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## Hoopeston man held on \$1 million bond in woman's death

A 32-year-old Hoopeston man is being held on \$1 million bond, charged in the shooting death of a Danville woman.

Johnnie L. Sampson Jr. was arrested at about 1 p.m. Monday at his home in the 1200 block of Daisy Lane in connection with the shooting death of Mary Thompson, 30, of Danville.

Ms. Thompson was found inside a vehicle at 9:45 p.m. August 5 at the intersection of Fowler Ave. and Clyman Lane, near Fair Oaks housing complex. Police believe she was shot as she entered the complex.

She was taken to Carle Foundation Hospital where she died at 7:35 p.m. August 6 from a gunshot wound to the

head.

Sampson is being held on four counts of first-degree murder, all Class M felonies. If convicted, he could face 20 years in prison.

A warrant for Sampson's arrest was issued August 11. He was arraigned Tuesday, where he pleaded not guilty to the charges through an assistant public defender. A preliminary hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. September 1.

To be released on bond, Sampson would have to post \$100,000.

Danville police were assisted by Hoopeston police, the Vermilion Metropolitan Enforcement Group (V-MEG) and the U.S. marshal's service.

## Firemen replacing old and broken hydrants in Hoopeston

Hoopeston Fire Department is improving Hoopeston's safety and their ability to fight fires.

Firemen are replacing old and broken fire hydrants under comprehensive plan implemented by the city, which allocated \$50,000 this year for the program.

Ald. Bill McElhaney, water/sewer committee chairman, said 11 hydrants are slated to be changed out this year. Five have already been completed.

Earlier this year, firemen tested all hydrants in the city, which McElhaney estimated at about 500. Some were broken while others are 100 years or older, he said.

The age of the hydrants, as well as the water mains, sometimes makes connecting the two tricky, McElhaney said. "In some cases, they're going into an 110-year-old main."

Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, fire committee chairman, thanked the city for the improvement.

In unrelated discussion, Ald. Bill Goodwine disagreed with the perception that the city is not doing anything about the condition of an elderly woman's home in the

700 block of East Lincoln.

Neighboring residents complained about the situation in June and again at the August 2 meeting. At both, residents said emergency personnel who removed the woman from her home wore hazmat suits due to mold, feces and other substances in the house.

The woman, described as a hoarder, is currently in a nursing home and residents would like the house condemned and demolished so she cannot return.

In the meantime, her son has begun cleaning the clutter from the house, which, neighbors said, exposes them to toxins from inside the structure.

Goodwine, who represents that ward, said while neighbors say the city doesn't follow up, "we do."

Questioned about whether the woman actually owns the home, officials began to answer the question.

Goodwine has personally been at the home and talked to the son twice. He reported that the man is on his third big Dumpster of things removed from the home.

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## Briefly

### Closed for reorganization

Hoopeston Multi Agency Thrift Shop will be closed Thursday and Friday for reorganization.

### Library to hold back to school bash

Hoopeston Public Library will hold a free Back-to-School Bash for kids entering grades K-6 from 2-3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18. The event will offer a variety of favorite outdoor games, a back-to-school story

### Hoopeston continued from other side

Goodwine said the man hopes to be able to move into the home with his children, who are helping in the clean-up.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said that rumors that there is no water service at the home are false.

Goodwine said "one thing kind of disappointed me," and related how someone had cut the sump pump line to the woman's home and filled it with expanding foam. "I don't know who did it," he said, adding he believes police looked into the damage.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Approved a \$5,000 façade grant for Mark and Valarie Hinkle, owners of Simply Treasures, 216 S. Market. The couple has spent more than \$20,000 revamping the former Manion Law Office building.
- Heard from Ald. Brandon Hamilton that Hoopeston Police Department has about 26 bicycles that were found abandoned. They will be refurbished and donated to local children on a date to be announced.
- Heard from McElhaney that a water main that broke on Market St. at about 3 a.m. one recent day has been repaired.
- Heard from Ald. Randy Carter, street/alley committee chairman, that curbs have been painted and streets will be restriped for the National Sweetcorn Festival.
- Heard from Crusinberry that he would like to seek bids on a water retention project behind Casey's on Rt. 9. The cost will be split between the city budget and tax increment financing (TIF) funds.

## Weather

Slight chance of thunderstorms, patchy fog today; High 86. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 67. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of storms late. High 85, low 65.

and other fun surprises. Weather permitting, activities will be held outside on the front (west) lawn.

### Breast cancer support group to meet

The Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The group is open to breast cancer patients and survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster at (815) 984-4040.

## Classifieds

### AUCTIONS

Public Auction Sat. Aug. 20, 10 a.m. 104 Thompson, Rossville. Inside sale—Air & Food. Lots of furniture, glassware, pictures and more. www.onwitvoetauctioneer.com.

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### RUMMAGE SALES

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