

Weekly Police Activity Report

Charles Jones of Winchester Road, Irvine was charged on Sept. 30 with possession of a controlled substance, first degree ad first offense by Irvine Officer James Marshall.

During an apartment search, IPD said they found a small rolled up paper with suspected methamphetamine inside a diabetic test container. The test kit was located on a table in front of a couch.

Theresa Marie William Smallwood, 26, of Beattyville was also arrested Sept. 30 at Jones' apartment and charged by Det. Sam Hensley with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense.

Officer Stewart Morris served a warrant on **Calvin L. Jones**, 48, of Winchester Road, for failure to appear in court.

Officer Jason Conrad arrested **Scott P. Fox**, 29, of Beattyville on Sept. 30 at North Gate Apartments in Irvine.

The citation states that Fox was a passenger in a vehicle with a stolen registration plate.

When IPD searched the vehicle, they reported they found a small piece of plastic containing a crystal like substance, suspected to be methamphetamine. It was inside a cigarette pack inside the passenger side door.

Fox was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Two warrants were served by Officer Sean Morris on October 3 on **Jeffrey Johnson**, 40, of Richmond. At least one of the warrants was for failure to appear in court.

Monty Steelman, 55, of Lincoln Ave., Irvine was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), second degree disorderly conduct, and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess on Oct. 1 by Officer Morris.

Deputy Josh King arrested **Joseph Noland**, 31, of Wisemantown Road, on two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and possession of marijuana.

The deputy said he observed a vehicle traveling on Wisemantown Road. It appeared to make an attempt to evade police by pulling into an immediate driveway.

King turned up Dark Hollow Road to travel back down Richmond Road. He stated the vehicle immediately turned back to the Richmond Road and traveled towards Winchester Road where he activated a traffic stop.

He wrote Noland a citation for operating a vehicle without an operators license.

Sheriff Chris Flynn arrived on the scene and his K9 Ruby was deployed and alerted on the vehicle. Det. Sam Hensley also assisted at the scene.

The citation states that King and Officer Conrad located a small baggie containing a white crystal substance, believed to be methamphetamine.

The officers report they also found a small baggie containing a green leafy substance, suspected to be marijuana.

While Noland was at the jail, being prepared for transport to Three Fork Regional Jail, his personal items were removed.

Deputy King said he found small piece of foil with a gray powder substance wrapped inside. It is suspected heroin.

Jeffrey Hardy, 59, of Picnic Hill, Irvine was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, on Oct. 3 by Deputy Josh King.

The sheriff's office had received a complaint from dispatch of suspected drug activity at Rose's Garage in South Irvine.

King, Deputy Coffey and Constable Goosey responded to the scene.

Deputy King said while Hardy was emptying his pockets, he found a small baggie inside a cigarette pack. Inside the bag were multiple crystals believed to be suspected methamphetamine.

While King was logging the above into evidence, he said he found a small green baggie containing a tan or

gray colored powder believed to be heroin.

George King, 56, of Paris was charged with driving under the influence, second offense, and open alcoholic beverage container in vehicle on Oct. 3 by Deputy Chris Coffey.

Coffey said he received a call that King was driving under the influence while looking for a family member in the Spout Springs area.

The deputy stated he got behind King and noticed the man's vehicle weaving. Coffey performed field sobriety tests on King.

Jacob Stamper, 36, of Beattyville was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and public intoxication on October 4 by Deputy Coffey.

The sheriff's department received a call that Stamper's vehicle was all over the road and went into a ditch at the Marathon by McDonald's. Coffey located Stamper sitting in the parking lot.

Coffey's K-9 Panini alerted on Stamper's vehicle. During a search, several rolled up papers were found. They contained a grayish power suspected to be heroin.

Court security officer Glenn Carroll served a bench warrant on **Matthew T. King**, 35, of Sandhill Road, Irvine on October 2.

M. King had allegedly fail to appear in Estill District Court on traffic related charges along with operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Sheriff Chris Flynn served a bench warrant from Estill Circuit Court on Oct. 2 on Wayne S. Cornett, 53, of Crabtree Lane, Irvine.

Cornett's warrant says he failed to appear in court on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), violation of a KY EPO/DVO, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Deputy King served a bench warrant on **Vanessa Jones**, 43, of Crabtree Lane, Irvine for failure to appear in Estill Circuit Court.

Jones is facing charges of possession of a controlled

substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

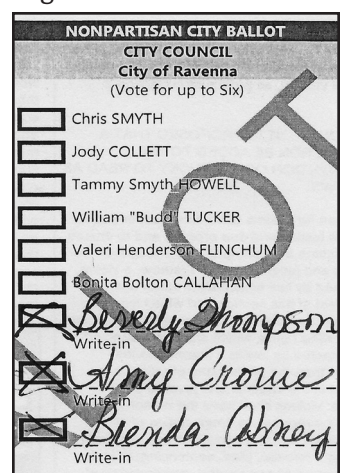
Detective Hensley served an arrest warrant on **Christopher Cole**, 45, of Winchester Road, Irvine on October 4.

The arrest warrant was obtained by Officer Jim Marshall after Irvine Police executed a search warrant on Cole's apartment on September 26.

The warrant states that when the search was conducted, Cole was in possession of methamphetamine and an unspecified controlled substance.

The warrant says that Cole had a plastic baggie containing a substance believed to be methamphetamine and seven pills in an unmarked bottle believed to be gabapentin.

Cole was charged with possession of a controlled substance first degree and first offense and possession controlled substance, third degree.



Three Ravenna Council members have filed to run as write-in candidates in the November election in the non-partisan race for Ravenna Council.

The ladies missed the filing deadline because of the confusion when it was changed from August to June.

To vote for them or another write-in candidate, mark an X by a blank and write in their name on the line, as the sample ballot above shows.

Those who filed for council include Chris Smyth, Jody Collett, Tammy Smyth Howell, Wm. "Bud" Tucker, Valeri Henderson Flinchum, and Bonita Bolton Callahan.

Early voting to begin

Early voting for the November General Election begins next Tuesday at the old BB&T Bank Building on Broadway. Voters can go to the bank Monday through Friday from 8 to 4 p.m. and from 8 to 12 noon on Saturdays.

The building is handicapped accessible, and there is also handicapped accessible voting machines, if needed.

The early voting will continue at the bank building through election day on Tuesday, November 2 where the polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

County Clerk Brian Crowe says there will be three other polling places on election day, in addition to the bank building across from the courthouse. Those places are Estill County High School, the Estill County Extension Office, and the Ravenna Armory.

He adds that it also does not matter which polling place a voter goes to on that day to vote.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the November election is next Tuesday, Oct. 13. This past Monday was the last day to register to vote.

McKinneys pick up roadside trash

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Most groups bag up the trash and leave the bags along the roadside, but McKinney said he had received permission to take what he picks up directly to the landfill.

When bags are left along the roadside, they are picked up by the county.

McKinney's mother, Della McKinney helped him pick up garbage last week.

Grover McKinney works a full-time job so he schedules picking up roadside litter around his work. He adds that

he pays for his own gas to travel to the roadside pickup sites.

Della McKinney carried a bag with her just for aluminum soft drink cans, which they recycle. There were not very many cans compared to the other trash.

Some of the groups which pick up roadside litter are the American Legion, Hunter's Hounds, and the Palmer community.

Anyone interested in picking up roadside litter may contact the county judge's office to see if funds are available.



Grover McKinney and his mother, Della, took a break from picking up trash along the Winchester Road. They earn \$75 a mile for the Barnes Mountain Community group.

Bible Passages Relating to Abortion

Attention has focused on President Trump (again) for his third nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court in his first term. Amy Coney Barrett was selected to replace the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The next step is for the U.S. Senate to examine and either approve or disapprove of the selection. As expected, Trump is being criticized merely for making this nomination. Some are saying his timing is political, however, he has no control over when a Justice dies and creates a vacancy in the Court. Some are saying Trump and the Republican-led Senate are hypocritical because former President Obama's selection was not approved in 2016; however, the difference is a matter of history not hypocrisy. Whenever the Senate majority and the President are of differing parties, the selection and appointment of a Justice to the Court rarely takes place when it is the President's last term in office. Trump and the Senate are of the same party and this may or may not be his last term as President, so the circumstances are different when compared to Obama in 2016.

One of the biggest reasons given by some politicians to oppose Trump's nomination of Barrett is the supposed threat to health care. However, health care has always been a focus for both

parties, both parties have ideas on how to make it better, and the idea that health care is in danger is unfounded fear-mongering on the part of some. The biggest possible change that could potentially occur sometime in the future relates to abortion laws and, in my opinion, change in this area cannot happen fast enough.

It has been nearly 50 years since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Texas anti-abortion law in Roe v. Wade in 1973 thus making abortion legal across the United States. Since that time, over 50 million abortions have been performed, averaging about one million per year. To get an idea of the enormity of this number, consider the population of Kentucky is only 4.5 million. It would take the populations of seven more nearby states to equal 50 million: Ohio (11.7 million), Indiana (6.7 million), Tennessee (6.9 million), Georgia (10.7 million), Alabama (4.9 million), Mississippi (3 million), West Virginia (1.8 million). This is a graphic way to show abortion has ripped out a gaping hole from the heart of this nation.

Another way to grasp the vast size of 50 million abortions is to consider the number of caskets involved and how far they would reach. If the caskets were two feet long and they were placed end to end, 50 million caskets would reach from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific Coast not once, not twice, not three time, but seven times! Imagine seven rows of caskets with aborted infants passing through Estill County. The number of

deaths in all the wars the U.S. has been involved in total 1.4 million; it would take 35 times that to equal 50 million deaths!

When you consider the millions of abortions over the past 50 years, one wonders, "how can this be?" The big defense of abortion claims it is a woman's right, her personal choice to eliminate the unborn life. In many cases, it is a matter of convenience, done to prevent a child from interfering with the woman's lifestyle or career. One sign at an abortion rally said, "I am an individual, not an incubator." The unborn babe is also an individual and it depends on having an incubator for development and birth. If a woman is pregnant, then, yes, she is an incubator. Her body is so designed to be. If she doesn't want her body to be an incubator, she has many options to avoid getting pregnant which is not a difficult task to accomplish.

Another sign at an abortion rally said, "Thank God for abortion." The problem with this idea is that God designed the human body, both male and female, when He created the first man and woman (Genesis 1). It was God's plan that man and woman would become one in marriage, create a safe, loving home environment, and bring children into the world (Genesis 2). In the family unit, it is God's will that children begin to learn the different roles of men and women, become productive members of society, and, above all, to become children of God. So, the sign thanking God for abortion is improper for it

thanks God for an act which destroys his plan for human beings. What our world needs to do is thank God for life. God is pro-life, he is the Creator of all life (Genesis 1). Some encouraging signs seen at pro-life rallies say, "Love life, choose life" and "We are the pro-life generation" and "Make unborn babies great again."

Part of the solution to the abortion problem is for people to return to God's plan for marriage and the home. It is a sad, unfortunate fact that many have never known the love of a good mother and father. But, it is wonderful news to hear about the love of God for all people and to learn about God's spiritual family headed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of mankind (John 3:16). Perhaps, it is the case some pregnant women are not able to raise a child and, if so, there is an alternative to abortion and that is adoption. This is a responsible, reasonable, loving choice. God's word speaks of his spiritual children as being adopted into his family (Romans 8:14-17). Just as a birth is necessary for adoption into a physical family, likewise, a new birth is necessary to enter God's spiritual family (John 3:3-5). By believing and confessing Christ, repenting of sin, and being baptized into Christ, one can obtain a new life (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Rom. 6:3-4). Thank God for life, adoption, and the possibility of a new life and eternal life with our Father in heaven!

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