

Physical confrontation occurs after police serve eviction notice

By: Doug Ponder

Two people were arrested last Tuesday night after causing a physical confrontation with police who were serving an eviction notice on them.

Arrested at the scene were Wendell F. Lovell, 41 and Tiffany Cara Daugherty, 29, both of Mt. Vernon.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, officers Adam Stallsworth and Jeff Harness were serving an eviction notice on Lovell and Daugherty at their home on Old Somerset Road in Mt. Vernon.

Once officers arrived at the residence, they noticed that Lovell had bloodshot eyes, constricted pupils and a white pill residue on his mouth. Officers also noticed that Daugherty had constricted pupils, slurred speech and a white pill residue around her right nostril.

Upon further investigation, officers heard a sound coming from Daugherty's pants pocket that sounded like pills jingling inside a bottle. When officers asked Daugherty what was in her pants pocket she pulled out a bottle that contained fourteen Clonazepam tablets and seven Suboxone strips.

When questioned separately by the officers, Daugherty said she had a subscription for the Suboxone strips and that she found the bottle of Clonazepam pills in her driveway. Lovell said the bottle of Clonazepam pills belonged to his sister.

During questioning, Lovell became loud and aggressive as he raised his voice to the officers and took an aggressive stance. Harness then grabbed Lovell's arm after observing him ball up his right fist toward Stallsworth. Lovell was then forced to the floor of the residence where he continued to resist arrest after officers gave him verbal commands to stop resisting and to place his hands behind his back.

During the altercation with Lovell, Daugherty was also apprehended after coming behind Harness and hitting him with her fist in his back right shoulder blade.

Three of the couple's children were also inside the residence during the altercation. After their parents arrest, they were taken into protective custody and placed with social services.

Both Lovell and Daugherty were charged with three counts of endangering the welfare of a minor. Lovell was separately charged with menacing and resisting arrest. Daugherty was also charged with third degree assault on a police officer and two counts of third degree possession of a controlled substance.

Lovell and Daugherty were lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Lovell was released on a \$2,500 10% bond and Daugherty was released on a \$5,000 10% bond.

Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds said the district court dismissed Daugherty's assault charge last Wednesday and overruled his objection about the dismissal. He said the court dismissed the assault charge based on the citation not having enough probable cause.

However, Reynolds said he reissued another arrest warrant on Daugherty and that she was arrested again last Friday. She was recharged with assault, third degree on a police officer and was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was once again released on a \$5,000 cash/property bond.

Reynolds said Daugherty's preliminary hearing for the reissued as-

sault charge is scheduled for next Wednesday in Rockcastle County District Court.

“Rockets”

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the Cardinals a 57 to 28 lead at the end of the third and the same for the fourth for the Cardinals 74-41 win.

Sophomore Sam Pensol was the only Rocket in double figures with 12; Corey McPhetridge got 6; Blake Mullins and Dakota Hasty scored 5 each; Tyler Harper got 4; Carter Blanton scored 3 and Ashton Arvin, Josh Mason and Zach Poynter were each credited with 2 points.

“Hammond”

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#12 in AP poll. With four regular season games remaining (home games Feb. 20 vs South Florida and 27 vs Seton Hall) and Big East conference tournament March 8-12, UofL is poised to make a run for a #2 or #3 seeding in upcoming NCAA Women's tournament. An added bonus this year is that the KFC Yum center in Louisville will host the first round March 24 & 26. Lady Rocket fans who want to see Sara play and experience March Madness can order tickets online at NCAA.com.

“Chase”

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of vehicle. Police later discovered that Bullock stole six packs of Marlboro cigarettes from the Shell station during this time.

When Harness attempted to make a traffic stop on Bullock's vehicle, he sped out of the parking lot and turned left onto Hwy 25 toward Livingston. Harness then pursued Bullock's vehicle after he failed to stop at the traffic stop.

Harness chased Bullock's vehicle on Hwy 25 with both reaching speeds of over 110 mph. Bullock also passed a southbound motorist on a double yellow line while driving through a curve.

The high speed chase continued until Bullock lost control of his vehicle in the "White Star curve" on Hwy 25 causing him to cross three lanes of traffic and slam into the northbound guardrail. The impact caused Bullock's vehicle to ricochet off the guardrail back into the northbound lane.

After slamming into the guardrail, Bullock was still able to continue driving south on Hwy 25. While continuing to pursue Bullock after the collision, Harness noticed that damaged parts from Bullock's vehicle was gouging the highway which caused debris and sparks to be thrown in multiple directions.

After continuing on Hwy 25 for approximately a quarter of a mile, Bullock turned into the White Star Auto Parts parking lot and stopped the vehicle.

When Harness approached the parked vehicle, both Cotton and Bullock were attempting to escape out the passenger door. Harness and Constable Chris Mason proceeded to force Bullock and Cotton to the ground and arrested them. Officers also found an open three inch pocket knife in Bullock's left front pants pocket at the time of his arrest.

Officers noticed both Bullock and Cotton appeared intoxicated while performing field sobriety tests. After searching the vehicle, officers found the stolen six packs of Marlboro cigarettes in the front passenger seat and a bottle of 1800 brand tequila in the passenger floorboard. Bullock admitted to officers

that he had stolen the cigarettes from the 59 Shell station.

Bullock told officers he believed he had money left on his debit card when he attempted to pay for the meals at El Cazador. He said they fled the restaurant after the employee told him that his card was rejected. He also admitted to officers that he fled from law enforcement because he had stolen the cigarettes and was drinking the tequilla while driving.

Both Cotton and Bullock were charged with theft of services. Bullock was also separately charged with DUI, speeding, shoplifting, fleeing or evading police, improper passing, careless driving, failure to wear seat belt and first degree wanton endangerment.

Cotton and Bullock were lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Cotton was later released on a \$1,000 partially secured bond and Bullock remains lodged on a \$7,500 cash bond.

“Vacancy”

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83A.040 which states if a vacancy occurs in a legislative body office that the remaining members are required to fill the vacancy by appointment within thirty days of the former member's written resignation. However, the law also states that if a vacancy is not filled within thirty days after it occurs the governor has to appoint someone to the vacant seat.

Bussell advised the council to appoint someone to Cash's vacant seat before March 11th, which would be within the thirty day time frame. Mayor Cash agreed and proposed to advertise Cash's vacant council seat in the *Mount Vernon Signal* on February 21st so those interested can call City Hall and set up an appointment

with the council.

"This way we can sit down and have an interview with everyone who is interested and give everyone a fair chance," Mayor Cash said. "By doing it this way we can also pick the person who is the most qualified and shows the most interest."

Councilman Larry Taylor agreed with Mayor Cash's proposal and said he believed it was the best way to handle their situation.

"It's not right to appoint the first person we all talk to," Taylor said. "That's not doing the citizens of Brodhead right."

Councilman Ronnie Cash agreed with Taylor and suggested the council set a deadline of February 28th for those who are interested in the vacant seat. He said that way it would give the council enough time to discuss which applicant is best suited for the seat.

"We can interview people till February 28th and that way it gives us enough time to discuss the applicants and appoint someone before March 11th," Councilman Cash said. "By advertising in the *Signal* on February 21st, it gives everyone enough time to learn about it and get in contact with us if they are interested."

Bussell also reminded the council that the governor's office will be in charge of appointing someone to Saylor's vacant seat since the thirty day time limit has already lapsed. However, Bussell said the council can make suggestions to the governor's office on whom they believe will be the most qualified applicants for the seat.

The council agreed to advertise Cash's vacant council seat in the *Mount Vernon Signal* on February 21st and set a deadline of February 28th for those who are interested. The council also

agreed to have someone appointed to Cash's seat by March 11th and to recommend other qualified applicants to the governor's office to appoint to Saylor's vacant seat.

Mayor Cash also suggested that the council appoint Mark Buras as PRIDE Coordinator. As Brodhead's PRIDE Coordinator, Buras would work with other PRIDE staff members to schedule cleanup activities, recruit volunteers and track cleanup results. Buras would also advise the council on various other PRIDE programs and applications that may be available for Brodhead.

Taylor agreed with Mayor Cash's suggestion in appointing Buras as Pride Coordinator and said that he would be the best man for the position.

"He will be good at contacting people and going to all the meetings," Taylor said. "He will be the best person to get us going with the PRIDE program."

The council voted unanimously in favor of appointing Buras as Brodhead's PRIDE Coordinator.

Bussell also informed the council about a FEMA resolution that requires local jurisdictions to have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan in place if the city was to experience any periodic flooding, tornadoes, severe storms and any other natural disasters that could cause damage to people or property.

The plan is required for all cities under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the plan is also required if the city wants to receive future federal mitigation funds if any disasters were to occur.

The council agreed to pass the new FEMA resolution and to adopt the Cumberland Valley Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official mitigation plan for Brodhead.

“Indicted”

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Amy Wagers-Hibbard, 32, of Hwy. 229, Barbourville was indicted for the offense of promoting contraband, first degree, into the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Billy Hibbard, 22, of Camady Buidin, Barbourville, was indicted for complicity to promoting contraband, first degree, into the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Bail was set for both at \$25,000 cash/property.

“Shooting”

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residence around 1:35 a.m. after receiving a complaint of a shooting that had occurred inside the home.

Once Childress arrived, he discovered that Renner's wife had a single gunshot wound to her right thigh. She was transported by ambulance to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries and later released. Mrs. Renner told Childress that prior to the shooting, Renner had been drinking alcohol and verbally assaulting her. She went on to say that while Renner was screaming profanities at her, he picked up a .38 caliber revolver and shot her in the right leg.

Renner told Childress that when he picked up the revolver to go to bed, it accidentally went off and struck his wife in the leg. Childress also noticed that Renner appeared to be heavily intoxicated at the time of the incident.

Renner was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and assault, first degree. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$100,000 cash bond.

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