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Police News

An employee of Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn, reported at 7:02 a.m. Thursday that someone in a black Dodge extended cab truck failed to pay for \$80 in gas. The suspect is a woman who was wearing an orange sweatshirt. The truck had out of state plates.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police department, 283-5196.

Darren J. Booth, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 9:04 a.m. Friday in the 300 block of West Penn. A 66-year-old Hoopeston man alleged Booth went into his home, battered him, then left on foot. He

was arrested and taken to the police station, where he was also charged with resisting arrest and criminal damage to government supported property after he allegedly damaged a surveillance camera in the police department.

Booth was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Benjamin J. Schwartz, 36, of Hoopeston, was charged with theft after an incident at 10:26 a.m. Friday in the 300 block of West Orange.

He was arrested on a complaint from a 73-year-old

See POLICE on other side



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Adults help the youngest participants in Saturday's Easter egg hunt at McFerren Park. The hunt brought out scores of children who not only got to collect eggs but also win prizes. The event was sponsored by Hoopeston Jaycees.

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Officials investigate poisonings of dog, cat in Jamaica

JAMAICA—Results of toxicology tests on a dead cat and a dead dog recently found in Jamaica show some toxic chemicals in their systems, and county officials hope to find how the poisoning occurred.

The animals – both locally owned pets -- were sent to Michigan State University for toxicology testing.

The dog, a female rat terrier, was found to have the insecticide carbofuran in her system, as well as a trace of strychnine and a trace of pentobarbital. The cat, a male short-haired cat, was found also found to have pentobarbital in his system, but no carbofuran and no strychnine.

According to an MSU report, one granule of carbofuran is sufficient to kill a small bird.

Strychnine is extremely poisonous and is chiefly used in poison baits for rodents and that the presence of pentobarbital suggests use of euthanasia drugs.

Shirley Hicks, Vermilion County Health Department

Police continued from other side

Hoopeston man who alleged Schwartz took the man's property.

Schwartz was also found to be wanted on a Benton County, Ind., warrant for forgery and theft.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Indiana to await extradition to Indiana.

Jeremy I. Thomason, 21, of Danville, was arrested after police were called at 12:15 a.m. Saturday to Blue Moon Saloon, 306 E. Main, for a fight in progress.

Thomason was charged with aggravated battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Police are investigating a report at 9:01 a.m. Saturday of several tools and other items stolen from Goodrum Well Drilling, 430 W. Thompson.

Dustin P. Weber, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested for battery after an incident at 11:32 p.m. Saturday at VFW, 426 W. Orange. He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 79. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 60. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 73, low 45

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Administrator,, said that there is no evidence of human illness, but that she is taking the animal deaths seriously.

"Whether these animals are being poisoned intentionally or unintentionally, the source of the toxins must be found and stopped," Hicks said.

On February 22, J. R. Mosay with Vermilion County Animal Control learned of four dog deaths that occurred within a few days of each other. He investigated the area and collected a dead cat and a dead skunk for rabies testing. The following week, he collected a dead dog for testing, as well. Three dead birds were found in Jamaica on March 14; two of them were collected by Animal Control and submitted for testing. Both had carbofuran in their systems.

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