

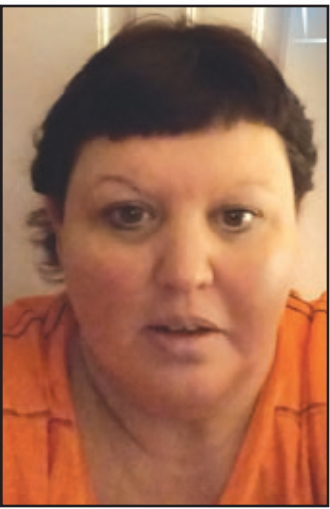


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Woman's body found on Marbleyard Road KSP charges man Saturday with murder and tampering with evidence



Cindy Stevens

Three days after a woman's body was found covered in blood on Marbleyard Road in rural Estill County, an arrest was made by Kentucky State Police.

Her body was discovered around 10 a.m. last Wednesday, July 7. She was pronounced deceased by the Estill County Coroner's office, and her body was sent to the state medical examiner's

office for an autopsy and identification.

The woman did not have any identification on her, but she was identified by comparing fingerprints as Cindy Donnela Stevens, 50, of Estill County.

The citation by Kentucky State Police states that Stevens had been shot twice in the facial area.

Ms. Stevens was an employee of Marcum & Wal-

lace Hospital in Irvine and had apparently gotten off second shift.

State police reviewed the hospital's surveillance video which they say showed Christopher Clayton Roberts, 43, picking her up in the early morning hours of July 7.

KSP adds that Roberts returned to the hospital several hours later without Ms. Stevens and in a different vehicle.

State police interviewed Roberts.

His citation states that he told KSP that he and Ms. Stevens went to Marbleyard Road where her body had been located.

He added that they had gotten into an argument while there. He told the troopers that he acted in self-defense because Ms. Stevens threatened him with the gun.

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Christopher Roberts Photo/3 Forks Jail

Fiscal court to accept settlement on opioids

After a brief closed session last Wednesday, the Estill Fiscal Court voted to allow their attorneys to accept a settlement from Purdue Pharma.

The judge and magistrates met behind closed doors with County Attorney Jason Riley and former County Attorney Rodney Davis.

Estill County entered into the class action lawsuit years ago over the opioid crisis. Purdue Pharma was the manufacturer of OxyContin, which was blamed on many overdose deaths.

Davis was the attorney who filed the lawsuit on behalf of Estill County.

Purdue Pharma has agreed to settle for \$4.5 billion with more than 3,000 plaintiffs including cities, counties, tribes, and states.

The company filed for reorganization in bankruptcy court nearly two years ago.

As part of the agreement, the owners of the company are barred from participating in the opioid

business.

In other action, the fiscal court renewed a contract with Three Forks Regional Jail at the current rate of \$32 per day per inmate.

Jailer Bo Morris had questions about that jail refusing an inmate, but Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said language was added to this contract to prevent that.

"There's a way for them to take care of that (inmate)," Attorney Riley stated.

Judge Watson said the county is now competing with businesses, many of which are paying higher salaries than the county.

He recommended that employees in his office receive a \$1.00 an hour raise.

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HELP IS ON THE WAY ESTILL COUNTY QUICK RESPONSE

Employees of Marcum & Wallace Hospital passed out Narcan doses Saturday. Misty Dehart, program director, says the hospital paid \$2,000 for 48 doses of Narcan.

Narcan, right, is given through the nose to a person who has overdosed. Sometimes, it takes more than one dose. A dose of Narcan is effective for three hours after it is administered.



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Four inches of rain fell quickly on Irvine Saturday afternoon, causing flooding on Main Street, Winchester Road, and Geneva Avenue.

Photos courtesy Bill Wesley



Water surrounded houses on Geneva Avenue on Saturday afternoon, as this photo shows. Residents said it was worse there than it was in the record flooding on March 1. The Irvine has already had an engineer to look at the situation.