

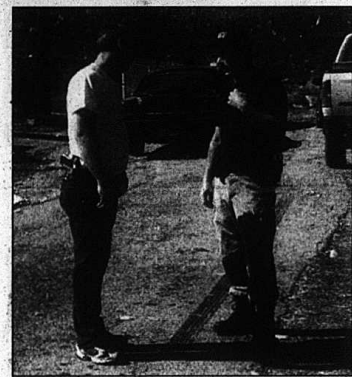
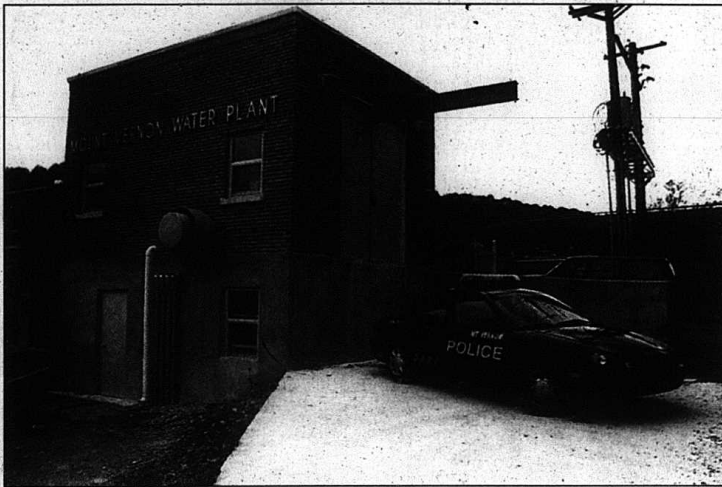


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Police guarded the Mt. Vernon Water Plant on Saturday, after a couple from India was detained for questioning. The couple was taking pictures around Lake Linville Saturday morning when authorities were notified. At left, off duty Mt. Vernon police officer Barry Adams and Constable Dale Miller discussed the situation, while they stood outside the water plant. The two detainees were questioned for several hours by State Police, FBI and INS. The couple was released after authorities determined they were posing no threat.

Two detained by police while taking pictures near water plant

By: Richard Anderkin

A call from a Brodhead volunteer firefighter to Rockcastle County's 911 dispatch center on Saturday, resulted in a couple being detained and questioned.

According to police, a couple from India were apparently taking pictures around Lake Linville from the southbound emergency lane of Interstate 75 around noon when authorities were notified.

Rockcastle Sheriff's deputies, members of the Mt. Vernon City Police and Kentucky State Police responded immediately to the scene. Kentucky State Police Detective Gary Lane was called to the scene and immediately took the couple into custody for questioning.

The Mazda car they were driving was also impounded and towed to the Kentucky State Police Post in London.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the INS were also notified and brought into the case.

Lane said the couple was questioned at length and that the INS researched their paper work to see if they were in the country legally.

The film the couple was using was also developed - and it was better to be cautious this day and time, so we appreciate the calls," Lane said.

"We checked everything out and they were just tourists - but it was better to be cautious this day and time, so we appreciate the calls," Lane said.

The couple was released after several hours of questioning - but that didn't stop a frenzy of activity in the county.

911 Director Bonnie Roark was called to the dispatch center to help with the hundreds of calls being received at the center about the county's major water supply being contaminated.

"We tried to tell everyone that there was no evidence of such an act, but that didn't seem to stop the phone

calls - for a few hours the phone did not stop ringing," she said.

The rumors also caused a run on bottled water in the county, with at least two grocery stores selling out early Saturday afternoon.

Wal-Mart in Berea also reported selling lots of water to Rockcastle residents.

Other events of the day included the Mt. Vernon City police staying at the water treatment plant and patrolling the lake area all during the day Saturday to make sure there were no problems.

Rockcastle County Emergency Management Director Bobby Bishop, Jr., was also called to the scene, as was County Attorney Jeff Burdette.

Mt. Vernon city employees stayed in constant contact with Mayor Karen King and water plant employees Burgess Mullins and Dennis McClure tested and monitored the water at the plant throughout the day.

"I think everyone did a great job on Saturday - everyone pitched in and followed procedure to the letter - it was truly a cooperative effort," said Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette.

"I know all Rockcastle Countians also appreciate the citizens who called in and the law enforcement agencies to react quickly - it is always better to err on the side of caution, especially this day and time," he said.

Indictments returned

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned five indictments last week.

Indicted were William H. Renner, 50, of Mt. Vernon, Danny Ray Bowman, 38, of Mt. Vernon, Danny Paul Smith, 30, of Mt. Vernon, Benjamin Scott Price, 29, of Mt. Vernon and Dwayne S. Blair, 35, of Mt. Vernon.

Smith was indicted on the offense of Manufacture of Methamphetamine, First Offense.

He is accused of possessing equipment and/or chemicals for manufacturing Methamphetamine with intent for manufacture while in possession of a firearm.

Price was indicted on the offense of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, First Degree, First Offense and on the offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance, First Degree, First Offense.

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School psychologist beaten to death

Phillip Lowell Lanham of Cartersville, accused of killing his wife last week in the couple's Cartersville home, will undergo a court-ordered psychiatric examination.

Lanham, 45, of 60 Narrow Gap Road, is accused of beating to death his wife, Kenna C. Lanham, 47, last Thursday.

Garrard County Coroner Carla Henderson said Tuesday that autopsy results are incomplete, pending toxicology results.

The autopsy was conducted Friday at the state medical examiner's lab in Frankfort.

"They said they would rush it, but it could be a couple of weeks," Henderson said.

Police have provided few details about the investigation.

Brodhead woman's probation revoked

Eddy F. Montgomery, Commonwealth Attorney for Rockcastle County, announced Monday that Tonya Legano Denny, 27, of Brodhead was sentenced to prison in Rockcastle Circuit Court.

Denny was placed on probation for a period of five years on May 11 of this year.

According to Montgomery, Denny admitted to unlawfully entering the residence of Mark Loudermilk and taking property belonging to him, including jewelry and mail.

At a hearing on Friday, Denny admitted that she had in fact violated the terms of her probation by using drugs.

Denny was sentenced to a period of five years imprisonment. She is currently in custody in the Rockcastle County Detention Center awaiting transport to a Department of Corrections facility.

Kentucky State Police Det. Robert Stephens wrote, in his report that Lanham is accused of beating his wife "put her in her bed and then cleaned the house up."

Henderson said Mrs. Lanham had been dead about three hours before she arrived on the scene and declared the victim dead at 6:20 p.m.

Although the autopsy is pending, Henderson said the State Police had enough evidence to charge Mr. Lanham with the murder.

He appeared for arraignment last Friday before District Court Judge Janet Booth.

During that hearing, Lanham told Judge Booth that his legal counsel's name was Timothy McVeigh.

Booth appointed public advocate Suzanne McCollough as Lanham's attorney and continued the arraignment to Monday.

At Monday's hearing, McCollough cited Lanham's reference to Timothy McVeigh as one reason she was asking for a psychiatric exam before her client's preliminary hearing.

Farmers and Businessmen's Banquet this Saturday

The 42nd Annual Farmers and Businessmen's Banquet will be held this Saturday, October 20th.

The annual banquet will be held at the Rockcastle County Middle School beginning at 7 p.m.

Featured speaker will be Chief Supreme Court Justice Joseph Lambert.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets can do so from any Mt. Vernon Lions Club member.

evaluation would determine if Lanham would require medication to better help in his defense.

Citing state statute, McCollough argued legal proceedings cannot take place if a defendant "cannot rationally participate in his own defense."

Oliver continued the arraignment proceedings until Monday, Oct. 22.

Prosecutors might bypass district court and seek a direct indictment against Lanham, automatically moving his case in Garrard County Circuit Court.

The Garrard County Grand Jury holds its monthly meeting this week.

The Lanham's were married in 1995. Mrs. Lanham, a school psychologist, was employed by the Rockcastle school district for 13 years.

"She was an excellent employee

who took her job as a school psychologist very seriously and she always put the students' she worked with first," said Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond.

"Kenna was the school system's first ever school psychologist who carried a very heavy work load for many years, before it became obvious that she needed help - she was just really dedicated to her job and to the kids," Hammond said.

"She had such a soft heart and she will be sorely missed by all of her co-workers - it is truly a shame that this had to happen to anyone, but when it is someone you work with everyday it hits home a little harder - our hearts go out to her family and friends," Hammond said.

About a year ago, according to neighbors, the couple moved into a

small brick home on Narrow Gap Road, two doors down from the Cartersville Fire and Rescue squad.

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Davy Stewart gets 40 years

By: Richard Anderkin

A Rockcastle County man who has been indicted for the brutal murder of a Conway woman last August, was sentenced to 40 years and a month in federal prison on September 14th.

Davy Stewart, 33, of Orlando was found guilty in federal court on June 20th of possession of an illegal firearm by an unlawful user of a controlled substance, possession of an unregistered machine gun, possession with intent to distribute schedule II

controlled substances and possession of a machine gun in relation to his drug trafficking crime, according to the U.S. Attorney's office in London.

According to the attorney's office, Stewart will be required to serve eighty-five percent of his term, meaning he will not be eligible for release from federal prison until 2035.

Firearms and drug charges are the result of his arrest in Madison County a few days after he apparently shot Patsy Clark, 25, in the head after she would not pay for her son.

Police believe Stewart was trying to steal a vehicle in Richmond and flee the area when he was shot by

Kentucky State Police.

Sally Hoskins, 25, of Crooked Creek who was apparently with Clark and Stewart the night of the murder, led police to Clark's badly decom-

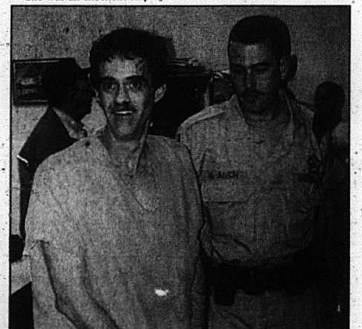
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Senior/Parent Night this Friday night at RCHS

Senior/Parent Night will be this Friday at Rockcastle County Middle School before the game between Rockcastle and Cawood. Recognition will take place at approximately 6:40.

The theme will be Rock 'N' Unity. Along with introducing the seniors, there will be recognition of Veterans and members of all Armed Forces.

Any Veteran or member of the Armed Forces that wishes to participate is ask to arrive at the field by 6:30.



Phillip Lanham was led from the Garrard County Courthouse by a deputy sheriff, after he appeared in court on Monday.