

# Local Police Activity

Two passengers in a vehicle were arrested by the Irvine Police Department at Oak Tree Inn on Friday night.

**James Sparks Jr.**, 27, of Walnut Grove, Irvine, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, and tampering with physical evidence.

**Wanda D. Watson**, 47, of Dry Branch Road, Irvine, was the back seat passenger. She was charged with tampering with physical evidence.

Watson's bail was set at 10 percent of \$5,000 cash.

A bench warrant was served Saturday by Officer Stewart Morris on **Douglas R. Harrison**, 43, of Doe Creek Road, Irvine for failure to appear in Madison District Court in July.

A bench warrant from Estill District Court was also served on Harrison for failure to pay.

Judge William Leach set Harrison's bail at \$673.00 cash.

Officer Morris served an Estill District Court bench warrant Thursday for failure to pay on **Denny L. Farley**, 41, of Main Street, Irvine. Judge Leach set Farley's bail at \$50.00 cash.

**Avonna Kay Cox**, 45, of Whispering Woods, Irvine was arrested by Officer Morris on August 10 at the Estill County Fairgrounds.

The officer charged her with driving on a DUI suspended license, first offense; failure to surrender revoked operator license; and criminal trespassing, third degree.

**Darren Clay Sparks**, 41, of Wallace Drive, Irvine, was arrested on August 14 by Irvine Capt. John Stumliolo in the area of Estill Springs and Rice Street.

Sparks was charged with failure to or improper signal, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, and carrying a concealed weapon.

Sparks' bail was set at \$5,000 cash.

**Jonnie R. Abney**, 39, of

Turner Avenue, Irvine was cited August 13 by Chief Brad Smith for possession of marijuana.

**Timothy Purdue**, 39, homeless of Irvine, was charged by Chief Smith on August 13 for public intoxication.

**Ramirez Madlonado** aka Jose Neal, of Broadway, Irvine was arrested August 18 on Broadway by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad for alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Deputy Chris Coffey arrested **Daniel B. Conrad**, 34, August 12 of S. Winn Ave., Irvine for fourth degree assault (dating violence) minor injury and fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle).

**Adrian Nicki Young**, 21, of Racetrack Road, Irvine was arrested August 14 by Deputy Coffey on charges of tampering with physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

**Aaron Noland**, 27, of Hall Abney Road, Irvine was charged by Sheriff Chris Flynn with theft by unlawful taking or disposition over \$500 but less than \$10,000 and promoting contraband second degree.

**Tiffany Rose**, 30, Hilltop Road, Irvine was charged with Deputy Chris Coffey on August 16 with failure of owner to maintain insurance, failure to produce insurance card, and rear license not illuminated.

Deputy Coffey served a warrant on **Ricky Westfield**, 37, of Peyton Ave., Irvine.

A bench warrant from Jackson District Court was served August 15 by Court Security Officer Josh King on **Patrick Dunaway**. His bail was set at \$75.00.

**Heather Jones**, 32, of New Fox Road, Irvine, was served with two warrants by Deputy Josh Rison for failing to pay restitution.

An arrest warrant was served on **Corey Ruby**, 36, of Davenport, Iowa on August 18 by Officer King.


Officer King served a bench warrant on **Cody Begley**, 24, of Cantrill Street, Irvine on August 14. Begley had been found guilty of bail jumping. His bail was set at \$275.00 cash.

**Deandra Strange**, 27, of Broadway was charged with driving a motor vehicle while texting and failure to produce insurance card on August 14 by Deputy Coffey.

**James B. Tipton**, 48 of Elm Street, Ravenna, was arrested in the courtroom on August 14 by Sheriff Chris Flynn for public intoxication.

Deputy Coffey served two warrants on **Rhonda Hurly**, 37, of South Irvine Road on August 14.

The same deputy served a warrant August 17 for a traffic offense on **Stevie Wayne Cox**, 42, of South Irvine Road.



**Kentucky American Legion Post 007**

August 14, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department Commander, Jerry W. McKinney, has recommended and authorized the closing of The American Legion Post 79 temporarily due to an Internal Affairs investigation and State Police investigation. Threats have been made towards local and state American Legion officials and therefore the safety of its members is top priority at this time. The Post will re-open once investigations are completed.

Sincerely,

James S. Noe, Commander Post 79

# American Legion Post 79 is closed for investigation

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Gay was deployed while in service to the Middle East, which made her eligible for membership in the American Legion. She was one of a few women veterans who were members of the American Legion. Post 79 has over 100 members.

Gay's attorney, Susan B. Martin, filed a response to the small claim.

Martin filed motions for the lawsuit to be dismissed. If that motion was denied, she filed a motion to continue and/or transfer to Estill Circuit Court.

On Friday, Judge William Leach dismissed the lawsuit without prejudice. This means the lawsuit can be brought back up again.

It was unclear how much money Post 79 was trying to be awarded from Ms. Gay. Small claims in Kentucky are limited to \$2,500 or less and does not pay court costs or interest.

Post 79 was subpoenaed to submit the minutes of their meetings in June, July, and August to the court. The minutes of the August 4 meeting stated they were seeking over \$500 in damages to the property and \$1,500 for a week's lost income.

According to court records, after Gay used the rest-room at the post, it was stopped up.

She was then voted out as a member of the American Legion for one year by its executive board for conduct unbecoming a member. She received more votes to stay

in the Legion at the regular meeting of Post 79, but the vote failed to get the 2/3 majority required to override the Executive Board's decision.

The small claim suit was filed by Commander Noe, on behalf of the American Legion.

Attorney Martin wrote Post 79's minutes did not authorize Noe to file the lawsuit.

The only state police investigation mentioned in the minutes was regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages at the post, which is located in a dry option territory.

At the August 4 meeting, it stated that state police had received 26 calls in one day about the sale of alcohol at the post.

The minutes add that state police had taken records and made a video of the building. They are continuing that investigation.

Commander Noe said he had contacted Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC), who recommended that the money for drinks be considered a donation.

The minutes stated that Post 79 has applied for a gambling license at the state level.

The post is planning to request a wet/dry vote for the November election which will include the American Legion in the wet zone.

County Clerk Brian Crowe said his office has not been made aware of any wet-dry petitions.

The small claim lawsuit represents only one side of an issue.

# Indictments

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Sheriff Chris Flynn conducted the investigation.

Jeffery Scott Henry, 36, of Wagersville Road, Irvine was indicted for second degree burglary, theft of controlled substance, attempted theft by unlawful taking or disposiiton of an auto worth \$500 or more but under \$10,000, and theft by unlawful taking under \$500.

The indictment says that Henry went to the residence of Randall Hall to commit a crime on June 30. It adds that he took two medicine bottles, a radio, knives, guitar, and various items from Hall's residence.

It says he also attempted to steal Hall's vehicle.

Sheriff Flynn investigated.

Charles Nutter, 40, of Hood Avenue, Irvine and

Brian Hall, 47, of Powell Avenue, Irvine were named as co-defendants in a five count indictment.

Both men were indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia, and being a persistent felony offender in the first degree.

The indictment states that on July 8, Nutter and Hall trafficking in over two grams of methamphetamine. The indictment adds they had needles, baggies, and scales. Nutter was also indicted for rear license not illuminated. The indictment charges Hall with trafficking in a controlled substance, second offense or greater. It states that he possessed more than two grams of heroin.

Deputy Chris Coffey investigated the case.

# School Board Meets

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Members of the board agreed not to raise property taxes again this year. Mr. Saylor said that when the nickel tax was passed three years ago, the board had promised not to raise taxes for at least four years, and he felt like they could operate the school district without raising taxes.

He added that even though the board was taking the compensating rate with exonerations the district would actually see an increase in revenue by approximately \$12,000 due to an increase in property assessments.

A district wide pay increase was approved by the board. Mr. Saylor said that the employees of the district

work hard, and he wants to make sure they are well paid.

Even though there is a statewide teacher shortage, Saylor said he hoped to be able to fill all of the vacant positions.

He also added that enrollment was holding steady and that there were 182 students enrolled in Kindergarten this year which was great news.

Saylor said that they were in the process of purchasing a van for student travels. He said that the Suburban that had been used for many years had become unreliable and they didn't trust it to travel outside of the county. He said that money had been re-budgeted for the purchase of the van.

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