

Man arrested for stalking and assault

By: Doug Ponder

A Berea man was arrested for stalking and assault Monday morning after police responded to a domestic dispute at Rockcastle Villa Apartments in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Justin Lee Bishop, 20, of Berea.

According to Mt. Vernon Police, Assistant Chief Barry Adams responded to the scene after receiving a complaint about a "baby screaming" in an apartment at the Rockcastle Villa Apartments.

Once Adams arrived, a bystander told him that Bishop had fled into the woods toward the Woodland Place Subdivision. Adams was driving on Woodland Place Road when he noticed some bushes shaking next to the road.

Adams then exited his cruiser and found Bishop trying to hide from him in the bushes. Adams noticed Bishop had blood on his mouth and that he appeared to be extremely intoxicated. He apprehended Bishop for his own safety and took him back to the Rockcastle Villa Apartments for further investigation.

When Adams returned to the apartment complex, he spoke with Bishop's former girlfriend who was found crying in her apartment. Adams observed blood on her shirt and blood on the face of the couple's two-year-old son.

The woman told Adams she wasn't home Sunday night was told that someone could be heard in her apartment Sunday night and that they had reportedly jumped out of her window around 7:30 Monday morning. She said she locked up her apartment before leaving Sunday night but admitted to leaving the living room window open.

Around 8 a.m. on Monday, Bishop's former girlfriend said Bishop came to the front door of her apartment and tried to kick in the door. After opening the door, she said Bishop barged in and started arguing when she was questioning him about who had been in her apartment Sunday night.

The woman said Bishop then shoved her to the ground and started to physically assault her. She also told Adams that she was eight weeks pregnant and the punches to her stomach caused her to vomit. Bishop also reportedly told her that he hoped the baby died.

Bishop's former girlfriend said she told Bishop to leave several times and threatened to call police. He told her to go ahead and call the police because he wasn't afraid of them.

Rockcastle EMS responded to the scene but the woman refused medical attention even though she was advised to seek medical attention due to her being eight weeks pregnant.

Before leaving the scene, a Rockcastle Villa Apartment employee informed Adams that a driver's side mirror had been broken off one of their resident's vehicles. Another bystander told Adams that Bishop had broken the mirror of the resident's vehicle and had also cut tires on four other parked vehicles before assaulting his former girlfriend. The bystander said Bishop told him that he broke the vehicles mirror and cut the tires before he fled from police into the woods.

Bishop is charged with first degree burglary, second degree stalking, fourth degree assault and five counts of third degree criminal mischief. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$20,000 cash/property bond.

Registered sex offender arrested for creating Facebook account

By: Doug Ponder

A Mt. Vernon man, who is a registered sex offender, has been arrested for having an active Facebook account.

Arrested was Floyd Lee Thermon, 38, of Mt. Vernon.

According to state police reports, Trooper Eric Moore responded to an anonymous tip that Facebook had an active Facebook account. Moore also discovered that Thermon had changed his legal name from Christopher Collins to Floyd Lee Thermon. However, Thermon was still listed under the Kentucky sex offender registry as Christopher Collins.

Thermon admitted to Moore that he had a Facebook account under his current name and that he failed to change his name from Collins to Thermon on the sex offender registry.

Thermon is charged with sex offender IM/chat/social network use. He was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was later released on a \$2,000 surety bond.

Man stabs his brother during violent altercation

By: Doug Ponder

A Mt. Vernon man was arrested for assault last Thursday after he stabbed his brother with a knife when a verbal argument led to a physical altercation in a trailer at Ramsey Trailer Park in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Jeremy Douglas Caldwell, 32, of Mt. Vernon.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Officer Ryan Messenger responded after receiving a complaint of a stabbing at the trailer park.

Once Messenger arrived, he was met in the trailer's driveway by a woman who was crying hysterically. The woman told Messenger that Caldwell had stabbed his brother during a physical altercation. She also told him that Caldwell's brother had left the scene after being stabbed and that they didn't know where he went.

Caldwell told Messenger that he was sleeping on a couch inside the trailer when his brother woke him up and began arguing with him and it led to a physical altercation. During the fight, Caldwell said he grabbed a knife and stabbed his brother in the lower left side of his stomach.

Caldwell would later tell Messenger that he and his brother were fighting over money owed for a "dime bag," which is a common name for a bag of illegal drugs that is sold for \$10.

After further investigation, Messenger found a four-inch fixed blade knife on the kitchen table. The knife had blood on the blade as well.

Caldwell was evaluated on the scene by Rockcastle EMS crews but he refused treatment and transport to the hospital. Caldwell's brother was later located at Rockcastle Regional Hospital where he was treated for his stab wound and later released.

Caldwell remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$10,000 cash/property bond.

Hospital sponsors summer Lunch & Learn series

Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center will sponsor a series of Lunch and Learn events this summer.

The next event titled "Cholesterol: Know your Numbers" will be on Wednesday, July 24 at noon at First Baptist Church with Angela Parsons-Woods, MPAS, PA-C. Registrations for the free lunch must be received by July 22.

The third event titled "What is Celiac Disease?" will be Thursday, August 29 at noon at Brodhead Baptist Church with Brittany Perkins-Saylor, MPAS, PA-C. Registrations for the free lunch must be received by August 26.

"We've planned a summer series with our healthcare providers and hope to see our friends in the community join us," said Estes. "We want to raise awareness and encourage proactive behavior with regard to wellness and health education."

A healthy lunch will be provided for those who sign up. These events will be similar to "Dinner with a Doctor" events hosted by Rockcastle Regional Hospital. For more information or to register, contact Arielle Estes at a.estes@rhrcc.org or 256-7880.



Blast from the Past!!!

This week's photographs are from the Dr. R.G. Webb Parade Day in Livingston, Kentucky in 1956. Shown in back seat are Dr. R.G. Webb and Lauda Webb. Front left are Bobby Webb and driver Harry Lee Holland. To the right of the car are Scout leader Bob Waddle, Charles B. Parsons, Ethel Jones, and Jo Webb (Bobby's mother.) Pictured below are Dr. R.G. Webb and his wife Lauda in the Livingston School Gym where he was honored following a parade for 50 years of service to the community in 1956. He rode to Livingston in 1906 on a horse and practiced medicine for 50 plus years. It has been said he delivered 5,000 babies in those years in the community of Livingston and Rockcastle County. These pictures appear courtesy of Bobby Webb. If you have a photograph for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-256-9870.



Farmers Market opens new season today...

Rockcastle Farmers Market will open a new season (today) Thursday, July 11th at 12:30 p.m. at their Mt. Vernon site on Richmond Street across from Richmond Street Eye Care. Farm produce available will include new potatoes, beans, peas, cabbage, broccoli, tomatoes, peppers, zucchini and sweet corn.

This year market locations and days are as follows: Tuesday's 12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Richmond Street between the Health Department and School Board Education Center. Wednesday's 8:30 a.m. until noon at Brodhead Fair Grounds. 1st and 3rd Thursday's 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Livingston. Saturday's 8 a.m. until noon at Renfro's Aunt Polly House.

The addition of a second day on Richmond Street is to meet the needs of folks leaving work and picking up fresh vegetables on the way home. Customers supported the new site and marketing hours in a great way allowing for this expansion. We encourage you to help your family eat healthy locally grown fresh vegetables this summer by supporting our local farmers market.