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KSP confiscates pills, \$5,552 and arrests 3 for trafficking in drugs

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Kentucky State Police seized over 100 oxycodone pills and more than \$5,000 during an investigation into drug trafficking on Saturday evening.

Three men were arrested and charged with trafficking in drugs during the investigation.

Trooper J. Carpenter wrote that he received an anonymous tip that a black man was at 1360 Rice Station Road, Irvine selling pills and possibly

heroin.

According to the citation, KSP and Deputy Sheriff Randy Farthing were given both verbal and written consent to search the property at 1360 Rice Station Road.

The citation states that baggies of pills were found in the pockets of sweat pants in a bedroom closet. The pills were described as 102 oxycodone 30 mg.

Trooper Carpenter reports that he found a silver pill container with two and a half oxycodone 30 mg. He added that

one and a half xanax 2 mg bar was found in an empty backpack.

The citation states the officers found \$3,483 in a rubber band in a pocket of gray pants in the bedroom closet.

Trooper Carpenter wrote that all three men denied owning the pills or money in rubber bands. The pills and money were logged into KSP evidence storage.

The three men were each charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense. The offense

is a Class C felony because more than 10 pills were involved. Punishment, if found guilty, is five to ten years in state prison.

Arrested were Aaron Eugene White, 32, of Dayton, Ohio; Darren James Baker, 32, of 1360 Rice Station Road, Irvine; and David Thomas Arvin, 28, of 1315 Sand Hill Road, Irvine.

White's citation states that Trooper Carpenter found \$2,059.00 in the right front pocket of White's shorts. It was also logged into evi-

dence.

The citation states that Baker had a half straw in his right pocket. It adds that an unknown powder residue, several straws and a marijuana pipe were found inside the residence.

Baker was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense; possession of a controlled substance, third degree; prescription not in proper container; and drug paraphernalia, buy or possess. The last three charges are

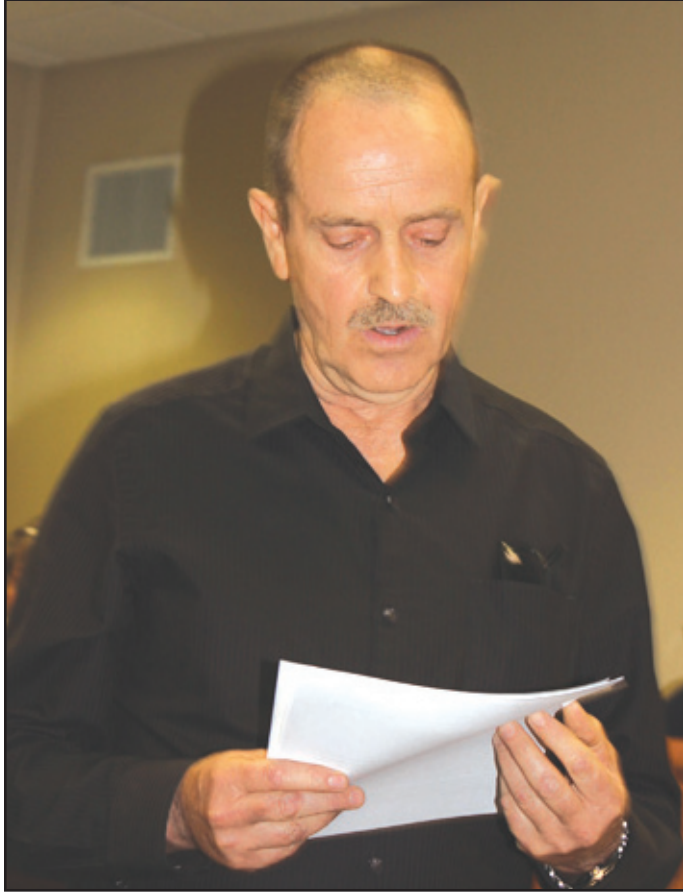
misdeemeanors.

According to the citation, Baker and Arvin were cooperative. The three men were lodged in the Estill County Detention Center.

Arvin, Baker, and White were arraigned in Estill District Court on Monday. They each pleaded not-guilty to the charges.

Their bail has been set at \$50,000 cash for each of them.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled in Estill District Court for July 24.



James Mullins of Lilly Ferry Road asked the fiscal court to help him with a barking dog problem. He was told again at Monday's fiscal court meeting that he would have to seek a different solution to his problem.

Fiscal court rejects noise ordinance and delays any action on adopting roads into the county's road system

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The Estill Fiscal Court rejected a noise ordinance which was requested Monday night by James Mullins, a resident of Lilly Ferry Road.

This wasn't the first time Mullins has requested the county pass a noise ordinance.

Mullins said last year he was told the county didn't have the resources. He suggested they use the fine money to fund law enforcement to answer calls about barking dogs.

"I grew up in the county. I moved back to the county. I make a choice on where I

live," said Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor. "As long as I sit here, I will not establish an ordinance on barking dogs."

Magistrate Gerald Rader stated he thought there were avenues that Mullins could use without the county passing an ordinance.

"I called state police. They won't come," Mullins said. "I don't want to use ear plugs as an avenue to resolve it."

Mullins stated the dogs were barking because they were without food or water and left outside on a chain in the weather.

"There's a difference between a barking dog and abusing a dog," said Assistant

County Attorney Jenny Haymond.

Residents of White Oak requested that two different roads be adopted into the county road system. Brad and Amanda Hall asked that Shallow Creek Road be adopted, and Tim Johnson requested for the second month that Dancing Fawn be adopted. Both roads are near Sunrise Valley.

Taylor told the residents the roads must meet the county's qualifications on width, drainage, and road condition before they could be adopted.

The judge announced the animal shelter was getting a package sewer plant which

would handle 750 gallon a day. The estimated cost is \$125,000 and will be of no cost to the county.

Taylor said that IMU's sewer stops at the National Guard.

The county will also be receiving a trailer to house 12 dogs during an emergency. Taylor said it will be parked at the animal shelter.

The trailer will cost \$38,000 but does not come from county funds.

Six part-time dispatchers were hired for 911. They are Betty Brooks, Julie Brooks, Jacqueline Brandenburg, Lauren Comett, Jennifer Helton, and Donald Richardson.



Tim Johnson, left, asked the fiscal court to make repairs to Dancing Fawn Road off Sunrise Valley. He was told the road had to be adopted into the county road system before the county would maintain it.

3 injured in rear-end collision

Three people went to the hospital following a rear-end collision on the Richmond Road on Friday afternoon.

The wreck occurred seven miles west of Irvine on the Richmond Road.

Deputy Randy Farthing said that Christopher Cole of Hall-Abney Road, Irvine was westbound and attempting to

turn right into the parking lot of Witt's Country Market.

Bertha Combs of Drowning Creek Ridge told the deputy that she did not see Cole's vehicle was turning right.

No injuries were reported in Combs' vehicle.

A back seat passenger in Cole's vehicle, Roy Gross of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine was


transported by Estill EMS to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital.

The report states that Cole and another passenger, Casandra McIntosh of McKee, were taken by private vehicle to the hospital to be checked out. The injuries were described as minor.

Obituaries

Marcus Campbell, 69
Buddy Bob Hale, 70
Shirley McCollum, 73
Jackie Earl McHone, 66
Dorothy Newman, 70
Emma Strange, 58
Dorothy Warren, 93
Jennie A. White, 100
Leoma Woosley, 94
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Turtle Crossing



This large turtle was crossing the Old Fox Road on Tuesday morning. He was probably headed to the Kentucky River just over the hill.

Burn Out



The American Legion held a car show and burn out on Saturday. Jimmy Bryant was the winner of the Burn-Out. He is shown above "burning out" with his blue Chevelle. More photos on Page 2.