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Police nab counterfeiters

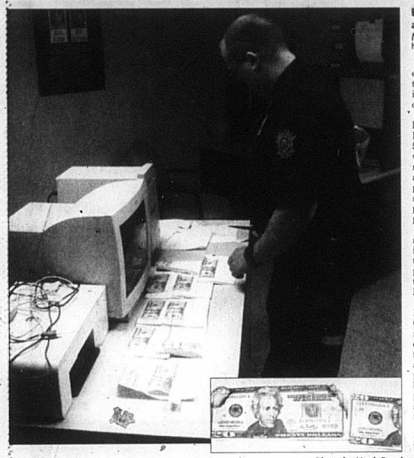

Photo by Hank Bond

Officer Brad Weaver of the Carlisle Police Department is shown with the items he confiscated at a Sycamore Street home, late Friday evening.

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Carlisle Police arrested a Carlisle couple over the weekend after searching their home and finding counterfeit money.

James R. 'Goose' McFarland, 26, and Paula T. McFarland, 23, both of 328 Sycamore Street, Carlisle, were arrested in the early morning hours of Sept. 8 and charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument, first degree, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

"We found Mr. McFarland and Mrs. McFarland to be in possession of $20 bills that they admitted they had printed on their computer," the arrest citation for James McFarland reads.

Carlisle Police officers Brad Weaver, and fellow CPD officer Kenny Brockman and Sgt. Darrell Layne, obtained a search warrant for the McFarland residence after receiving two complaints of Mrs. McFarland being in possession of, and printing, counterfeit money, according to the arrest citations.

"They also admitted to passing at least 10 of these bills," Officer Weaver wrote on one of the citations, regarding the bogus bills.

Weaver began his investigation into the alleged criminal activity on Sept. 6 at the request of County Attorney Dawn Letcher, according to a search warrant executed by Weaver and signed by Nicholas County Trial Commissioner Eric Tedder, on Sept. 7.

Items listed as taken by Weaver from the McFarland's home during the search included, "24 computer-printed $20 bills, one crack pipe, one knife, one stainless steel spoon," and computer equipment including a color printer, and IBM Computer and monitor.

As of Monday afternoon, both McFarlands were being held at the Montgomery County Regional Jail on $2,500 cash bond, according to jail officials.

According to the search warrant, James and Paula McFarland have additional pending criminal charges. The search warrant states that James has charges pending for criminal possession of a forged instrument, theft by deception, wanton endangerment, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and DUI. Paula McFarland has pending charges of endangering the welfare of a minor, possession of a controlled substance, second degree and criminal possession of a forged instrument, according to the search warrant.

Both James and Paula McFarland are scheduled to appear in Nicholas County District Court Sept. 12 for their arraignment on the Nicholas County charges.

Jolly pleads guilty

Paul Allen Jolly, 39, formerly of Carlisle, appeared in Nicholas County Circuit Court Friday with his attorney, Public Defender Jennifer Wittmeyer, and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of trafficking in a controlled substance (cocaine), first degree.

Honorable Circuit Court Judge Robert McGinnis is scheduled to formerly sentence Jolly on Oct. 1.

Jolly was indicted by a Nicholas County Grand Jury on May 1, 2006 for that charge and the additional lesser offenses of trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree; trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces; possession of drug paraphernalia, and being a persistent felony offender, first degree.

On a motion by Commonwealth's Attorney Doug Wright, the lesser charges against Jolly were dismissed.

Jolly, who in the past had escaped from the Nicholas County Courthouse, (multiple court sources say he jumped out of window on two previous occasions), and escaped police pursuit on Dec. 1, 2005 following a wild chase initiated by Carlisle Police Chief William Denton, appeared from the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex at West Liberty, Ky., in handcuffs and body manacles. He was accompanied and very closely watched by an armed corrections guard, Officer Rick Elam, who escorted Jolly to and from West Liberty.

Jolly appeared calm and very relaxed. His eyes were clear and he smiled frequently and spoke pleasantly to all whom he encountered.

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Photo by Charles Mattox

Paul Allen Jolly is shown being escorted from the Nicholas County Courthouse by Officer Rick Elam of the Eastern Kentucky Correctional facility.

Second local guardsman dies

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As the family of Staff Sgt. Delmar White prepares to bury their loved one, a second soldier's family received notification of the loss of their loved ones life in Iraq.

Both soldiers were members of Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery, based in Carlisle.

Pfc Sammie Phillips

The unit has been in Iraq for only three weeks.

Private First Class Sammie E. Phillips, 19, of Vine Grove, was killed on Monday, Sept. 10, when a vehicle he was in overturned while conducting a traffic-control mission on a highway near Rustamiyah, Iraq, according to an announcement made by Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm, adjutant general for Kentucky.

Pfc. Phillips is survived by his wife, Ashley Marie Phillips, his mother, Rachel D. Crutcher, stepfather Donnie Crutcher, and father, Ronald E. Phillips.

He was the 16th Kentucky National Guardsman killed in action since Sept. 11, 2001.

Two other Kentucky Army National Guard Soldiers were injured in the incident that claimed Phillip's life.

Those Soldier's families have been notified.

In accordance with Department of Defense policy, the injured soldier's names have not been released to the public.

Members of Phillips' family requested that media personnel not contact them during their grieving period, others were quick to speak about the deeply respected and loved young soldier.

"Pfc. Sammie Phillips was an excellent Soldier who had unlimited potential," said Captain Steve Mattingly, the unit commander of Battery B, in a press release issued Tuesday morning from Iraq. "I rode with Sammie while training in Mississippi. He was one of our best gunners, the absolute cream of the crop. He was always ready to go, which is one of the best traits a soldier could possess. I never met a person that didn't like Sammie Phillips."

According to Colonel Phil Miller, a two-tour Iraq War veteran who is an information officer with the Kentucky National Guard, Phillips was acting as a turret gunner on a four-wheeled armor vehicle (ASV) on a mission to establish a traffic control post in Rustamiyah, a large suburb of southeastern Baghdad.

A civilian vehicle swerved at the ASV and the driver immediately took evasive action swerving off of the roadway to avoid a collision. The ASV struck a culvert and overturned.

"One of the wounded soldiers was treated and has returned to duty," Miller said. "The other wounded soldier is still being treated for injuries sustained during the incident."

According to Miller, the ASV crew was not engaged in hostile action during the incident.

Members of Battery B will conduct a memorial service on Sept. 15, and Maj. Gen. Storm will attend the services, according to Miller.

Phillips, who joined the Kentucky Army National Guard last year, deployed with his unit in August 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Phillips was a 2006 graduate of North Hardin High School.

Final arrangements for Pfc. Sammie Phillips are pending.

On behalf of members of Battery B, 2nd/138th Field Artillery Unit, and Family Readiness Support Group members, register books will be available for condolences to the family of Pfc. Sammie Phillips at the Carlisle National Guard Armory's Lobby.

This will also be available at the entrance at the office of Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home.

Members of the Family Readiness Support Group will present these books and condolences to Pfc. Phillips' family after his burial.

White services are Friday

Funeral service for the first Carlisle unit casualty of the Iraq War, Delmar White, a staff sergeant assigned to Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery, based in Carlisle, will be held at noon at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home at 3421 Harrodsburg Road in Lexington on Friday.

After the service, a graveside memorial with full military honors will be conducted at 2 p.m. at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, 6980

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