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Children package 7-10 lbs. of pot to sell IPD arrests two adults and impounds vehicle; they plead not-guilty

A couple was arrested last Monday, January 4 after Irvine Police say two children were allowed to prepare marijuana for sale. Irvine Officer John Sturniolo went to 248 Mt. Crest just before 10 p.m. A citation states that Michelle R. Ishmael, 39, had been at the residence with two minor children. Sturniolo said she told him that she

had smoked marijuana hours earlier. The officer said her speech was slurred, and she displayed HGN. The officer stated that Ishmael permitted the children to possess and handle approximately seven to ten pounds of marijuana. The citation states the children had prepared the pot for sale. He added the mother had permitted the children to

drink alcoholic beverages in her presence. Ishmael was charged with unlawful transaction with a minor, trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, and endangering the welfare of a minor. Sturniolo said that Ishmael's residence was within 1,000 miles of Estill Springs Elementary.

About an hour later, Sturniolo located Jeffery Clay Kemplin, 35, of Mt. Sterling, at the intersection of Highways 89 and 1705 where he was arrested for two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor and trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school. The officer stated that Kemplin gave the two minors the bag of marijuana

weighing approximately seven to ten pounds in an attempt to sell it. The citation states that Kemplin made the transaction at the residence. According to the citation, Kemplin was driving a 2001 White Oldsmobile. The officer stated that Kemplin was using that vehicle to transport the marijuana. IPD entered the vehicle into evidence and had

it towed to an impound lot. Ishmael and Kemplin were arraigned in Estill District Court on January 6. Each of them pled not-guilty to the charges IPD made against them. Judge William "Bo" Leach scheduled a preliminary hearing for the couple on January 13. Bail for Kemplin was set at \$15,000 cash.

Irvine woman is wanted in Georgia for robbery

An Irvine woman was arrested last Wednesday, January 6 on Richmond Road by Kentucky State Police. Crystal Marie Hatton, 33, was charged with being a fugitive from Georgia. The fugitive warrant for Hatton was issued by the United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia. They want her for robbery and theft by unlawful taking. The criminal complaint says that on October 8, 2015, Hatton committed robbery when she took the property of another person, that person being 65 degrees or older, by sudden snatching. It says that she committed the offense of theft when she unlawfully took and appropriated the property of another.

Hatton was arraigned on the fugitive charge in Estill District Court on Friday, January 8. She entered a not-guilty plea. An extradition hearing for Hatton is scheduled for January 13 in Estill District Court. Hatton's bond has been set at \$50,000 cash. Court records say that Hatton was arrested on a new offense while a case is pending. Hatton has been charged locally in connection with the theft of cars from a local car lot about a week before she is accused of the offenses in Georgia. She was a passenger in one of those cars when it wrecked in northern Georgia on October 10, 2015, two days after the alleged robbery. That wreck claimed the life of a former Irvine man, Scotty Slawson, 29. Hatton faces some other charges in Georgia in connection with the fatal wreck.

Man's will leaves Ravenna nearly a 1/4 million dollars



Larry Stewart presented the city of Ravenna with a check from the Charlie Vanhuss estate in the amount of \$243,759.13. Pictured with Stewart are Amy Crowe, Beverly Thompson, Mayor Estine Tipton, Betty Hise, Sharon Snowden, Terry Johnson, David Harvey, and Jamie Hill.

**by CATHY DAWES
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Members of the Ravenna council gathered on Monday night for their first meeting of 2016 and were pleasantly surprised with news from Larry Stewart, executor for the Charlie Vanhuss estate. Stewart told the council that he was there to carry out the last leg of Vanhuss' will which read, "My beloved city of Ravenna." Stewart became emotional as he talked about Vanhuss and said that yesterday was the one year anniversary of his death and that Charlie had a plan for his estate and how he wanted the money divided out amongst various organizations. He said that Vanhuss had

left money to the Boy Scouts, the high school and middle school academic teams, the historical society, as well as the cemetery where he and his mother are buried at, and several other organizations. According to Stewart, the city of Ravenna not only received Vanhuss' home in the will but also a large amount of cash. Council members were shocked when Stewart announced that there was \$243,759.13 left to the city. He said that the money would be put into an interest bearing account and a small committee which consists of himself, Richard Snowden, James Hill, Bucky Wilson, and the current mayor of Ravenna will oversee the money. Stewart said

that Vanhuss wanted the money spent on special projects which meant that it could not be used in the general fund. Councilwoman Beverly Thompson said that Vanhuss always donated money each year for the volunteer picnic that is held in September as well as donating money for the city employees Christmas bonuses. Rodney Davis said that the money could be used for things of that nature but could not be used for reoccurring bills. "The overseeing committee knew Charlie and what he wanted done with the money so we are going to think like Charlie," stated Stewart. **Continued on Page 2**



Derek Merion is having his retirement gathering, Tuesday, January the 26th at the ambulance service at 5 p.m. Stop by and wish him good luck.



Board member Robbie Starling was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Estill County Schools at Thursday's board meeting.



Board member Amy Thomas was re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Estill County Schools at Thursday's board meeting.

Obituaries
Ernest E. Bledsoe, 74
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Lloyd McKinney, 93
Bonnie K. Riddell, 54
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All School Based Decision Making Councils met with the Estill County Board of Education on Thursday evening. Each council gave the board their goals and told what was going well in their schools. A common theme was to prepare the students to be ready as they moved to another building. The goal of the high school was to make sure their graduates were college and career ready. Pictured above is the Decision Making Council from South Irvine P-K.