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80 year old is arrested for drug trafficking

Law officials were surprised last week when they arrested an 80 year old man for trafficking in drugs.

Kentucky State Police and the Estill County Sheriff’s Department went late Wednesday to the residence of Bobby Osborne on Cressy Road to conduct a “knock and talk.”

A citation states the officers were responding to multiple tips they had received about drug activity at Osborne’s residence.

When they arrived, Trooper Ty Robinson said he and Deputy Brad Smith drove toward a building at the left of the residence. It had one of two garage doors open and a light on inside.

The trooper said he observed Anthony Brooks and two other persons

sitting inside. All were moving around and appeared to be extremely nervous.

He added that he saw a gun near where Brooks was sitting that was leaned up against cabinets. Robinson asked the three to come toward him and away from the gun.

During the pat down, Robinson said one of the three had drugs in their pocket.

When Robinson walked inside the building, he stated he observed two small baggies of suspected heroin, a scale, glass pipes, and straws on a table near where Brooks was sitting.

The trooper observed another shotgun. Both of them were loaded.

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Bobby Osborne, 80, lives at this residence on Cressy Road, where a search warrant was executed early Thursday. KSP charged Osborne with trafficking in drugs.



Bobby Osborne
Photo/3 Forks Jail



Brenda Taulbee
Photo/3 Forks Jail



Anthony Brooks
Photo/3 Forks Jail

“Blue Heroin” seized by KSP; one arrested

A search warrant by Kentucky State Police and the Estill County Sheriff’s Department led to one arrests and seizures of a large quantity of drugs last week.

Around 12:13 a.m. last Wednesday at the residence of Robert Bryon McIntosh on Daisy Lane, Irvine.

KSP Trooper Ty Robinson said the day before, he had received an anonymous tip that McIntosh, 59, was selling “blue heroin” at his residence.

The citation states that Trooper Robinson and Deputy Brad Smith were unable to make contact at the door. The two officers parked their cruisers at the end of the road for black out surveillance

and foot patrol. During this time, they observed McIntosh walking from his house, onto the roadway, and toward them at the end of the road.

Robinson said he shone his flashlight on McIntosh, who immediately stuck his hands in his pocket. This caused two digital scales to fall out of McIntosh’s pockets.

The trooper stated that he commanded McIntosh to remove his hands from his pockets. He observed a pill bottle protruding from the pocket. A citation states that inside the pill bottle were individually wrapped packages of an unknown drug substance.

Robinson commanded



Robert McIntosh
Photo/3 Forks Jail

McIntosh to remove all items from his pockets. The officers reportedly seized a large clear zip lock bag of suspected heroin, a pill bottle containing a loose blue substance believed to be heroin, a pill bottle with multiple wrapped packages of suspected heroin, a small baggie of suspected blue heroin, and a large wad of cash secured by a rubber band.

The law officers obtained a search warrant for McIntosh’s residence, which was executed at 2:32 a.m.

During the search, \$444.00 in US currency was seized, along with a zip lock bag containing an unknown blue powdery substance, according to the citation.

McIntosh was arrested and transported to the Three Forks Regional Jail.

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Virus cases surge since last weekend

13 positive cases were confirmed Monday

Estill County has had a surge of positive Corona Virus cases in the past week. On Monday alone, there were 13 new cases.

There were 61 cases during the month of August.

This comes after Estill County was the next to last Kentucky county to have its first positive case. That case came on May 30.

It was another two weeks before three cases were diagnosed in Estill County on June 10 and 11.

Over a month later, four new cases were announced on both July 13 and 14. July’s total of positive cases was 17.

The 13 announced Monday was the largest one day total.

The Shell Mart on Richmond Road closed Saturday afternoon. The rumor was that an employee had been diagnosed with corona virus.

Candie McMaine, interim director of the Estill County Health Department, commended the Shell Mart manager for voluntarily closing to sanitize the busi-

ness after an employee was tested positive.

She explained there are many businesses who have had employees who tested positive which have not closed to sanitize.

McMaine stated the health department cannot close a business which has an employee with a positive case.

“It’s community-spread at this point,” McMaine stated of the surge. “There’s going to be more and more cases as people go out.”

Her best advice for not getting the corona virus is to stay home. If you must go out, only go for necessary items such as food and medicine.

When you must go, wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, wash your hands, and practice social distancing. Don’t congregate.

Extra activities are not a good thing right now.

The Estill County Health Department updates its Facebook page on weekdays.

Ravenna council discusses outsourcing of finances and hiring a part-time city clerk

The Ravenna Council discussed hiring a city clerk on Monday evening.

The vacancy occurred after City Clerk Ashley Moore gave her two-week notice after the last council meeting. She has accepted a state position.

One of the council members said the city is required by law to have a city clerk, who must be bonded.

Council member Valerie Flinchum suggested the council outsource their financial business. One local CPA had given Flinchum a quote for the service.

“I’m just thinking we could save a lot of money,” Flinchum said.

Council member Amy Crowe used to work for CPAs and said the CPA she worked for did financial work for other cities.

After a lengthy discussion, the council decided to get quotes from other local CPA firms. Because the anticipated amount is less than \$10,000, the city is not required to bid on the service.

“I want to get the city out of debt,” Flinchum stated.

The council has received one application for the city clerk’s position. They were interested in the applicant and wanted to know the number of hours and salary she expects.

If the council outsources the city’s financial duties, the clerk will have fewer hours and fewer duties.

Moore said she was busiest at the first of the month. Mayor Estine Tipton said city hall is always busier on Mondays.

The mayor is in city hall on weekdays from 8 to noon.

The council expects to take action at their regular council meeting scheduled for July 13.

Looking ahead, the council decided to have Moore to sign payroll checks on her last day so employees would have them on time.

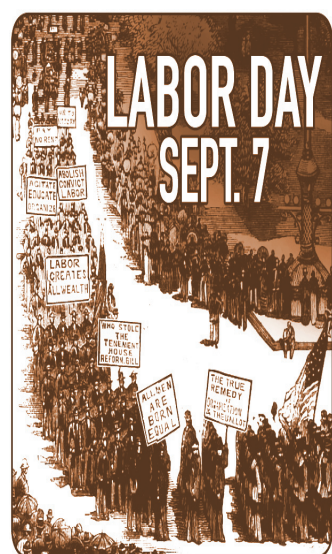
The city’s checks require the mayor and clerk’s signature.

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