

Grand jury returns 16 indictments

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Arthur Watkins aka Art Watkins, 67, of Wolfenbarger Lane, Irvine, was indicted for wanton endangerment second degree and terroristic threatening third degree.

The indictment says on July 27, Watson fired a weapon into a vehicle in which two males were riding. It adds that he also pointed a gun at Brendan Cox and made threatening statements to harm her and others at her residence.

Trooper Ty Robinson as the investigating officer.

Two multi-count indictments were returned against Jessica N. Salkeld, 27, of Broadway, Irvine.

The first indictment charges Salkeld with drug paraphernalia, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, no/expired registration plates, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

The charges allegedly occurred on May 7. This investigation was conducted by Irvine Officer Colton Lewis.

Salkeld's second indictment charges her with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia buy/possess, public intoxication of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct second degree, possession of a controlled substance, third degree (klonopin), failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transportation, tampering with physical evidence, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (diladid).

She allegedly committed those violations on January 19. The investigation officer was Irvine Officer Brian Cloyd.

A six-count indictment was returned

against Tarcia L. Richardson, 48, of Hargett Road, Irvine.

Richardson was indicted for three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine). She allegedly sold one gram to a confidential informant, twice on Oct. 7 and again on Oct. 11.

She was also indicted for attempted trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. The indictment said she set up the next buy of methamphetamine with a confidential informant on Oct. 11.

On Oct. 11, the indictment says she was in possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (loratab) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (a cut straw).

Irvine Sgt. John Sturniolo conducted the investigation.

A two-count indictment was returned against Ricky Allan Hobbs, 30, of Broadway.

The indictment charges Hobbs with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and possession of a controlled substance, second degree (suboxone strip). The indictment says that Hobbs possessed them on July 10.

Officer Lewis conducted the investigation.

Jimmy R. Murphy, 40, of Low Gap Road, Irvine was indicted for theft by unlawful taking or disposition over \$500 but under \$10,000.

According to the indictment, Murphy took eight straps and ten log chains on January 26 which belonged to Russell Howard.

The indictment also charges Murphy with being a second degree persistent felony offender.

Brianna N. Turner, 22, of McKee was

charged in a four-count indictment. The charges from Sept. 23 are trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (two glass pipes), and public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Trooper Robinson made the investigation against Turner.

Bradley S. Hardy, 41, of Hardy Road, Irvine was named in two indictments.

The first indictment charges Hardy with flagrant non-support as of March 2015 to the present. It states that he owes \$49,726.73.

Vicky Travis of Estill County Child Support presented the investigation to the grand jury.

The second indictment charges Hardy with second degree burglary. It states that he entered the home of Brenda Hardy on January 17 to commit a crime.

The burglary was investigated by Trooper Robinson.

Chrystal Riggsby, 28, and William Puckett, 26, both of Noland Court, Irvine were named as co-defendants in a five-count indictment.

Each of them were indicted on two counts of wanton endangerment first degree. The indictment states that on January 29, by taking illegal substances while caring for two children, they created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to the children.

They were also indicted for failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transportation.

Riggsby was indicted for being a second degree persistent felony offender. The indictment said she has been convicted of one prior felony offense.

Puckett was indicted for being a first degree persistent felony offender. According to

the indictment he has been convicted of two prior felony offenses.

Irvine Officer Brian Cloyd presented the investigation.

Larry A. Smith, 37, Richmond and Alexandria Smith, 30, Winchester, were named as co-defendants in a five count indictment.

According to the indictment, the Smiths entered the home of Wallace and Cathy Taylor twice on Nov. 9 and again on Nov. 10. The first visit they allegedly took a Kobalt mitre saw, and a Kobalt cordless blower and Stihl string trimmer on the second entry on Nov. 9. They allegedly took a gas can and TroyBilt pressure washer on Nov. 10.

The Smiths are charged with receiving stolen property over \$500. The indictment says they took a shop vac and gas can belonging to the Taylors, and left items behind when they fled the scene.

Alexandria Smith is also charged with first degree persistent felony offender.

Sgt. Sturniolo conducted the investigation.

An indictment was returned against Kenneth J. Houlihan, 53, of Clear Creek Road, Irvine. It charges him with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine and fentanyl) on Nov. 3.

The indictment also charges Houlihan with possession of a controlled substance, second degree (suboxone) and drug paraphernalia buy/possess on Nov. 3. He allegedly had a glass pipe and two scales in his possession.

Trooper Robinson conducted the investigation.

Houlihan was arraigned on Feb. 23 in Estill Circuit Court. Hearings on the case were scheduled for April 5 and 27.

Public Forum on School Safety

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Saylor added that there has been an increase in police presence at all of the schools. The SRO is contracted with the school district through the Ravenna Police Department, and the Irvine Police Department has been at the high school with the K-9 unit as well. The Kentucky State Police have also been at the schools recently.

Through the new tipline that is accessible through the district's website, Saylor added that there had been ten anonymous tips and that each one was valid, to the point, and gave credible information to help them with their investigation.

Donna Isfort stressed to the crowd that four out of the five board members have children that attend school and that safety is being discussed on a daily basis. She also urged people to take a good look at all of the candidates running for election this year and said that community leaders have an impact on the school system.

Robert Graham said that he had hoped there would be more people to attend the meeting.

"We as parents need to take more responsibility for our children instead of pushing them off on you all. We need to teach them respect and we need to be more interactive with our kids," stated Graham.

The meeting concluded and Mr. Saylor said that an additional public forum could possibly be held in the near future.

Local students among EKU fall graduates

Eastern Kentucky University recognized 1,058 graduates at the conclusion of the Fall 2017 semester.

The graduates were honored at separate academic college commencement ceremonies Dec. 15.

Local EKU graduates include: Shauna Beth Murrey, MAED GR, Literacy P-12; Angela Rae Johnson, BSN, Nursing; William Chad Muncy, MAED GR, Instructional Leadership.

Amanda Elizabeth Campbell, MAT GR, Interdisc Early Childhood ED; Elisabeth A. Bebout, BS summa cum laude, Medical Laboratory Science; Courtney Brianna Nichole Winkler, ASN, Nursing.

Teri Lynn Conner, BA, History, Donald Oscar Peterson, BS, Computer Science; Steven Ray Garrett, BS summa cum laude, Health Service Administration.

Devan Todd Doty, BS, CERTU, Homeland Secu-

rity; Taylor Anne Isfort, BS, Biology; Derek Evan Kirby, BSN, Nursing.

Brianna Tre' Cahal, BS, Elementary Education Teaching; Austin Bradley McClanahan, BA, Public Relations; Lydia Elizabeth Gilbert, BSW, Social Work.

Taylor Jordan Wiseman, BA, Chemistry; Marissa Cheryl Puckett, BS cum laude, Medical Laboratory Science; Morgan Taylor Conrad, ASN, Nursing; and Rita W. Land, MPA, Public Administration.

The new degree holders join more than 140,000 Eastern alumni in Kentucky and across the United States and world.

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving approximately 17,000 students on its Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville, Manchester and Hazard, and throughout Kentucky.

Local Police Activity Report

A Madison County arrest warrant was served Saturday by Irvine Officer Brian Cloyd on Christopher Richardson. Madison County said that Richardson had failed to appear in court for a hearing and to pay child support. It states that as of February 29, 2016, Richardson was in arrears of \$3,350.00.

Officer Colton Lewis arrested Darrin Austin Harrison, 34, of N. Grand Ave., Irvine on Friday.

Harrison was charged with fleeing or evading police, second degree (on foot), possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), and drug paraphernalia buy/possess.

At his arraignment on March 2, Harrison pleaded not-guilty. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for March 7.

District Judge William Leach also scheduled a pre-trial conference for Harrison on a traffic charge from 2016.

A bench warrant from Estill Circuit Court was also served on Harrison. It was signed by Circuit Judge Michael Dean.

It states that Harrison was found guilty of sexual misconduct on June 23, 2017. The judge said that Richardson could pay a bail of \$280.00 cash.

Chasity D. Shuler, 38, of Beattyville was arrested on a bench warrant from Lee District Court on Thursday. The arrest was made by Officer Lewis.

District Judge William Leach issued the warrant saying Shuler failed to appear in district court to answer a charged of public intoxication.

An Estill woman was arrested February 26 by Officer Lewis on a complaint from Montgomery County. She also had a warrant for her arrest from Madison County.

The citation states that he located Carla Jean Stamper, 39, of Sandhill Road in a vehicle described in the Montgomery complaint. During a search, the officer said he located a small pink bag with four needles and one pop lid. One needle was loaded with a substance, which the officer told was a combination of heroin and meth. The needle was sent to the KSP lab for testing.

Stamper was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, first offense; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; and two counts of possession of a controlled substance (heroin and methamphetamine).

The Madison District Court warrant says that Stamper failed to appear on charges of theft by unlawful taking or disposition and contempt of court libel/slander. Judge Earl Neal set her bond at \$500.00 cash.

Stamper was arraigned on the charges made by Officer Lewis on February 28. She pleaded not guilty. She will be in court on March 7 for a preliminary hearing.

Bail for Stamper was set at \$2,500 cash.

Walter S. Estes, 53, of S. Irvine Road was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition on March 1 by Officer Lewis.

The officer stated that he saw Estes inside of a donation bin in the parking lot at Meade's Do It Center. He added that Estes was removing bags of donated clothing and placing them inside his vehicle.

He stated there were eight bags of clothing in Estes' vehicle.

Anne Barnes, 23, of Harris Ferry Road, Irvine was arrested February 28 by Officer Lewis on a warrant from Scott County District Court.

The Scott warrant says that Barnes has violated her probation on a misdemeanor offense. Her bail was set at \$200.00 cash.

Jason Lee Henson, 39, of Jackson was arrested Feb. 28 by Officer Lewis inside the Estill Courtroom.

The citation states that Henson was sweating heavily, had rapid speech and rapid movements and was nodding off. Henson was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance.

An arrest warrant was served on Shelleana Stone, 33 of W. Chamberlain Branch, Irvine on Feb. 28 by Officer Lewis.

The warrant had been obtained by Deputy Chris Coffey and charged Stone with criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree.

Two bench warrants from Estill District Court were also served on Stone.

One said she had vio-

lated the conditions of her release on Nov. 11, 2017 on charges of theft by deception and criminal possession of a forged instrument.

The second bench warrants says that Stone failed to appear for motion hour. Obstructed vision and/or windshield was dismissed on Oct. 21, 2015 but she was found guilty of owner to maintain required insurance.

Stone was arraigned February 28 in Estill District Court. She pleaded not guilty to two counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument. Her bail was set at \$5,000 cash.

Elana Fay Webb, 38, of Winchester Road, Irvine was arrested Feb. 27 by Officer Lewis for alcohol intoxication in a public place (first and second offenses).

The citation states that she was involved in a domestic incident at her residence at 5460 Winchester road. Then she walked to LaCabana Restaurant on Main Street, Irvine.

Randall Anglin, 38, of Broadway was served Feb. 27 with a bench warrant from Estill District Court.

The warrant states that Anglin failed to appear on Nov. 30, 2016 on charges of theft by unlawful taking, theft by unlawful taking of a controlled substance, and theft of a legend drug first offense.

Zachary B. Clem, 31, of Clay City was arrested Feb. 26 by Irvine Chief Brad Smith.

The chief stated he responded to 1100 Winchester Road to investigate an intoxicated male where he made contact with Clem.

Clem was charged with public intoxication and fleeing or evading police (on foot) second degree.

Clem pleaded not-guilty in Estill District Court on February 28. His bond was modified to \$650 unsecured.

An indictment warrant from Powell Circuit Court was served on Clem. He was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. Circuit Judge Fletcher set his bail on this charge at \$25,000 cash.

His bail on a bench warrant from Powell District Court was set at \$2,500 cash.

The bench warrant says he failed to appear on July 11, 2017 to answer charges of public intoxication, theft

by unlawful taking or disposition (shoplifting), and drug paraphernalia - buy/posses.

The Irvine police chief also served a bench warrant from Montgomery Circuit Court on Clem. That warrant was issued because Clem had failed to appear or pay restitution. He was found guilty July 28, 2008 of criminal mischief second degree.

Judge W. Lane set Clem's bail at \$1,021.50 cash.

Clifford S. Conkright, 45, of Clay City, was charged with driving on DUI suspended license, first offense; failure to wear seat belts; failure of owner to maintain required insurance; and fleeing or evading police, first degree on Saturday by Trooper J. Northern.

Conkright pleaded not-guilty during his arraignment in Estill District Court on March 5. He will be in court for a preliminary hearing on March 14.

An arrest warrant obtained by Trooper Derrek Lovett states that on January 29, Bertha L. Jones, 44, of Reese Street, Irvine, entered a residence at 710 Main Street, Ravenna and took a purse belonging to Lola Young.

The purse was valued at \$350 and its contents at \$88. Various personal items were also taken for a total value of \$438.00.

Jones entered not-guilty pleas during her arraignment on Feb. 28. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 7.

A male from North Irvine was arrested February 28 and charged with possession of handgun by a convicted felon.

The citation states the man's mother contacted KSP Post 7 after she located the sawed off shotgun in her son's bedroom.

Beverly Santmarino told Trooper T. Robinson that she was packing up the house to move and when she was packing up the blanket in her son's room, the weapon fell and landed on her foot.

Her son, John Earl Fowler, 44 of Ruby Lane, Irvine was charged in connection with the gun.

Fowler's bail was set at \$1,000 cash.

He pleaded not-guilty during his arraignment on March 7. He will be in court for a preliminary hearing on March 7.

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