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## KSP executes search warrant at motel room after told that drugs were being sold there

An Estill County man was arrested Sunday night after Kentucky State Police executed a search warrant on a motel room at the Oak Tree Inn on Richmond Road.

The warrant states that KSP Trooper Z. Pennington was investigating a case when he received a tip that James Alan Coffey Jr., 29, was selling illegal drugs out of his room at Oak Tree Inn.

KSP Officer Clifton Royal set up surveillance on Room 109 where Coffey was staying.

The search warrant states that Officer Royal observed a tan Nissan Pathfinder ar-

rive at the motel at approximately 5:10 p. m. and leave within a few minutes.

Royal followed the vehicle from motel parking lot to South Irvine Road where he initiated a traffic stop for a seatbelt violation.

The search warrant says the female driver gave the officer permission to search her vehicle.

She reportedly told him that she had purchased a suboxone strip from Coffey for \$25.00 in Room 109 of the motel. A suboxone strip was located in a Marlboro cigarette pack, Royal said.

Based upon this information, KSP obtained a search warrant for Room 109, Coffey, and any personal property belonging to Coffey, including vehicles.

KSP report they found a small plastic baggie with a brown substance inside. It was located under a pillow on the bed.

The state police also report that they located a clear glass pipe with black residue inside it and several syringes on the bathroom vanity.

Coffey was placed under arrest around 10:45 p. m. Sunday and taken to the Estill County Detention Center. He was charged

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

The possession charge is a Class D felony. If found guilty, Coffey could be sentenced to serve one to five years in state prison. Possession of drug paraphernalia is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and up to one year in jail.

Bail for Coffey was set at \$10,000 cash. Court records say he was arrested on a new case while a charge was pending.

Coffey's citation gives his address as 120 Riddle-Clem Road, Irvine.



**Chris Winkler, center, was recently named as principal of Estill County High School after serving as interim since the beginning of the school year. Winkler was recognized by the board of education on January 16 for the school having the highest attendance, 96.8%, in District 16. Presenting the plaque are Dickie Arthur, left, Director of Pupil Personnel and Amy Thomas, Vice-Chair of the board.**

## The race is on for Irvine City Council

Republican candidates for Irvine City Council will be voted on during the May primary election.

At the end of the filing deadline last Tuesday, seven republicans had filed for the six seats on the city council.

When the votes are all tallied, one republican candidate will be eliminated. The other six will go to the November election. Since there is only one democrat to file, one more candidate will be eliminated in the November election unless independent and write-in candidates file.

Republicans filing are Glendwood "Woody" Tipton, Tim Burkhart, Tommy Joe "Tobo" Bryant, Billy D. Arthur, O'Brene Richardson, Nelle B. Williams, and William Harold Friend.

This is Richardson's first time to file for city council. Friend is a former member of both the Irvine and Ravenna councils.

The term of an Irvine council member is for two years. The mayor is elected for a two year term. Present mayor, W. J. Noland, is serving in his second year on the job.

Although the filing deadline for three school board

seats is not until August, two Estill countians have already filed for a seat in district 1.

They are Robert C. Burns and Larry L. Farwell, both of Wagersville Road, Irvine. Neither has served on the school board, but Burns is a former magistrate.

The term of a school board member is four years.

The race for school board is non-partisan.

Races for the U. S. senator, sixth district U. S. representative, 21st district state senator, and 91st district representative will be on the local ballot.

The U. S. Senate race is the most popular with ten candidates, including the current senator, Rand Paul, a republican from Bowling Green.

James R. Gould of Lexington and Stephen Howard Slaughter of Louisville will be on the republican primary ticket with Paul.

One of seven democrats will garner enough votes to face the republican candidate in the November election.

Those democrats are Jim Gray, Lexington, Rory Houlihan, Winchester, Jeff Kender, Phelps, Ron Leach,

Brandenburg, Tom Recktenwald, Louisville, Grant T. Short, Owensboro, and Sellus Wilder, Frankfort.

Sixth District U. S. Representative Andy Barr will face opposition from Roger Q. Brill of Cynthiana in the republican primary election.

That winner will face one of these three democrats: Michael Coblenz, Nancy Jo Kemper, and Geoffrey M. "Geoff" Young, all of Lexington.

Janice Odom, a democrat from Clay City, has filed for the 21 state senate race. She has no opposition in the May primary.

Current senator Al Robinson is challenged by Michael Bryant in the May primary. Both are republicans.

State representative for the 91st district Cluster Howard, a democrat, has no opposition in the May primary.

Republican Randall Christopher of Irvine and Gary "Toby" Herald of Beattyville will face off in the May primary. This is Christopher's first election, and Herald was narrowly defeated by Howard two years ago in the state representative's race.

## 2 wrecks on Monday morning caused injuries to two people

A truck driver was injured Monday during a single vehicle crash on Barnes Mountain Road, about eight miles south of Irvine.

Deputy Sheriff Russell "Doc" Morris investigated the crash around 11:20 a.m. Morris said that Moss G. Angel of Beattyville was traveling north on Barnes Mountain Road. He rounded a curve and apparently lost control of his truck. It left the road and struck an earth embankment before rolling over on its top.

Angel was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospi-

tal for treatment of minor injuries.

Angel's truck, a 2003 Ford F150, was severely damaged in the front.

Information was not available on another wreck occurring about the same time on Highway 89, the

Winchester Road, about 7.5 miles north of Irvine. It was also a single vehicle crash.

Family members said the male driver was not injured. The man's wife was transported to UK Hospital because she was pregnant. She received a broken ankle.

## IPD arrests two men for PI at the hospital on two different days

The Irvine Police Department arrested two men for public intoxication at Marcum & Wallace Hospital on two different days.

Jonathan Floyd Harrison, 30, of Broadway was arrested for public intoxication on January 26.

Captain Adrian McKinney was radioed about an unruly man at the Marcum & Wallace Hospital emergency room.

When the officer arrived, he said Harrison was in the ER waiting area with the security guard.

The officer stated that Harrison failed field sobriety tests. He stated that Harrison told him he had taken xanax that day and had used marijuana and

meth. Douglas A. Newton, a 48 year old homeless man, was charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and criminal trespass second on January 31 by Officer John Sturniolo.

The citation states that Newton was at the hospital ER and was acting paranoid and jittery.

The officer stated that Newton said he had shot up with methamphetamine, possibly the day before.

Sturniolo said the man was causing public alarm. He was being loud and using profane language.

The officer said that Newton migrated to a restricted area of the hospital.



**Tuesday, February 2 was Ground Hog Day, and he didn't see his shadow. Folklore says this means there will be an early spring. The deep snow from January 22-23 has melted with warmer temperatures, except for snow piled up in business parking lots. The horses on Old Fox Road didn't see their shadows either.**

### Obituaries

**James Adkins Sr., 75**

**Woodrow Clem Jr., 69**

**Mary Crouch, 84**

**Roger Hall, 76**

**Alma Jones, 67**

**Freddie Patrick, 59**

**Michael Stevens, 46**

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