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Traffic stop turns to drug arrests for Hoopeston police

A traffic stop in the 400 block of South Market resulted in the arrests of two people on drug charges.

Pamela S. Gagnon, 36, of 088 N 2600 East Rd., and Billy Lee Thiele, 19, of 206 W. Ash, Watseka, were arrested at 11:13 p.m. Sunday.

Police said Thiele allegedly fled on foot from officers. He was apprehended a short distance from the traffic stop and was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Gagnon was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Sunday's arrest was Gagnon's second in four days. She was arrested by Iroquois County Sheriff's Police on the

night of Sept. 4, also charged with possession of a controlled substance.

The substance allegedly field-tested positive for methamphetamines, according to an Iroquois County Sheriff's Department spokesperson.

Gagnon was taken to the Iroquois County jail and was released on \$500 cash bond for that offense.

Earlier on Sept. 4, Gagnon's rural Hoopeston home was destroyed by a fire. After the blaze was investigated, Iroquois County police arrested Todd Cook, 34, of the same address, on charges of possession of methamphetamine manufacturing chemicals with the intent to manufacture methamphetamines, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance (methamphetamines) and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamines).

Local woman to take part in second 'Light the Night' walk

Money raised for disease that affected grandson

A Hoopeston woman will participate in her second "Light the Night Walk to raise money for Kentucky chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Leona York will travel to Louisville for the Sept. 20 event.

The fundraiser holds a special place in York's heart because her grandson, Jordan York, is a leukemia survivor.

He is the son of former Hoopeston residents Don and Nancy York.

Leukemia, a blood cancer, causes more deaths among chil-



dren under 15 than any other disease in the country and strikes 10 times as many adults as children.

Last year, York raised \$400. This year, she hopes to raise \$500.

Anyone who wishes to contribute may send checks to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to York at 623 S. Fifth St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

For more information, call York at (217) 283-6803.

Jordan York, center, poses with his parents, Nancy and Don York and an oversized check from the Kentucky chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma society.

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