

# Arrests made for manufacturing meth

# Police Activity Log

Kentucky State Police recently made two arrests for manufacturing methamphetamine in the Hargett area.

Trooper T. Robinson reports that Pamela Stone and her sister returned to Stone's home on Dry Branch Road on the evening of Nov. 23 when Stone noticed her front door was damaged and her husband, Jerry Stone, 49, was sitting on the couch with the lights off.

Pamela told state police that she had an EPO/DVO on her husband and he was not to be at the residence.

A citation states that an argument ensued between the couple as Pamela was trying to call 911.

Pamela told the trooper that Jerry rushed through a closed door to her bedroom, and the door struck her sister. The trooper stated the sister had no visible injuries.

The trooper then traveled

to Walters Ridge where he located Jerry in a camper in a field.

Trooper Robinson said he knocked on the door of the camper and yelled loudly, "State police." Jerry opened the door.

He asked Jerry to step outside the camper and placed him under arrest. He charged him with burglary second degree, violation of a KY EPO/DVO, and assault fourth degree (no visible injury).

As the trooper was turning off the furnace in the camper, he said he spotted a Mountain Dew bottle sitting in the floor beside the thermostat. He added the bottle contained contents consistent with methamphetamine. DESI was contacted to clean up a methamphetamine lab.

During the search, Trooper Robinson said he found a small baggie containing a white powder substance

in Jerry Stone's right front pocket. Jerry was arrested and lodged in the Estill County Detention Center.

He was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense and possession of a controlled substance, first offense and first degree (methamphetamine).

Early Saturday, Trooper Robinson located another suspected meth lab on Burton Williams Road.

He had gone to the residence of Shawn C. Cornett to serve several warrants on Cornett.

Cornett's girlfriend answered the door and said Cornett was not there. The trooper was welcomed to come inside and look.

The trooper said he saw a pop bottle in plain sight which was consistent with making methamphetamine. He added that it had a substance in it but was not an

active meth lab.

Cornett was located inside the residence and was cooperative with law enforcement.

The citation states the trooper then located two more pop bottles with what appeared to be salt in the bottom. He also observed liquid fire, Drano, coffee filters, empty clear baggies, liquid starter fluid, funnels and plastic tubing.

Trooper Robinson said that Cornett admitted the meth labs were his.

"I don't like doing meth as much as I like cooking it," Cornett reportedly told the trooper.

Cornett was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine first offense and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was lodged in the Estill County Detention Center.

# New police officer introduced to council

by CATHY DAWES  
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The Irvine council met briefly on Monday night for the second regularly scheduled meeting of the month.

Police Chief Brad Smith introduced Brian Cloyd to the council. He said that Cloyd had been hired and sworn in as a police officer for the Irvine Police Department approximately three weeks ago.

City Clerk Robin Powell informed council that she has recently applied for two grants on behalf of the city of Irvine. One of the grant applications is for the renovations

of sidewalks in downtown Irvine. The other grant is for \$80,000 from the Department of Local Government. Powell said if the city was approved for the \$80,000 grant it would be used at the park located on Court Street.

Powell also said she had received a phone call pertaining to the line of credit that the city has open at Citizens Guaranty Bank. She said if the council chose to make an interest payment on the line of credit for the months of October and November then it would be \$297.24. However, she said that there was enough money in the general

fund to pay off the balance of \$50,312 if the council chose to do so. Councilwoman Janice Bush made the motion to pay the line of credit in full with all council members in agreement.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy said that last Tuesday night they were able to get the Christmas banners hung up through downtown. He said that they would hang up wreaths and finish up with the decorations sometime this week. Murphy also reported that the date of the Christmas dinner at the Irvine Fire Department had been pushed up a day. De-

cember 6th will mark the one year anniversary of the death of Fireman Zachary Clevenger and he said that Fire Chief Derrick Muncie was planning a memorial for that night.

Murphy also reported to the council that even though there was a lot of smoke in the county on Monday there were no active wildfires in Estill County. He said that he believed that the smoke was drifting in from other neighboring counties because he, along with several other men had been out looking for any signs of wildfires and had not found anything.

# Olympic hurdler is asset to Kentucky



by Larry Vaught

Jim Lambert didn't need long to recognize how special Sydney McLaughlin was going to be.

"She is a once in a generation type athlete. Once she stepped on the track and I saw her, I knew she had ability I had not seen. I knew she was destined for greatness," said Lambert, a reporter for NJ

Advance Media (follow him on Twitter at @lambo2126).

He was right, too. At age 13, she broke the New Jersey state record in the 400-meter hurdles. At age 16, she made the U.S. Olympic team -- she was third in the U.S. Olympic trials in a world junior record time of 54.15 seconds -- and was the youngest United States Olympian in 44 years. She qualified for the semifinals in Rio, too.

Now the senior from Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, N.J., is headed to the University of Kentucky to join coach Edrick Floreal's team.

"She captivated the hearts of the country by making the Olympics at age 16," Lambert said. "A lot were shocked when she picked Kentucky but anyone who knows her sees why UK is the perfect fit for Sydney.

But "hope" in Scripture is different from that concept of hope. In God's Word hope is always directed to "something or Someone we can believe in that will eventually come true." It is something - God's Word. If God declared it, His Word revealed it and we can believe it because His-story records it accurately. Whatever He said came to pass.

Then there is Someone - God's Son. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." We can believe in and have confidence in Him because what He said about Himself came true. "I will rise again in three days." And again, His-story records it factually and accurately.

A famous heart surgeon once said, "Christians who have hope will find that their hope in God is far more reliable and will do more for them than any medication I can prescribe or any procedure I can perform."

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She went to USC (Southern California) and Kentucky and then cancelled the rest of her visits."

Lambert says the success Floreal has had coaching hurdlers, including world record holder Kendra Harris and Puerto Rico Olympian Jasmine Camacho-Quinn, made UK right for McLaughlin.

Lambert says McLaughlin's success is in her family bloodline. Her father was a U.S. semifinalist in the 400 Olympic Trials. Her sister was a state track champion. Her brother was a Big Ten champion at Michigan last year.

"She has great genes along with a great work ethic. She is willing to do everything it takes to be special along with having a lot of God-given ability," Lambert said. "You need to get to the track and see this girl. She made the Olympics when she was 16, which is mind-boggling. But she's only scratching the surface of what she will be."

Another New Jersey teen, Laurie Hernandez, won a gold medal at the 2016 Olympics with the women's

gymnastics team and also took silver on the balance beam.

"Gymnasts are in their prime at that age in high school. For Sydney to do what she did at that age blows my mind. Most hurdlers reach their peak in their mid-20's," Lambert said. "She was competing against women who have been doing this for 10 years. For her to get to Rio is one of the greatest accomplishments in track and field history. To do something that has not been in 44 years says it all. We may never see this again."

Lambert says McLaughlin doesn't act special on the track or away from the competition. He noted how she said after the U.S. Olympic Trials that the first thing she wanted was a "cheeseburger" after qualifying for the Olympics.

"She is just a regular kid. Humble, happy-go-lucky, silly kid," Lambert said. "As great as she is on the track, off the track she is just as amazing. She volunteers at a soup kitchen. She helped after the hurricane hit here."



New Jersey sensation Sydney McLaughlin surprised many by signing with Kentucky. She competed in the 2016 Olympics in Rio in the 400-meter hurdles just a few weeks after turning 17. (NJ Advance Media Photo)

An arrest was quickly made after a West Irvine business was broken into early Monday morning.

Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris was dispatched to 1325 Richmond Road because a burglar alarm was going off.

Upon arrival, the deputy discovered the glass of the front door of Irvine Food Court had been broken out.

He watched a video and saw a male subject throw a rock through the front door. The subject then entered the business through the broken glass.

Morris arrested a suspect at Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital. He was identified as Alvin T. Olivares, 29, of Clay City. Olivares was charged with third degree burglary.

When KSP Trooper J. Northern was attempting to serve a bench warrant on Douglas W. Newman, 29, of Spencer Ridge Road, Irvine, he located the man at a garage on South Irvine Road on Nov. 21.

When Newman saw the trooper, the trooper stated that Newman began running out of the garage and into oncoming traffic on South Irvine Road.

He said that Newman continued running and disobeyed his commands to stop. The trooper deployed his taser but said it was not effective because Newman was wearing a heavy jacket.

He added that Newman continued to run but he caught up with him and grabbed him with his left hand.

The trooper reported that he took Newman to the ground. He added that he had to prise Newmans' hands out from under his body.

Newman was charged with fleeing or evading police (on foot), first degree, resisting arrest, and wanton endangerment, second degree of a police officer.

The warrant charged Newman with contempt of court on Sept. 26.

A purse was stolen from the residence of an Irvine woman on Oct. 30. Her neighbor was arrested for the theft on No. 26.

Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith said the purse and contents were stolen from Thelma Mainous of 535 Broadway. The purse contained cash, a cellphone, Gabapentin, loritab, a bank card, and other items.

Smith said he found an empty pill bottle in a trash can across the street at 538 Broadway, the residence of 37

year old Randall Anglin. The police chief obtained an arrest

warrant for Anglin's arrest for the purse theft.

The police chief stated he recovered some items, but the cell phone, cash, and medications were not recovered.

The arrest warrant was served on Anglin on Nov. 26 by IPD Officer Brian Cloyd. Anglin is charged with theft by unlawful taking, theft of a controlled substance and theft of a legend drug.

Officer Cloyd also served an E-warrant on Anglin.

Bail for Anglin was set at \$5,000 cash.

A passenger in a vehicle was arrested on Nov. 28 during a traffic stop on Wallace Circle.

Kevin Ray Jordan, 35, of S. Irvine Road was the front seat passenger.

Officer Cloyd said a toy gun was brandished in the vehicle. He added that all occupants of the vehicle were searched for other weapons.

Jordan reportedly had syringe in his front, right shirt pocket. He stated that it contained ocycodone..

Jordan was charged with possession of a controlled substance, second degree and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jordan's bail was set at \$7,500 cash.

Matewood Kortbein, 39, of S. Irvine Road was arrested twice on November 20 by IPD Sgt. John Sturniolo.

Both citations charged her with trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense. The citations state that on Oct. 20 and 22, she sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant.

The transactions were recorded by both video and audio. Sturniolo said the received substances were also field tested and tested positive for methamphetamine.

Kortbein's bail was set at \$20,000 cash.

A theft was reported Nov. 25 by Latosha Alexander of Coral Ave., Irvine. She told Deputy Daniel Smith that someone had stolen a Vera Bradley wallet from her residence.

Jerry Vanlandingham of Spout Springs Road reported a theft to Deputy Doc Morris on Nov. 21.

He told the deputy that his son had ordered several computer parts from Amazon, and they were stolen from the residence.

Adam T. Neal, 44, of Ravenna was arrested on a bench warrant for a traffic case on Nov. 25 by Deputy Smith.

Ginny McKinney, 32, of Cow Creek Road, Ravenna was arrested on an e-warrant.

# Fiscal court to reopen Mt. Springs Road

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Taylor stated he will take the law with him if he has to go take the gate down.

The county will also file a lawsuit against the property owners if they do not comply.

Most of the complaints came from a group who are using the road for recreational purposes. They drive licensed 4x4 vehicles such as Jeeps.

At least two property owners said their properties were landlocked because of the gate.

Another discussion originated over CSEPP radio agreements. Sheriff Gary Freeman was the first to receive a copy of the agreement, last spring. EMA Director Ronnie Riddell said that Freeman has never returned the contract.

He also told the fiscal court that Freeman was using radios bought by Homeland Security and not CSEPP radios.

Taylor wanted to require Freeman's office to sign the contract, but County Attorney Rodney Davis said he cannot do that since Freeman is also an elected official.

Riddell also stated that a lot of other agencies have CSEPP radios but have not yet signed an agreement on their use.

Jeff Oliver was hired as a full time 911 CSEPP dispatcher.

Daniel Ray Spicer was appointed to the REC Trail Board which oversees Hollerwood.

Taylor said the county has had a better than normal construction season this year. He said there is one more road that he would like to see blacktopped before winter.

"We need some rain, quite a bit, to saturate the soil and weeds," he stated.

He added if the county gets lots of rain, as predicted, the outdoor burning ban will be lifted.

**Seeds of Hope**

Hope is one of the most important words in the vocabulary of many people. It is a word that we hear daily - from many sources for many different reasons. It is used to guard minds and guide lives. Sometimes it gives courage and confidence to people who are on the verge of giving up on life. There are those who have little of this world's goods that have a hope larger than life that one day things will change for them and they will receive all of the "good" things they have wanted from the day they were born. Many people use it to "wish" that something good would happen to them - something out of the ordinary to change the direction of their lives.

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