



Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue and Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department responded to a trailer fire Sunday night on Barnett Road in Mt. Vernon. Authorities say the trailer was owned by Harriet Griffin of Mt. Vernon and no one was home at the time of the fire. The trailer was a total loss and the cause of the fire remains unknown.

“Trial”

(Cont. from front)

court trials in 2012. Hunsucker was sentenced to 20 years in prison while Kirby, Cameron and Peters were sentenced to 25 years in prison, due to their separate charges for manufacturing methamphetamine.

Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery is reportedly recommending either life without possibility of parole or life with possibility of parole in 25 years after taking the death penalty off the table as a possible punishment for Robinson, during her motion hearing in Rockcastle Circuit Court last Wednesday.

Robinson currently remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$500,000 cash/property bond.

“Scam”

(Cont. from front)

Individuals contact the number purporting to be for their financial institution, they receive an automated message asking them to enter their account information in order to stop any fraudulent activity. Once the victim enters their account information, Peters said it allows the con artists to use the

victim's account for unauthorized purchases.

“These messages are very sophisticated and tricky,” Peters said. “These con artists pose as the individuals’ banking or credit card company to make it appear to be real. Once you give them your information, they’ve got you over a barrel.”

Peters said it is hard for his office or any other law enforcement agency to track down the con artists because the messages are always traced back to areas outside the United States.

“The messages are almost always traced back to another country overseas,” Peters said. “They make it hard for us to track them down and they are really good at covering their tracks.”

Peters went on to say that his office encourages people to be wary of unsolicited messages asking them to input their personal information such as account numbers, social security numbers, etc. He said people can always determine the validity of the messages by calling their financial institution.

“People need to simply call their financial institutions to find out if the messages are real or fake,” Peters said. “Of course, people need to call the correct phone number for their fi-

nancial institution and not the fake phone numbers provided in the messages.”

“Court”

(Cont. from front)

were added to the list: Halcomb East, Cove Branch, Derby Lane and Mullins Station. Two roads included on the list, Ford Hollow and Calloway Branch, will not be worked on until logging operations currently using the roads are completed.

As the final item of business of the special called session, County Treasurer Joe Clontz presented the court with the final settlement for all funds for fiscal year 2012-13.

The settlement showed a total of \$856,661.23 as a cash balance for all funds with a balance of \$702,132 in the general fund. This fund includes the balance in the occupational tax fund. The county's financial statement for all funds, and a list of the county's liabilities, will appear in an issue during August.

“Charged”

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marijuana cultivation, including potting soil, triple 19 fertilizer and Miracle Grow.

Officers also found two unlabeled pill bottles containing several Percocet and Clonazepam tablets.

During an interview, Deborde told officers that the marijuana plants belonged to him. Officers also found a firearm belonging to Deborde during their search. Upon further investigation, officers found that Deborde was not allowed to possess any firearms after being convicted of a felony in 1996.

Deborde was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, cultivating marijuana (five plants or more), possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia advertisement and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and later released on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.



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“Accident”

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pital where they were treated and later released.

After the three were transported from the scene, Deputy Sheriff Shannon Franklin found several drug-related items inside Peters’ vehicle, including marijuana, suboxone strips and a pill bottle containing Xanax and Vyvanse tablets.

Franklin immediately informed Kentucky State Police Post 11 in London about what he had found and they dispatched Trooper Scottie Pennington to the hospital. While in the hospital, Peters told Pennington that he had smoked marijuana the night before the accident. Pennington also noticed that Peters appeared nervous and had slurred speech.

Upon further investiga-

tion, Pennington found an Ohio woman’s purse inside Peters’ vehicle. Both Peters and Wilson gave Pennington conflicting stories about how they obtained the Ohio woman’s purse. Pennington later learned that the couple had stolen the purse from a concert in Ohio.

After being released from the hospital, Peters was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, DUI, first degree wanton endangerment, receiving stolen property and operating on a suspended license. He was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was later released on a \$2,000 unsecured bond.

The case is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police and Trooper Scottie Pennington is in charge of the investigation. Further charges were pending at the time of publication.

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