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Major drug bust takes place Tuesday

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By: Richard Anderkin A major drug bust took place in Rockcastle County Tuesday and in-volved mostly members of the same local family

The suspects were taken into cus-tody by U.S. Marshalls and were ar-raigned in federal court in Lexington

Final vote on ordinance is Monday night

By: Richard Anderkin

The Mt. Vernon City Council will once again try to pass a final reading of an ordinance that will tax the wages

of any open and the the suggest of employees as the profits of businesses inside the city limit. The ordinance calls for a half cent of every dollar tax on the wages and profits to go to the city each quarter.

The second and possible final reading was rescheduled for Monday, after the ordinance was amended during a meeting last Monday night. City Attorney John Clont told the council and Mayor Karen King they would have to have a first reading of the ordinance was acting of the ordinance again, because of the amendment.

If the ordinance passes Monday night it will become effective April 1.

night it will become effective April 1 The amendment to the ordin

was requested by council member Clarice Kirby, who also presented six other amendments that did not

pass.
The one amendment that did pa

The one amendment that did pass calls for no tax to be assessed not the wages of any employee in the city that is 65 or older. All council members voted in favor of the amenbers voted in favor of the amenbers to the council to put the money from the tax in a separate fund and not the general fund and earmark the money from the tax in a separate fund and not the general fund and earmark the money for the council. She also asked that none of the money be spent unless it was first the money be spent unless it was first

approved by the council.

Atfirst Mrs. Kirby, Jackie Renner,
Wayne Bullock and Lou Vanhoose wayne Bullock and Lou Vannosse voted yes, but after comments from councilman Clark Mullins, who voted no, Mrs. Vanhoose and Bullock changed their votes to no.

Mrs. Kirby questioned the way the vote was taken since Councilman Mullise taked councilman

the vote was taken since Councilman Mullins talked councilwoman Lou Vanhoose into changing her yes vote to a no vote and councilman Wayne Bullock change his vote to no. Mullins was the last to cast a vote.

Then Mrs. Kirby asked the coun-

Most of those arrested were mem-bers of the Floyd and Bernice Lovell family, which resides in the Burr area family, which resides in the Burr area of the county. Floyd and Bernice Lovell were not arrested or charged

Tuesday with any crimes Other suspects, not members of the Lovell family, were also charged yesterday and apparently included three Cubans from Miami and a local man, already serving time in federal prison on drug, charges. According to a mediarelease from the U.S. Automey's office for the Eastern District of Kentucky, on February 3, a federal grand jury in Lexing-

F.B.I. agents, D.E.A. agents, state and local police spent much of Tuesday and part of Wednesday making

numerous arrests throughout the county, after federal drug indictments were returned against local suspects Most of the arrests involved one Rockcastle family. Police used at least three helicopters in Tuesday's operation The suspects were arraigned in federal court in London on Tuesday afternoon.

Orlando man indicted again

According to police reports Saylor is accused of grabbing Cromer

while she was attempting to protect her daughter and bending her fingers

by Rockcastle Grand Jury

ton returned a multiple count indictment charging those involved with various violations of the federal drug and money laundering statutes.

The indictment charges that from January 1, 1995 to February 3, 2000, Richard Allen Lovell, Cathlee Lovell, Charles Lovell, David Lovell,

Wendell Ford Lovell, Brian Lovell, Darren Sturgill, Charles Brock, Teresa Lovell Cunnagin, Charles Cunnagin, Charles Cunnagin, Donald Wayne Crouch, Gustabo Bidal, Alberto Travieso. Alejandro Cabrega and Ronnie Bradley conspired and agreed together and with others to possess with intent to distribute and did distribute co-caine, and that they used the proceeds from such unlawful drug destribution to purchase additional cocaine and property.

One of those indicted, Ronnie Bradley, 46, of Qual, is currently serving a ten year senence in federal prison after he pled guity last March to drug trafficking charges.

And, David Lovell and his wife Barbara, are already in jual awating trail on murder charges handed down last year.

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The couple is accussed of killing
Charles "Toddy" Baker, 31, of Mt. Vernon and burying his body at Tark Hill, which was finally discovered in February of 1999.

Federal search warrants and ar-rest warrants were executed on Tues-day for all sixteen individuals and

All 16 people charged in the federal indictment are now in custody.

According to media release the indictment and arrests are the result of a four-year joint investigation and and outstanding cooperative effort Cont. to A-11

State says Brown still Chairman

Last week, Mrs. Verla Scott of Mt. Vernon told the Rockcastle Fis-cal Court that she is now the acting Chairman of the Rockcastle Demo-cratic Party. But apparently that is

On Monday, Harry Carver, Excettive Director of the Kentucks
Democratic Party issued a statemenstating that Mrs. Scott was not on
fficial of the Democratic Party in
Kentucky and that Leroy Brown is
the current Democratic charman in
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Johnson found guilty; gets 15 year sentence

Gregory seeks mistrial

A Rockastle County Circuit
Courl Jury recommended a sentence of fitteen years in prison for a local
man after a two duty trial last week.
Ronnie Patrick Johnson, 39, of
R. 2 Livingston was convicted of
trafficking in a controlled substance
first degree while in poss-sission of a controlled substance, first degree while
in possession of a controlled substance, first degree while
in possession for handgun.
Johnson was taken directly to the
Rockcastle County Detention Center
after the conclusion of the trial on

He is accused of having a stolen ATV in his possession on August 22 of last year.

Baker is currently being held in the Rockcastle County Detention Center awaiting arraigment. Michael Saylor, 19, of Old 461, was indicted on a fourth degree assult charge, a misdemeanor.

He is accused of breaking the large of the county of after the conclusion of the trial on Thursday.

Thursday.

The case was prosecuted by Asst.
Commonwealth Attorneys David
Dalton and Chris Brown and investigated by former Rockeastle County
Deputy Sheriff Doug Thomas.
But on Tuesday, the case came to
life again, when Johnson's attorney.

William D. Gregory of Mt. Vernon-filed a motion for a mistrial. In his motion Gregory claims that Rockcastle Circuit Judge Dan Ven-ters erred when he did not swear-in the twelve jurors before the trial re-ean.

gan.

Gregory submitted a partial copy of the transcript of the trial as evidence in the case.

Gregory has asked that Venters rule on his motion on Friday in Rockcastle Cirucit Court.

"It was a simple oversight on the Judge's part, but according to law the jury must be swom-in before openstatements or testimony can be

ing statements or testimony can be given," Gregory said. "I'm not sure what the Judge will do, but my client should be released from jail because there really wasn't a trial," he said.

Fatal Accident



ere he worked on January 19. Glenna Faye Williams, 34, of

Richmond was indicted for allegedly

A Lexington man was killed in a single car accident on Interstate 75 Monday morning.

According to Rockcastle County Coroner Bill Dowell, Donald Röbert Zeilek, Jr., 50, was pronounced dead at the scene of the 4:15 a.m. accident.

at the scene of the 4:15 a.m. accident. According to police, a passenger in the vehicle, Joseph F. O'Daniel, 50, of Springfield, was injured in the accident. He was treated at Rockcastle Hospital and transferred to the Uni-resity of Kenucky Medical Center, where he was listed in fair condition Monday.

day. Police said that O'Daniel was ing a seat belt but Zielke was

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Shown at right are Mt. Vernon firemen Jason Hansel and Steve Griffin and Coroner Bill Dowell before they remove the body of Donald Zielke from the scene.

germent. He is accused on jointure, act and shondaid Philibeck and Patrick Elkins on January 29.

Elkins and Philbeck are witnesses in access against Baker, who was not access against Baker, who was counted wanton endangement.

In that case, Baker is accused of shooting into the former Orlando Post Office on October 9 while five people were inside the building which also houses Philibecks Grocery.

Baker was also indicted on one count of receiving stolen property. her daughter and bending her fingers back to the point they were broken. Saylor, who also nac convictions in Rockeastle District Courfor D.U.I. possession of marijuana and carrying a concealed deadly weapon is Face on bend until a March 22 hearing. Troy Dean Bullock, 26, of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon was indicted on three counts. He is accused of trafficking in cocaine and having a set of scales **Eddy Montgomery candidate** for Commonwealth Attorney

An Orlando man was indicted on three separate charges Friday by the Rockcastle County Grand Jury. Mark E. Baker, 34, was indicted on a charge of retaliating against a winess, on February 5, by threatening to engage in conduct with intent to cause bodily injury to a winess an official proceeding, according to the indiciment.

the indictment.

Baker was also indicted on two

counts of first degree wanton endan

germent. He is accused of pointing a gun at Shondale Philbeck and Patrick

Acting Commonwealth Attorney for Rockcastle, Lincoln and Pulaski

Acting Commonwealth Autorney for Rockeastle, Lincoln and Pulaski Counties, Eddy Montgomery, has officially announced his candidacy for office in Rockeastle County, Since being named Acting Commonwealth's Autorney some eighteen months ago, Montgomery say he has been hard at work trying to put criminals behind bars. Montgomery was named to the post when former Commonwealth's Autorney Lawrence (Any Camrichael was indicated on charges of extortion and auterspreter and the control of th

am qualified and have the experience to preform the duties of the position."
The Office of Commonwealth's Attorney is unique due to the fact that it requires the prosecution of felony offenses in three counties (Lincoln, Rockcastle and Pulaski) as well as

the presentation of cases to the grand juries of all three counties for indict-ment. Mongomery state Mongomery sate of Mongomery sate is deeping his emphasis on putting violent of-fenders behind bars and the collec-tion of restitution from nonviolent oftenders. In 1999 Mongomery's office was successful in obtaining court orders

In 1999 Montgomery's office was successful in obtaining court orders for restitution in the amount of \$347,717. This money is to be re-turned to the victims of crime. Also, in 1999 Montgomery's office sent 73 people to prison for a total of 320

years.

Montgomery maintains that his office works closely with all law

Eddy F. Montgo

enforcement authorities, including, the Sheriff's Departments, City Police Department, Kentucky State Police as well as the federal authorities. Tuesday, Montgomery spent the day with local and federal law enforcement officials as they executed several arrest warrants in Rockcastle

County for Drug Offenses. "I feel that it is important that we, as law enforcement, have a positive working relationship with each other for the benefit of all citizens of the cir-

the benefit of all citizens of the cir-cuit, because working together we can go much further in ensuring their safety. Montgomery said.
During his campaigning for the Office of Commonwealth Atiomey, Montgomery says he has enjoyed meeting many different people that exportantity to meet. "During the eve-ryday process of running my office. I usually don't have the opportunity to meet citizens if they are not a victim or a defendant in a crime. This is not the best of circumstances to get to or a defendant in a crime. This is not the best of circumstances to get to know someone. This has really given me the chance to get out into the community and see how everyone is doing. Montgomery said.

"Being a prosecutor has allowed me to give back to my community in a way that I love," Montgomery said. "Jan to continue working hard to put criminals behind bars."

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