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16 are indicted by Estill Grand Jury

Sixteen persons were named as defendants in indictments returned by the Estill County Grand Jury on Friday, Sept. 22.

Steven Wayne McDowell, 35, of Elmer Richardson Road, Irvine was indicted for first degree assault.

The indictment states that McDowell shot Dustin Estes on August 12. Estes was struck in the arm, chest, and armpit.

KSP Anthony Bowling investigated the shooting.

Jason Anthony Miller, 31, address unknown, was indicted for improper equipment (a broken tail light), two counts of wanton endangerment - 1st degree, and fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle).

The indictment states that Miller created substantial danger to Deputy Doc Morris, the investigating officer, and Heather Estes, his passenger. It adds that Miller traveled at a high rate of speed on August 30.

Casey Rose, 24, of Millers Creek Road, Ravenna was indicted for operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, theft by unlawful taking (auto), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and possession of marijuana.

According to the indictment, Rose was driving a vehicle on August 1 which belonged to Sandra Arvin. He allegedly had rolling papers, syringes, and marijuana in his possession.

The investigating officer

was Deputy Morris.

Timothy A. Neal, 47, of Broadway, Irvine was charged by indictment with trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree and first offense, and second degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment states that on July 17, Neal sold a suboxone to a confidential informant. He has been convicted of one prior felony offense.

Irvine Sgt. John Stumliolo investigated.

Four separate indictments

for first degree bail jumping were returned against Brandy Horn, 42, of Poplar Street, Ravenna; Amanda Vanderpool; 21 of Broadway, Irvine; Frances Stamper, 21, of Richmond; and Joseph G. Rawlins, 31, of Campbell's Branch Road, Irvine.

The indictment states that each of them had been released from custody by court order with or without bail. They failed to appear in Estill Circuit Court on Sept. 5. Circuit Judge Michael Dean is-

sued bench warrants for their arrests.

The investigator in the bail jumping cases was Commonwealth's Detective Joie Peters.

Robert Bradley Hall, 40, of Autumn Court, Irvine was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

The indictment says that Hall sold 1/2 gram of methamphetamine to a confidential informant on July 15.

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State police find 365 pot plants and charge local man

An Estill County man has been arrested after Kentucky State Police confiscated over 360 marijuana plants on Sept. 26.

State police say a large plot of marijuana was located by aerial surveillance on July 11. The plot was located in a wooded area in southern Estill County which was accessed off Little Rock Road.

KSP Detective D. Allen said KSP made covert entry under the "Open Field Doctrine" on July 19 and set two remote cameras in and around the plot of marijuana.

Around 10:09 a.m. on Sept. 9, a camera showed a male entering the plot with cane poles to stick up falling marijuana plants.

The male reportedly returned on Sept. 25 at 9:46 a.m. and was observed harvesting some of the marijuana plants.

The detective said he had a hunch that the male would return the next day to harvest more marijuana. The decision was made to conduct manned surveillance in the marijuana plot.

The citation states the male returned around 8:30 a.m. the next day, Sept. 26. It says that Benjamin T. Rose, 76, of Rosemont Road, Irvine, was apprehended by state police 60 feet from the marijuana plot and 15 feet from where the previous day's harvest was drying on the ground.

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Main Street Market and Craft Show

Donna Boshers re-arranged her fall crafts Saturday afternoon during the Main Street Market and Crafts Show. The event began three years ago and was organized by Brittany Puckett and Cynthia Townsend. Because of the large number of participants, this year's show was moved from the courthouse to the Estill County Fair Barn. The fair barn was full and some vendors set up outside.

Schools show improvement on achievement test scores

This year and next are transition testing years for Kentucky schools and districts, so no schools or districts were labeled as in previous years.

However, parents of Estill students will receive test results for their children.

Lisa Reece, instructional supervisor, cited improvements from this year's achievement test results.

Students are tested in reading, math, science, social studies, and writing.

Students scoring proficient/distinguished in reading was up 5 percent in students grades 6-12. The high school and middle schools each had a 13 percent novice reduction.

The middle school was up 5 percent in students ranked proficient/distinguished in math. The high school and middle school each reduced the number of novice scoring students by three percent.

At the high school, there was an increase of 22 percent scoring proficient or distinguished in on-demand writing.

Elementary students scoring proficient or distinguished in language mechanics was up by 9 percent.

Supt. Jeff Saylor said Estill High has always been a high performing school, but the staff focuses on continuous improvement.

Measures were implemented at the middle school to improve test scores.

"Because of their work, you're seeing a dramatic increase in their test scores," Saylor stated. "Hats off to them. They've done a tremendous job."

However, he added there is work to do in all of the schools. West Irvine had a principal change during the school year.

"They're beginning to make the same type of changes as the middle school," stated Saylor. "We're looking forward to a full year of leadership in that building."

South Irvine and Estill Springs were not included in the test date released Thursday, but Reece said those schools still have accountability measures in place.

Saylor said that Estill Schools recently

was recognized statewide for having the largest number of kindergartners ready for first grade (71 percent). He adds that number will be up next year.

Estill Springs is doing a lot of assessments with reading and math, and the number of students reading on grade level has increased.

Saylor stated that parents can know all along how their student is doing with weekly and monthly reports.

The individual test scores will be available at open houses and parent-teacher conferences.

"I'm very proud of the work that is going on in our classrooms," said Saylor.

Obituaries

- Grover Barnett, 66
 - Edna Mae Hall, 90
 - Jesse T. Hall, 94
 - Zelma Hall, 87
 - James S. Morris, 76
 - Catherine Parsons, 65
 - Sandra Pasley, 51
 - Roger Richardson, 81
 - Christine Starnes, 87
 - Scotty Tipton, 66
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Diane Johnson of Creek Bank Homestead in Estill County sold homemade soaps at the Main Street Crafts Market. The soaps were made from goat milk.



Jane Conrad knitted a scarf between breaks at the Main Street Crafts Market held Saturday.



Amber Rose Marcum sold Scentsy products at the market. She said it was a good day for sales.