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Resident teacher arrested on child porn charges

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A Nicholas County resident who teaches at Paris High School, in adjacent Bourbon County, was arrested May 11 and charged with possession of child pornography.

According to a press release and comments made by Paris Chief of Police Tim Gray, Kenneth Shadoan, 30, of Catnip Court, Carlisle, is charged with 25 counts of possession of child pornography after Detective James Primm, an officer with the Paris Police Department, arrested him following a joint investigation.

The investigation into Shadoan began when Paris Police received a complaint from the parent of a 17-year-old child about possible inappropriate communication between the child and a Paris High School Teacher. Paris Police, along with the Kentucky Attorney General's Cyber Unit, began an investigation, which continues. During the on-going investigation officers conducted two searches after serving search warrants at Shadoan's home and vehicle.

Items were taken into police custody for evidence and following Shadoan's arrest he was immediately lodged in the Bourbon County Detention Center on a $50,000 full cash bond.

Shadoan was a recipient of Campbellsville University's School of Education Pennebaker Scholarship Award, in recent years, according to information previously posted by Campbellsville University Communication Officials. In the school announcement of the award Shadoan was described as, "a teacher at Paris Middle School. He (Shadoan) has been active in the community as a Scout leader and is an Eagle Scout himself. He also worked in a scholarship fundraising program for Upward Bound and has worked in Habitat for Humanity projects. Ken has a 3.8 GPA in the master's program."

The scholarships are made annually to graduate students in the 'master of arts program' in education (MAE) program who meet the scholarship criteria.

Shadoan allegedly passed both state and federal criminal background checks.

In 2005 he was accused of sodomy by an adult student while on an Outward Bound event in Pulaski County. The school system terminated him from his job teaching at North Middle School. In 2006 a jury found him not guilty of the sodomy charge.

Ken Shadoan's E-Journal internet blog states the following.

"Hello this is Mr. Shadoan. This is my third year at Paris High School and my sixth year as a teacher. I teach Algebra One and Algebra Lab. I am also coadvisor to our Student YMCA, and Student Government. Although I didn't grow up around Paris I have great pride in Paris High School and consider it an honor to be able to be a part of such a great school."

Shadoan was terminated from his job at Paris High School following his arrest.

Jail officials say Shadoan remains lodged in the jail as of May 19. He is scheduled to appear in Bourbon District Court today.

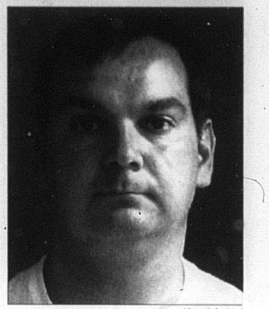

Photo Submitted

Kenneth Shadoan, who officials say lived on Catnip Court in the area near Lake Carnico, and who is a teacher at Paris High School, was arrested and charged with 25 counts of possession of child pornography.

Myers theft investigation takes new turn

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The plot thickens in the case of an alleged local cattle rustler.

Chris W. "Pancake" Myers, 33, of Cassidy Creek Road, one of the three local people involved in an alleged crime of theft by unlawful taking, more than $300, is scheduled to appear in Nicholas District Court June 3, for a preliminary hearing. During that hearing it will be determined if the felony charge of theft by unlawful taking, more than $300, will be bound over to a future Nicholas County Grand Jury.

According to court documents, law enforcement officials, and community sources, Myers was arrested May 1, with Angie Burbrink, 27, and Jeremy Terrill, 29, on similar charges after allegedly taking four head of cattle from a farm on Miller Station Road and selling them for $1,200.

"The subject gave a full confession," his arrest citation, issued by Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler, states. "But claimed that he was unaware they were stolen."

Myers was allegedly involved in a second similar act against a family member who previously posted a $2,500 surety bond for him on May 5.

That alleged second crime was investigated, but no charges were filed although the victim and Myers did reach an agreement, which appears in part to be an extension of court ordered agreement stemming from Myers first alleged cattle rustling incident.

"The second incident was reported to me by law enforcement officials that Mr. Myers admitted to unlawfully taking cattle belonging to Susie Myers," County Attorney Dawn Letcher said Tuesday.

Susie Myers is the individual who posted Chris Myers' $2,500 surety bond during the first incident, according to court documents, and, according to sources in law enforcement, was the victim of the second incident.

"The victim has requested that charges not be pursued at this time provided Mr. Myers abides by certain conditions of an agreement between the parties," Letcher added.

An agreed order filed in Nicholas District Court by Nicholas District Judge, Honorable Jay Delaney, lists conditions involving Mr. Myers that he must adhere to or suffer the consequences. The order also has capitalized, bold print in two areas for emphases.

"Whereas, Defendant (Myers) has become eligible for residential substance abuse rehabilitation at Shepherd's Shelter, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky and desires to seek treatment," the order states in part.

Judger Delaney, in the court agreed order, further ordered and adjudged that:

"1. At such time that a bed becomes available for Defendant at Shepherd's Shelter, he shall immediately report to facility.

"2. Defendant's bond shall presently remain as set.

"3. Defendant shall remain enrolled at Shepherd's Shelter rehabilitation facility. In the event that he fails to report, withdraws from/exits said facility without proper authorization, or in the event that he fails to participate/cooperate while there, a WARRANT OF ARREST shall be issued, bond amount being $5,000 cash only.

"4. Defendant shall immediately authorize personnel at Shepherd's Shelter to communicate with DAWN CURRAN LETCHER, Nicholas County Attorney, regarding his status at Shepherd's Shelter."

Myers, who lives at 1029 Cassidy Creek Road, and is self employed, according to his arrest citation, was attempted to be reached by phone at the number he gave staff members of the Carlisle Mercury last week when he called complaining about the alleged inaccuracy of the front page story of the May 13 edition of the Carlisle Mercury which reported his arrest. Multiple attempts to contact Myers Tuesday morning at the phone number he gave, and which additionally appears on his arrest citation, were unsuccessful and were met with an automated voice recording stating that, "The person you are trying to reach is not accepting calls at this time."

This reporter will follow this developing story as it unfolds.

Everyone is innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty.

Three treated for injuries following accident

Photo by Josh Harper

Two young Nicholas County men and a young Nicholas County woman were injured when the vehicle they were in struck a semi near the traffic islands on US 68, Monday

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Two young Nicholas County men and a young Nicholas County woman were treated for injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident Monday afternoon at the US 68 traffic Islands, located just west of Carlisle.

Patrick Mitchell, 22, Alex Florence, 19, and Lacey Hardin, 19, were traveling west from Carlisle in a 1999 Mercury Cougar, driven by Mitchell, when a 1996 Kenworth semi-truck, driven by Michael Mayo, 59, of Booneville, Indiana, cut in front of the Mitchell vehicle while turning left at the traffic islands, according to Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett.

"It looks like the semi turned in front of the car and tried to beat it through the traffic islands but couldn't, and didn't," Garrett said.

The Mercury collided with the rear of the semi with the impact allegedly sending Florence from the back seat into the windshield during which he sustained a severe cut to his head, according to Garrett and other emergency responders who responded to the scene.

Garrett said Mitchell and Hardin were both wearing seatbelts, which he believed prevented additional severe injuries and all three were taken by personal vehicle and ambulance to the Nicholas County Hospital for medical evaluation and treatment.

Neither Mayo, who was the driver of the semi, nor his passenger Steve Crutchfield, 40, required medical treatment, as a result of the accident.

Garrett complimented all emergency responders who rushed to the scene and prevented additional secondary accidents while providing medical treatment to the injured. Those responders included members of the Nicholas County Fire Department, Nicholas County EMS, and Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton.

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