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Police uncover pot plants in Carlisle home

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CARLISLE — Carlisle and Kentucky State Police, in their search of a Carlisle residence for a missing .32 caliber weapon involved in a shooting incident resulting in a charge of wanton endangerment against a Carlisle man, discovered approximately 25 marijuana plants growing in the basement of the Carlisle home.

In an arrest related to the missing .32 caliber weapon, Kentucky State Police have also charged Carlisle resident David Hufana, 32, of the Nicholas Square Apartments, with tampering with physical evidence.

Hufana was arrested at approximately 1:50 p.m., Tuesday afternoon, police said.

State Trooper Tim Layne and Carlisle Police Officer Lamar Mann arrested and charged Carlisle resident William R. Mynear, 31, of 138 Oriole Street, with possession of marijuana, illegal possession of drug paraphernalia, and wanton endangerment at approximately 12:52 a.m. Friday morning, June 18 at his Oriole Street home.

According to a report filed by Kentucky State Police, Mynear was suspected of shooting a .32 caliber weapon eight times at the residence of Jane Ann Wells of Moorefield.

Police received a call from Wells about the shooting at approximately 11:20 p.m., Thursday. According to the state police report, slugs recovered from the Wells' home shooting were identified as .32 caliber.

However, at the time of arrest, according to the report, no weapon firing a .32 caliber bullet could be found in Mynear's personal possession.

Layne obtained a search warrant for Mynear's home at about 12:22 p.m. Friday afternoon, the police report said. While searching the home for the weapon, the report said Layne discovered marijuana in a drawer and several marijuana seedlings just beginning to sprout.

A further search of the premises, the report said, revealed several containers

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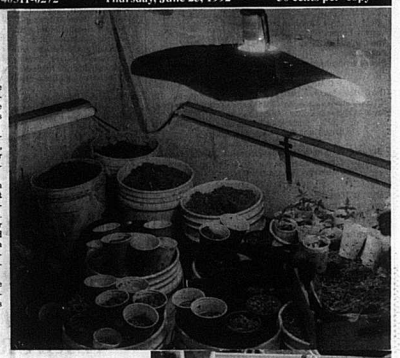

Above and to the right: Kentucky State and Carlisle City Police found a basement marijuana grow lab with approximately 25 plants as well as assorted paraphrenalia in the home of William R. Mynear, 31, of Carlisle during a search of the home for a .32 caliber weapon Mynear allegedly fired at the home of a Moorefield woman. Though the initial search for the weapon failed, charges were brought against Mynear forproducing marijuana with the intent to sell. Mynear was taken into police custody at 12:52 Friday morning from his Oriole Street home.

Federal suit against Carlisle dismissed

By Josh Shepherd
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LEXINGTON — A Federal lawsuit brought by a Fleming County against the City of Carlisle in connection with a two vehicle accident on US 68 in 1990 was dismissed Friday, June 12, by a federal judge.

Approximately one month since Nicholas Circuit Court Judge Robert McGinnis ruled in favor of Carlisle in summary judgement of the state case against it based on allegations made by James Ricky and Vera Jones, a similar lawsuit brought against the city in federal court has been dismissed by Federal Judge Henry R. Wilhoit.

In both cases, the Joneses alleged that the City of Carlisle was in part responsible for injuries James Ricky Jones received on November 13, 1990 when Nicholas County resident Mark Byrd, allegedly suffering an epileptic seizure, drove across the center line of US 68 striking the Jones' car and causing serious and permanent injury to him.

According to case records in the Nicholas County Circuit Court, Byrd carried an automobile liability insurance policy worth $50,000 with Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company.

The Joneses alleged that Byrd's coverage was not enough to compensate the couple for the severe physical damages, the loss of a job, and medical expenses they incurred as a result of the accident.

In February of 1991, the Joneses took their grievances to court against Byrd and Preferred Risk Mutual, asking for a full $100,000 in liability payments.

In November 1991, records report the Joneses amended their legal complaint to include the City of Carlisle.

According to their complaint, registered on November 6, The Joneses claimed the Carlisle Police Department had, for several years prior to the accident, known that Byrd was an unsafe driver.

The Joneses further alleged that the police department had negligently allowed Byrd to operate a vehicle despite being allegedly involved in seven automobile accidents since 1983, all of which resulted in property damage or personal injury.

In the lawsuit against Carlisle, the Joneses claimed that state was not properly informed of Byrd's epileptic condition and that if the state had been informed, Byrd's license would have been suspended.

After a long series of depositions, with the AIK Selective Insurance Fund, the workers' compensation insurance carrier for Jones' employer, the Baumann Paper Company, acting as a third party plaintiff to the Jones.

The motion to dismiss in federal court, made by attorney Jane Durkin Samuel and Leslie Vose, of the Lexington law firm of Landrum and Shouse, representing Carlisle in both state and federal cases, was granted Friday, June 12.

In the order Wilhoite stated that Carlisle was not liable because no special relationship existed between the state and Byrd or with the Joneses.

As to the reasons for dismissal of the suit, Judge Wilhoit wrote, "The most that can be said of the relationship between Byrd and the City of Carlisle is that the Carlisle

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Blackberry Queen candidates named for '92

Janella Sibert

Janella Kay Sibert is the 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sibert.While in high school, Janella participated in activities such as the Academic Team, Pep Club, Drama Club, Future Homemakers of America, Central Kentucky Youth Salute, Student Council and Student Athletes Detest Drugs. She served as a Statistician for the Lady Jackets' Basketball team for three years. Janella also served as Senior Class Vice-President, Student Council Secretary\ Treasurer, National Honor Society President and Drama Club Vice-President.She was the 1992 recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award.

Janella is a dedicated member of the Blue Licks Christian Church and serves as treasurer for its youth group.She presently works as a lifeguard at Blue Licks State Park and her hobbies include swimming, reading and drawing.

In August, Janella plans to attend Morehead State University and pursue a major in Secondary Education.

Gretchen McKee

Gretchen Susanne McKee is the 18 year old daughter of Phillip and Karen McKee. Her activities include Drama Club, French Club, Ecology Club, FFA and being a member of the flag corps of the Nicholas County Marching Band. She also enjoys reading and being with friends.

Gretchen plans to attend Maysville Community College in the fall and major in Psychology.

Anna Whalen

Anna Geraldine Whalen is the 18 year old daughter of William and Jane Whalen. Her activities are Boys Varsity Cheerleaders, Pep Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Girl Scouts and HOSA Treasurer at Harrison County Vocational School.

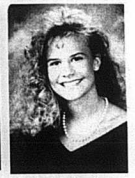
She is planning on attending college and majoring in Respiratory Care.

Crystal Hunt

Crystal Denise Hunt is the 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hunt.

Throughout her high school years Crystal has been a member of the French Club, Pep Club, and the Newspaper and Yearbook Staff.

Crystal will be attending Morehead State University in the fall of 1992 , with a possible major in Housing and Interior Design.



Belinda Brooks

Belinda Deve Brooks is the 18 year old daughter of Edward and Charity Brooks. In high school she participated in Cheerleaders, Basketball and Track.

Belinda will be attending Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri in the fall. She will be majoring in Psychology.

Blackberry Festival & Bicentennial Events
Parade — July 2 at 7:30
Crowning of Blackberry Queen
July 2 at 8 p.m.