

Teen overdose produces arrest of Effingham man

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An Effingham man has been charged with illegal delivery of a medical narcotic linked to an overdose that sent a teenager to the hospital, based on information released by Effingham Police Department.

William R. Carter, 20, of Effingham, is accused of illegally obtaining a prescription narcotic that caused an 18-year-old female to overdose on the morning of Thursday, May 11. Carter was charged Friday with the manufacture and/or delivery of a controlled substance, a Class 3 Felony. Additional charges could be pending as the investigation continues.

The name at this point of the overdose victim, whose life was at risk as she was rushed to the hospital, is not being released.

The case started at 8:29 a.m. last Thursday when Effingham Police officers received a report of a possible overdose of a

teenager who was headed to HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. At the hospital, officers and detectives from the Effingham Police Bureau of Investigations conducted interviews with the patient, her friends and family members to determine what type of drug was used. It was determined the drug was a prescription narcotic, which had been obtained illegally by Carter.

The information obtained on the drug helped the hospital treat the victim, in addition to the arrest of a suspect. Detectives met Carter at this residence and a consensual search led to the discovery of prescription drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Effingham Police Chief Jeff Fuesting said it was satisfying to see a positive result from the work of his officers.

"This young lady is very fortunate that she survived. Our department is resolute in our commitment to combat illegal drug sales, and protect the citizens of Effingham from the harm and destruction that comes from

illegal drugs. Functioning as a team, our officers and detectives worked diligently to gather information to help this young lady and resolve this situation with positive results," Fuesting said.

Effingham Police, as well as other local law enforcement agencies, has been very responsive to drug overdoses, especially when heroin and other synthetic drug use led to some deaths during the past few years. The department recently partnered with St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital to have Narcon nasal dispensers available to patrol officers if they are first on the scene of a drug overdose. Narcon can revive an overdose victim who has stopped breathing and is facing death within minutes.

This recent overdose case showed how cooperation with law enforcement can help save an overdose victim. Sharing information openly and quickly can prevent a death. That was definitely the case last week in Effingham.

Prosecutions now ended on 2016 bar fight in Edgewood

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The sentences are in on a 2016 criminal case that was not your typical bar fight in Effingham County.

It took more than a year for the prosecutions of five defendants accused of violence or mob action in January 2016 at the American Legion in Edgewood. Law officers conducted dozens of interviews with witnesses of the brawl that involved knife play and a pool cue as a weapon.

The injuries and the damages were all the result of some young people not being mature enough to hold their alcohol, said Effingham County State's Attorney Bryan Kibler.

"This was all about a bunch of bad decisions by drunk kids. When two of them were told to leave the Legion, they came back to pick a fight. We're lucky no one was seriously injured. And along with everything else, they ruined a wedding reception that was at the Edgewood Legion that night," Kibler said.

The confrontation started when Jacob White and Hayden L. Limes entered the Edgewood American Legion before midnight on Jan. 31, 2016. Limes, then being only 20, was denied the sale of alcohol, which led to a disturbance.

The pair left and came back about 30 minutes later with three others, Dylan White, Jacob's older brother, Brandon R. Smith, Mason, and Sandra A. Buening, also of Mason. Witnesses said the defendants had been drinking and were disruptive and making threats when they came into the Legion.

Jacob White stabbed or cut Sean Wilson on

the torso, arms and head with a short blade knife. Dylan White was charged with taking a pool cue and striking Jonathan Prather on the head. There were two others injured in the fight and taken to HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital for treatment. Limes, Smith and Buening were accused of mob action or related charges for making threats or disturbing the peace that night.

Jacob White was arrested within days of the incident. They had left the Legion before Effingham County Sheriff's deputies could arrive on the scene. The rest of the defendants were arrested and later indicted on various charges.

Effingham County Sheriff Dave Mahon said he and his officers were determined to bring all the people responsible for the violence to justice. He wanted to send a message that such violent behavior would not be tolerated in Effingham County now or in the future.

"We put a lot of work into the case. There were a lot of loose ends because of so many people being involved," Mahon said. "A crime like that is rare for our community. The next step from using knives is firearms. That's why I wanted to put across the message that we weren't going to tolerate this. This might happen in other places, but we're not going to let it happen here."

The prosecution took many months with five defendants facing court proceedings and attorneys determining restitution for medical bills from several victims. The resulting guilty pleas also resulted in the dismissal of various charges against the defendants. In one case, the defendant was accepted for inclu-

sion in the county drug court program.

"All but one of the defendants had criminal histories on alcohol offenses. This could be a wakeup call for them. So maybe they'll grow up," Kibler said.

Jacob White, a 22-year-old rural Dieterich resident, entered a plea of guilty in late April for aggravated battery for stabbing Wilson. The sentence included 90 days in Effingham County Jail and 30 months of probation, as well as \$17,080 of restitution along with mandatory counseling. He was also ordered to have no contact with the victims and banned from entering the Edgewood Legion.

Hayden Limes, 21, and listed as living at Shumway, was admitted to the Effingham County Problem Solving Court for his past alcohol-related offense. He pleaded guilty in October to mob violence and was ordered to pay restitution of \$15,908.

Dylan W. White, pleaded guilty in January to mob action and received a sentence of two days in county jail, 30 months of probation, restitution order of \$15,908, and no contact with victims and no entry to the Edgewood Legion.

Sandra A. Buening, 23, pleaded guilty in March to battery for striking Prather during the fight. Her sentence included 30 days in jail, 24 months of probation, restitution of \$15,746, plus mandatory counseling and a no-contact order on the victims and no entry to the Legion.

Brandon R. Smith, 22, Mason, was sentenced to four days in county jail, two years of probation, mandatory counseling, and no contact with victims and no entry to the Legion.

Effingham Police Report

Effingham Police Department reported the following traffic crashes with injuries or tickets issued. Anyone ticketed is innocent until proven guilty through a court of law.

A vehicle, driven by Dustin M. Plumb, 26, of Stewardson, caused major damage on May 10, starting at Four Seasons Trailer Court, and ending on South Banker Street. The incident started at 3:42 p.m., May 10, at 123 Four Seasons when Plumb was driving west on Jaycee Avenue. His vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree at 91 Four Seasons. Plumb then put the vehicle in reverse, struck a steel fence along Four Seasons Drive, an Ameren transformer at 3001 S. Banker and the steel fence along Four Seasons Drive again. Plumb then drove through a wooden fence and struck a shed and house trailer at 123 Four Seasons. Plumb was injured and taken by ambulance to HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. He was later ticketed for Driving Under the Influence, reckless driving and improper lane usage.

At 3:36 p.m. on May 10, a vehicle, driven by Daniel B. Stanford, 29, Shelbyville, rear-ended a vehicle, driven by David D. Mesnard, 59, Edgewood, causing Mesnard's vehicle to rear-end a vehicle, driven by

Macci R. Lock, 22, Effingham, in the 1500 block of South Banker Street. Devan M. Pontious, 17, Effingham, a passenger in Mesnard's vehicle, was injured and taken by ambulance to St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. Stanford was ticketed for following too closely.

At 11:56 a.m. May 10, a vehicle, driven by Katherine S. Nuxoll, 39, Effingham, struck a vehicle, driven by Phillip E. Brown, 61, Tolo, north of the intersection of Keller Drive and I-57/70. Nuxoll was ticketed for failure to yield.

A trailer came unhooked from a vehicle, driven by Thomas L. Swift, 52, Alma, at 9:43 a.m. May 5 at Banker and Elm. The trailer then left the roadway and struck a Mediacom pole and an Illinois Consolidated phone box. Swift was ticketed for unsafe equipment.

Effingham Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations reported the following criminal incidents.

An exterior door was damaged at an outbuilding, owned by First Christian Church, 901 N. Henrietta, sometime before 8:15 p.m. May 10. The damage was estimated at \$150.

A wallet and its contents were stolen from a shopping cart at Wal-Mart, 1204 Avenue of

Mid America, sometime between 10:50 and 11:16 a.m. May 10. The wallet, valued at \$10, contained a driver's license, insurance cards and an undetermined amount of cash.

Several items were stolen from a vehicle parked at Buffalo Wild Wings, 1001 Mid America Avenue, sometime between 7:30 and 8:46 p.m. May 9. Items stolen include a backpack, two library books, and an iPad 4, with a total value of \$550. The passenger side front window also sustained \$500 in damage during the vehicle burglary.

Two tires were damaged on a vehicle, parked in a driveway in the 500 block of West Clark between 6:30 and 10:45 p.m. May 8. The dollar loss was \$150.

Several items were stolen from a residence and outbuilding occurred in the 900 block of East Jefferson between 8:30 p.m. May 7 and midnight May 8. Stolen was an Ameren electric meter from an electric panel, valued at \$250, keys and a key fob, worth \$50, and batteries from a motion sensor, valued at \$10. A padlock, valued at \$10, was damaged during the incident.

A window, valued at \$200, was damaged at Effingham Junior High School, 600 S. Henrietta, between 6:36 p.m. and 7:06 p.m. on May 5.

Effingham County Sheriff's Report

Effingham County Sheriff's Department reported the following jail bookings. Anyone facing charges is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Zachary W. Fuller, 26, Jewett, driving while license revoked and operation of uninsured motor vehicle, May 12.

Avery E. Nance, 23, Effingham, driving while license suspended and civil charge for possession of drug paraphernalia, May 12. Posted \$150.

Alexander P. Embry, 24, Effingham, local warrant for failure to appear on driving while license suspended, May 12. Posted \$575.

Eric L. Miller, 36, Watson, local warrant for failure to appear on driving while license suspended, May 12. Posted \$375.

Cheyenne F. McWhorter, 21, Effingham, possession of methamphetamine, May 12.

Damon L. Douthit, 22, Effingham, 2 counts of possession of a controlled substance and civil charges for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia, May 12.

Landon S. Duckwitz, 26, Altamont, DUI of alcohol, improper parking on roadway, uninsured motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol by driver, May 12. Posted \$100 and driver's license.

Daisy Hillis, 18, Effingham, local warrant for failure to appear on possession of Meth, May 11. Posted \$1,575.

Dawn M. Erickson, 34, Watson, local warrant for Meth precursor, less than 15 grams, May 11. Posted \$575.

Lloyd N. Allen Jr., 46, Effingham, local warrant attachment for contempt of court, May 11. Posted \$100.

Heather R. Allen, 42, Effingham, local warrant attachment for contempt, May 11. Posted \$100.

Ronald D. Screier, 46, Effingham, disorderly conduct, May 11.

Bradley D. Buzzard, 53, Beecher City, local warrant for deceptive practice, May 10. Posted \$500.

Michael W. Bussell, 35, Dieterich, local jail order on driving revoked or suspended with DUI, May 10.

Dustin M. Plumb, 26, Stewardson, DUI of drugs, reckless driving, improper lane usage, and civil charges for cannabis and drug paraphernalia possession, May 10. Posted \$300.

Keech C. Griffin, 58, Altamont, domestic battery, May 10.

Brooke R. Ixtepan, 25, Stewardson, DUI of alcohol, May 10.

Dillon S. Beccue, 24, Edgewood, fleeing or eluding a peace officer, improper operation of an ATV on roadway, operation of uninsured motor vehicle and disobeying stop sign, May 9. Posted \$150.

Benjamin D. Calkins, 32, Effingham, Woodford County warrant for failure to appear on speeding, 35 mph over the limit, May 7. Posted \$375.

Shawn R. Durbin, 29, Effingham, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia, May 7.

Ryan A. Harris, 20, Effingham, driving while license suspended, May 7. Posted \$150.

Brian J. Selby, 31, Effingham, DUI of alcohol and failure to drive in the right lane, May 7.

Stanley K. Sharp, 58, Beecher City, violation of protection order, May 6.

Matthew D. Tieffel, 57, Effingham, DUI of alcohol, speeding and obstructing a peace officer, May 6. Posted \$250 and driver's license.

Brodi M. Grebs, 20, Effingham, local warrant for failure to appear on DUI and driving while license suspended, May 6.

Lynn A. Kull, 71, Altamont, domestic battery and aggravated battery to a peace officer, May 6.

Libbie S. Womack-Jorn, 43, Effingham, DUI of alcohol, May 6. Posted \$100 and driver's license.

Dane J. Cannon, 33, Effingham, pedestrian under the influence, May 6.

Amberely D. Wells, 21, Dieterich, aggravated battery to a peace officer and pedestrian under the influence, May 6.

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