in her indictment. Those charges are possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (fentanyl), trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (> or = 2 grams methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree (drug unspecified), and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

The indictment states that on June 3, 2024, Smallwood had fentanyl, six grams of methamphetamine, and a white pill in her possession, along with small plastic baggies.

Irvine Officer Ricky Pingleton conducted the previous three investigations.

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Dr. James D. Hill was surprised Friday with a portrait of himself by one of his patients, Larry Frost, of Richmond. Frost worked at UK when Adolph Rupp was coach. He was a sketch artist for the basketball games. One of his paintings of Rupp now hangs in the basketball hall of fame. One of the UK players included Larry Stamper, a 1968 graduate of Lee County High School who led his team to the state tournament. Stamper later served as the best man at Frost's wedding. Frost's wife graduated with Stamper at Lee County. She is also a dental patient of Dr. Hill's.

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Sheriff wishes for hazardous duty retirement for deputies

Sheriff Chris Flynn presented his annual budget to the Estill Fiscal Court at their regular meeting on Monday, December 16.

The annual budget of County Clerk Kim Charles was also presented.

Those budgets for those two offices are on a calendar year, whereas the fiscal court is on a fiscal year.

Sheriff Flynn stated that this year's budget was \$120,000 less than last year's.

He explained that was because his deputies were no longer worked as School Resource Officers (SROs) for the school system.

Flynn said he would like to see his office participate in a hazardous duty retirement pay for deputies one day.

He said none of the deputies have that retirement.

The deputies could retire much earlier if they were in the hazardous duty insurance.

Flynn stated the hazardous duty retirement was much expensive.

"We're wearing the badge, and carrying the gear," said Flynn.

The day before the court meeting, the sheriff's office had to serve an eviction notice to someone who did not want to leave.

Flynn said they had to wear body armor while serving the eviction.

Tommy Lane, rescue squad leader, said the squad has made 260 runs this year, including several wrecks involving extractions.

The rescue squad applied for a grant for a battery-powered combination tool (cutter/spreader) costing \$11,770.

If approved, it will cover 75% of the cost, \$8,827.50.

"We started off on a run," stated Hargett Fire Chief Rob Forehand. "We've had several fires."

Forehand said there has been few wrecks on KY 82 where the road was reconstructed.

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