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## Two shot on Stacy Lane in accidental shooting; but 2 have been arrested

Kentucky State Police say two people were accidentally shot last Wednesday afternoon at 2075 Stacy Lane, but two others have been arrested in connection with that shooting.

The shooting victims were identified as Timothy Stanley and Stacy Dailey.

KSP was first told the victims were shot during a drive-by shooting, but detectives say that evidence at the scene did not match the story told to them by Melissa Marie Townsend.

She reportedly told Det. Keeton about the drive-by shooting, but later approached Det. Ken Bradley and told him she had lied and had hidden two guns in a wood pile out-

side the residence.

During a second interview with Det. Keeton, the citation states that Townsend stated she did not see the shooting but she knew that it was an accident. She added that Stanley was cleaning a weapon and it accidentally fired, striking himself and Dailey.

Townsend told the police that she knew Stanley was a convicted felon, so she admitted to hiding the guns and going along with the story that was made up.

The citation states that KSP found the guns in the woodpile where Townsend showed them. It adds the spent casing from the fired round was still jammed in the weapon.

Townsend, 26, a resident of 2075 Stacy Lane, was charged later in the afternoon of the shooting by Det. Jesse Armstrong with tampering with physical evidence and falsely reporting an incident.

She was lodged in the Estill County Detention Center. Her bond was set at \$1,000 cash.

Det. Armstrong obtained an arrest warrant for Frank J. Dailey, 34, of Somerset, Ky. He was arrested on Thursday and charged with tampering with physical evidence, convicted felon in possession of a handgun, falsely reporting an incident, and possession of a defaced firearm.

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## Garrison man passes through on months-long horseback ride



Tom Witten mounted his 15-year old mare, Blaze, on Saturday headed to McKee before hitting the Trans-American Trail which runs from coast to coast.

The horseback ride started in Garrison, Kentucky a few weeks ago, and hopefully will end in about four months in Garrison, Colorado.

As part of that ride, Tom Witten came through Estill County on Friday evening via KY 82 and 89 from Clay City. He stopped by the Estill County Fair Barn Friday to shoe his Tennessee Walking mare,

Blaze. She's 15 years old.

It was still daylight when Witten arrived in Irvine, but there was a power outage. By the time the power came back on, Witten said he had been given a sleeping room in a horse camper at the fairgrounds. An Estill County woman brought him a home cooked meal.

This followed several days of camping in a tent in the Red

River Gorge.

"I've been wanting to do this for 20 years," Witten stated. "My uncle tried to do it and it fell through."

Witten's son was quitting his job last June. The father and son were going to take this trip together. Before that happened, his son died in an accident.

Witten had two heart attacks, six days apart, in February. He retired in February. He decided to take this trip in memory of his son. It is also to recognize Wounded Warriors and leukemia -- he lost a daughter to that disease.

Witten travels about 15-30 miles a day, which depends on how hard the horse is working and how far it is to the next town.

"If my horse works hard, I'll stop early," he said. "I ride my horse three days and rest my horse a day and a night."

Witten used to feed the horse 50 pounds of food a week. Now, 50 pounds only lasts four days.

He has a friend driving a vehicle which carries the horse feed, tent, and other supplies they will need along the way.

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## 2016 Prom Royalty



2016 Prom King and Queen, Trent Elliott and Rachel Harrison.

Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

## IPD charges 1 with promoting prostitution and trafficking

An Estill County man was charged with promoting prostitution and trafficking in drugs during a sting operation by the Irvine Police Department.

According to the citation, Gregory Morris Lainhart, 47, of Dry Branch Road, Irvine sent a text message to the wrong number.

The Commonwealth then contacted the Irvine Police Department who arranged for a meeting with Lainhart at the car wash on River Drive.

The citation states that Lainhart had agreed to sell suboxone strips for \$20 each or would trade for sexual favors.

Irvine Police met Lainhart and arrested him at the car wash at 10:10 p.m. Thursday, May 12. The citation states that Lainhart stated the female he was trying to text owed him money.

IPD seized Lainhart's vehicle, a 2001 red Ford. Three suboxone strips were reportedly seized and placed into evidence.

Lainhart was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense and second degree, prescription of controlled substance not in proper container, and promoting prostitution.

His bond was set at \$10,000 cash.

The arresting officer was John Sturniolo.

## Police say man gave joint to teen to smoke at his home

An Irvine man has been charged with unlawful transaction with a minor and trafficking in marijuana.

Irvine Officer John Sturniolo arrested Anthony "Bones" Jones on those charges on May 11 plus a charge of possession of marijuana.

The officer said that the fifty-six year old Jones supplied marijuana to a 13 year old and allowed her to

smoke it in his residence on Wednesday, May 11.

A court citation states that juvenile's blood alcohol content was 0.137. It adds that Jones failed to get medical attention for the girl because of her high blood alcohol content.

The girl's parents told the officer they would take their daughter to get medical attention.

When arrested, Sturniolo

said that Jones had three more marijuana cigarettes in his possession.

Jones bonded out of jail on a \$1,000 cash bond posted by Timothy E. King of Jeffersonville, Ky.

One of his bond conditions is that he has no unsupervised contact with any juvenile.

He is to appear for an arraignment on June 15, 2016.

## Obituaries

- Jerry L. Blythe, 57
  - Lemon Estes Jr., 67
  - Vernetta Farthing, 83
  - Roger Goosey, 59
  - Travis Gordon, 77
  - Lesetta Powell, 92
  - Patrick Reynolds, 61
  - Arthur Warmouth, 77
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South Irvine P-K students hugged Ariel and Cinderella after being read to, sung to, and danced with, on Monday afternoon.



Ashley Patrick Marsh (Ariel) and Michelle Marmino (Cinderella) went to South Irvine P-K Monday to read, sing, and dance with the students. The young ladies also visited the school in the fall with "Frozen."