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## Man is arrested for selling guns that he never owned

The Irvine Police Department says a White Oak man sold guns that he did not have.

William E. "Billy" Neal, 24, was charged December 23 by IPD Captain Adrian McKinney with theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

The citation states that around December 5, Neal received and cashed three Money Gram checks which had been sent to him by Paul Mattingly of Saint Louis, Missouri.

It adds that Mattingly sent the checks for payment of two weapons that Neal supposedly possessed.

IPD's Facebook page says that Neal had advertised two guns for sale on gunbroker.com for \$1,500.00.

The citation states that Neal never had the firearms to sell, and Mattingly never

received the firearms or a refund for the three Money Gram checks.

Captain McKinney wrote that during a joint search of Neal's residence on White Oak Road by IPD and KSP, officers found three mailing envelopes from Mattingly which had contained the Money Grams.

The search warrant for Neal's home was obtained by Kentucky State Police on December 23, the day of his arrest.

The search warrant states that Neal had placed an ad on Facebook for .22 caliber ammunition for sale. The person who complained to KSP said he had paid Neal through PayPal and never received the ammunition.

Twenty-two items were seized from the living room, basement, and bannister of Neal's residence during the

execution of the search warrant.

Electronic items confiscated included a laptop computer, three cell phones, and a digital camera.

Bank statements from two different banks were confiscated along with a receipt from Western Union and a shipping box.

The other items confiscated were cards, such as Mastercard and Visa, including a PayPal Mastercard.

Bail for Neal has been set at \$25,000 cash. Court documents say that Neal was arrested while he had a case pending.

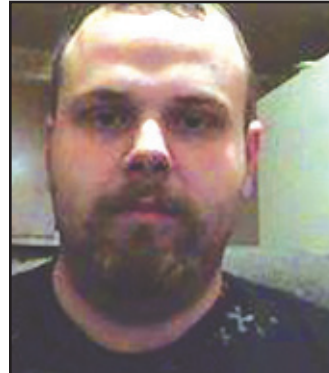
Neal pleaded not-guilty during his arraignment on December 23 in Estill District Court.

A preliminary hearing was held for Neal in Owsley County to comply with the

10-day rule. His case was waived to the Estill Grand Jury.

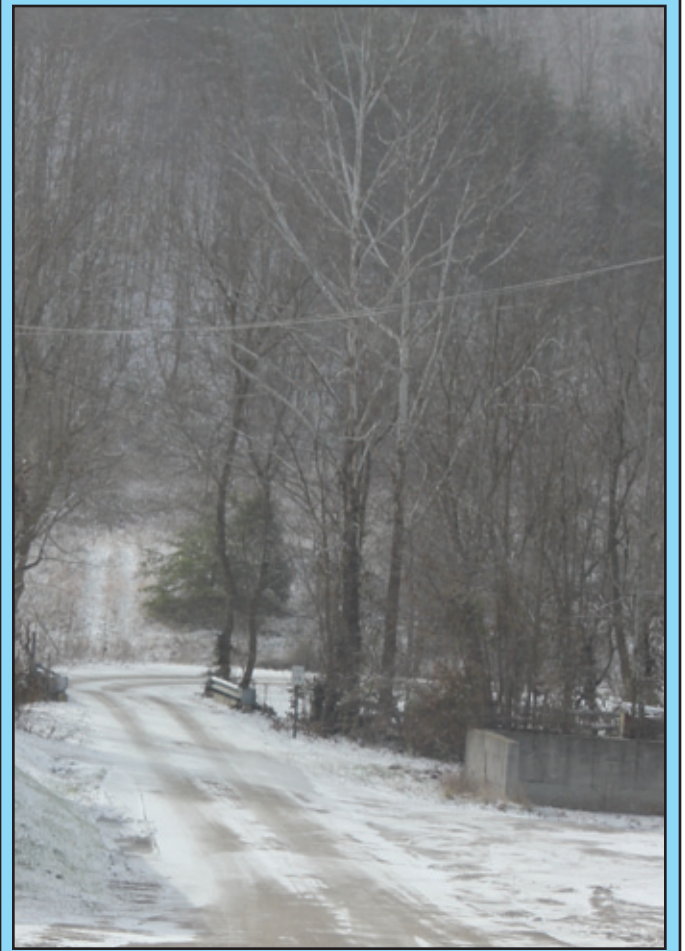
The investigation is continuing by Irvine Police Department and Kentucky State Police.

If you have had business dealings with Neal, the Irvine Police Department asks that you contact Capt. McKinney at 723-2205 (leave a message) or KSP Detective B. Bowman at (859) 623-2404.



Billy Neal

## Brr! It's Cold



Main roads were cleared after snow blew in early Monday. Wall Street, above, remained snow covered. Schools were closed but for many it was back to work in the below-freezing temperatures.



Snow covered everything in Estill County on Monday. Above is a barn which was once used to house tobacco. Few barns in the county are now used for housing tobacco, but there are still a few tobacco growers around. Their goal is to get it stripped before the snow starts flying and freezing temperatures arrive.

## Jewelry is taken from residences during burglaries

Burglaries at two residences on Monday, December 30 remain under investigation.

The two burglaries have several similarities, and both are being investigated by Deputy Doc Morris.

The burglaries occurred at the residences of Jennifer Fielder on Sand Hill Road, Irvine and Sonja Reece of Doe Creek Road, Irvine.

The crime report states the burglar(s) kicked in a back door at Fielder's residence. They went into a bedroom and took a jewelry box before leaving.

Fielder reported that jewelry and precious metals valued at \$10,000 were stolen.

A side door was kicked in at Reece's residence. The burglar(s) entered a back bedroom and also removed a jewelry box.

Jewelry and precious metals taken from Reece were valued at \$600.00.

The investigation continues. Anyone with information on this burglary may contact Deputy Morris at 723-2323 during regular business hours or 723-2201 after hours.

## Obituaries

- Ova Combs III, 33
- Dorothy Crowe, 83
- Daisy Moore, 55
- Billy Wagers, 53
- Linda Embs, 66
- Phyllis Hampton, 81
- Herbert Harrison, 92
- Charles Williams, 89
- Bentley Joseph Willis, 15 days

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## Candidates continue to file; deadline is 20 days away

Candidates continue filing for local offices and for representatives and judges.

The filing deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 28 in the office of County Clerk Sherry L. Fox for county offices only.

Persons seeking to file for other offices, including state and U.S. Representative must file in Frankfort at the Secretary of State Office. That deadline is also 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 28.

The last ones to file locally are Ronnie Means and Tim Burkhart.

Means, a republican, has filed to run for constable in district #1.

Burkhart, also a republican, has filed for re-election to a two-year term on the Irvine City Council.

Sixth District U.S. Congressman Andy Barr has filed for re-election to a two-year term. Barr is a republican.

A second democrat has filed to run for the sixth district U.S. congressman spot. She is Elizabeth Jensen of Lexington.

State representative Gary "Toby" Her-

ald has filed to run for re-election from the 91st district. Herald is a republican.

Arch Johnson Jr. of Booneville has filed to run for the state representative in the 91st district on the democratic ticket.

The Ravenna council and mayor seats will also be up for election in 2014. Because those seats are non-partisan, the filing deadline for those offices will not be until August.

Mayors of Irvine and Ravenna are elected to four year terms, while council members are elected for only two years.

Several seats on the Estill County Board of Education are up for election in 2014. Those seats are also non-partisan and have a filing deadline in August. Board of education members are elected to four year terms.

Candidates for district and circuit judge of the 23rd judicial district can file in Frankfort. The judgeships are non-partisan. The 23rd judicial district includes Estill, Lee, and Owsley counties.

## Intoxicated man is arrested after pharmacy visit

A local man was arrested and charged with public intoxication by Kentucky State Police but faces numerous other charges, with at least one of them being a felony.

Trooper D. Cole wrote in a citation that he received a complaint about Timothy R. Henry, 43 of Wagersville Road, Irvine and a 2000 gold Nissan Altima that Henry was traveling in.

The trooper wrote that Henry was inside Plaza Pharmacy trying to get a prescription filled while he was intoxicated.

The citation says that Trooper Cole observed Henry trying to leave the parking lot of the pharmacy. He said he stopped Henry who

was obviously impaired.

He added that Henry fell asleep in his cruiser while he was transporting him to the hospital.

Trooper Cole stated that Henry gave him false information about his identity. Henry had two children in the vehicle who were not in proper child restraint seats.

Henry was charged with failure of owner to maintain required insurance, failure to wear seat belts, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol, driving DUI suspended license -- second offense, failing to register transfer of vehicle, giving officer false name and address and two counts of failure to use child restraint device.

