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methamphetamine and approximately 2.5 ounces of suspected fentanyl, the statement said.

The following individuals were arrested and charged in connection with the investigation, according to the statement:

- Howard Burris, 20, of Ohio, was arrested and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center on charges of DUI, pos-

session of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense), trafficking in a controlled substance (fentanyl) and traffic charges.

- Carnell Archey, 24, of Ohio, was arrested and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center on charges of public intoxication, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, trafficking in a

controlled substance (fentanyl) and a traffic charge.

- Zavion McCallister, 23, of Ohio, was arrested and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center on charges of public intoxication, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense) and trafficking in a controlled substance (fentanyl)
- Isaac Chapman, 28, of

Pikeville, was arrested and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center on charges of DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense), trafficking in a controlled substance (fentanyl) and traffic charges.

- Caitlin Griffith, 27, of Pikeville, was arrested and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center on charges of

possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense) and trafficking in a controlled substance (fentanyl).

Drug tips, the statement said, can be reported to investigators at Post 9 by calling (606) 433-7711. Callers can remain anonymous.

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the results from the outside lab are a little better.”

The district uses Pike County-based Mineral Labs for its routine sampling. For the independent study requested by MWD Commissioner Burt Melton, the district used Aquatic Labs LLC from Lexington.

**Sampling Results**

“The results were exactly what we expected, our water is safe for public consumption,” Olson said. “We sampled water from 12 sites throughout our system — areas with water produced from Mountain Water District, purchased water from the City of Pikeville and the City of Williamson, W.Va., and blended water from Mountain and Pikeville or Williamson.”

“We tested for coliforms (including E. coli) and bacteriologicals — that is what we treat the water for. At every sample point, each sample was a non-detect. All of them were less than one. The water is safe,” Olson continued. “Can I say it is 100 percent free of everything? No, I cannot, because there was a slight elevation in the levels of trihalomethane from samples obtained at purchase points from the City of Pikeville.”

**THM Levels**

Trihalomethane (THM) levels from MWD and the purchase points with the City of Williamson were compliant. The standard is that THM levels should be .08 or below, she explained. The levels from the City of Pikeville ranged between .081 and .09.

Olson said that trihalomethane is a byproduct of the disinfection/chlorination process and is found — at some level — in every water system in the country. THMs in treated water is affected by ambient temperature, the distance water travels and the time water is stored within a system.

“The highest level, and we expected it, was at the Elkhorn Creek sample point in Aschamp,” Olson said. “Water distributed to that area is blended water that is mixed with water from the City of Pikeville and the Mountain Water District. From the point where the water mixes, it travels more than 35 miles — from Indian Hills to Elkhorn City — over seven to eight days.”

“We took separate samples at the mixing point,” she continued. “Our water was well within parameters for trihalomethane. The City of Pikeville’s level was slightly elevated.”

Olson said that while water districts are required to submit test results each quarter, the Mountain Water District samples its water every month to ensure water quality. Then, the results of each quarter are averaged together in an annual report.

“The testing results are just a snapshot of a moment in time,” Olson said. “If our results are high for just one sample, we are considered to have elevated levels all year.”

“Every year, three of our quarterly samples are within designated levels. If individual quarters were reported, there would only be one time a year that we would show an elevated result,” She continued. “Also, the results are combined systemwide, so that while only a small part of the county and a very limited number of customers are affected.”

Olson said only about 20 percent of the water district’s service area (approximately 3,300 customers) is affected by the elevated THM levels. However, when the annual report is submitted, MWD is required to notify all of its 16,500 customers.

To have health issues associated with trihalomethane, she said a person would have to drink two liters of the affected water

every day for 70 years.

**Possible Solutions**

There are many options available to continue to abate the trihalomethane problem, Olson said.

The first has already been implemented and is showing positive results. She said the City of Pikeville recently added a new carbon filtration system to its water treatment process.

“The trihalomethane levels were lower at their purchase points, but they were tested when the weather was a little cooler,” Olson said. “The true tests will be when we collect our next quarterly sample in August, which is typically our hottest month, over the course of the next year as we get a new annual average.”

She also said that the city is trying to obtain funding for a new treatment system that could eliminate the problem.

On the Mountain Water side, Olson said, the district is looking at installing an additional carbon filter and treating the water again.

Another option she is excited about is a proposed Ashcamp connector that would bypass the need for water to be transported 35 miles to reach household taps. The MWD board of commissioners voted at its

last meeting to pursue a loan through a special program if the district is invited to apply for it later this month.

Because of the median income level in Pike County, one-third of the loan could be forgiven. Combined with the project being completed with in-house personnel and equipment, Olson said the new connector could be fiscally manageable for the district.

“Our water is safe, I drink it every day myself,” she said. “I was the compli-

ance manager for years before becoming the general manager. I have seen every sampling result. If there was a problem, I would know it. I have never once been afraid to drink our water.

“Our water is safe, we don’t have anything to hide,” Olson continued. “Yes, we have a small problem with trihalomethane, but we are constantly working on it. We want to be fully transparent about it. We want to restore people’s faith in Mountain Water.”

**KENTUCKY STATE POLICE POST 9 TRAFFIC SAFETY CHECKPOINT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Special to Appalachian Newspapers

The Kentucky State Police offer periodic reminders to drivers who travel the roadways.

According to a statement from the agency, KSP strives daily to ensure the safety of the motoring public. Some of these proactive measures include various roadside safety checkpoints and saturating known problematic areas in the district through general patrol tactics, the statement said. The Kentucky State Police utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traffic safety checkpoint, the statement said, is to provide high visibility, public safety service, focusing on operator impairment, vehicular equipment deficiencies (confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles) and the valid licensing of drivers. Other violations of law and/or other public safety issues that arise will be addressed. These checkpoints will allow the Kentucky State Police the opportunity to periodically concentrate its efforts in checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws that will ultimately increase the safety of the citizens within the commonwealth, the statement said.

Post 9 serves the following counties: Pike, Floyd, Martin, Magoffin and Johnson. Traffic Safety checkpoint locations in the Post 9 District may be located at the agency’s website,

<https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/post9checkpoints>.



# JULY

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