

FMPD gets Burlington man for attempted murder

Charge stems from Aug. 26 incident in Fort Madison

> **BY CHUCK VANDENBERG** PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Police Department arrested a Burlington man late Friday afternoon for attempted murder in connection with a stabbing in Fort Madison this summer.

On August 26, 2017 Fort Madison Police Officers were dispatched to the area of Hardees in Fort Madison



to investigate a report of an injured male laying on the street. Upon arrival officers observed the victim had been stabbed in the chest as well as having cuts to his face," said FM Police Chierf Tim Sittig in a release

The victim who was conscious at the time indicated he was stabbed in the 900

block of 15th St. in Fort Madison. He was able to state that a person he knows as "Shorty" had stabbed him. The victim was then transported to local hospital and then to the University of Iowa Hospitals for further treatment.

As a result of the ongoing investigation the suspect "Shorty" was identified as Robert McPherson, 40, of Burlington Iowa.

Friday afternoon, McPherson was located at a residence in Burlington and with assistance from the Burlington Police Department he was taken into custody without incident and has been transported to the Lee County Jail where he is being held on warrants for Attempted Murder, a class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison and Willful Injury Causing Serious Injury, a class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. Bond on the warrants is set at \$50,000 cash only.

LCCB wants to form duck blind committee

Director holds to commitment to work with hunters on issues

BY PCC STAFF

MONTROSE - Lee County Conservation is searching for individuals to serve on a committee to develop a potential new permanent duck blind policy.

The committee will specifically work to develop a permanent blind policy for the 712 acre island area near the channel that is owned by Lee County Conservation Board. The Lotus Flat and Northern Winds (as known as Ortho Pocket) areas will remain boat-blind or walk-in only into the future.

"The Lee County Conservation Board has listened to the concerns shared over the past few months by the waterfowl hunting community and is willing to try to find common ground on the issue," said Nathan Unsworth, Lee County Conservation Director. "The board is willing to explore different ideas and poten tially allow permanent blinds on the area most recently purchased by the county, which has been referred to the 'Island Area' in most of the discussions." The committee will work with Unsworth to develop a policy that addresses problems associated with previous attempts of a permanent blind program, while ensuring the new policy is fair to all hunters. When the committee finalizes their proposal, they will present it to the Lee County Conservation Board for approval.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Michael Mohrfeld cuts the ribbon on the Green Oak Development project on Monday afternoon. Mohrfeld was visited by the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce after a weekend of open houses for several ready-to-move-in units. There are also custom-build options available.

FM teen given \$25K bond on robbery charge

Bond requires 10%; state



sentence. The bond is 10% allowed. Virgil was being held on \$100,000 cash-only bond at the Juvenile Detention Facility in Montrose, according to a Thursday release from the Fort Madison Police Department. He is also facing other weapons-related charges in Des Moines See ROBBERY, page 10

requested \$50K cash only

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -A Fort Madison teen involved in an armed robbery at a Fort Madison gas station had bond set

at \$25,000 at an initial hearing Friday in North Lee County Court. Daymeon Virgil, 17, of Fort Madison has been charged with 1st-degree robbery, a class B felony punishable by up to 25

7th armed robbery of Garner's Oil in Fort Madison. Because Virgil is still a juvenile, if convicted, the court could impose probation in lieu of a prison

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OBITUARIES

KAITLYN MARIE SCHICHER

Kaitlyn Marie Schlicher, 8 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 8:23 pm Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. She was born February 25, 2009 in Fort Madison, the daughter of



Jennifer Marie Buechel and F. James Schlicher.

Kaitlyn was in the 3rd grade at Richardson Elementary School, Fort Madison. She enjoyed playing with her pets, making crafts, her Barbies, music, and dressing up. She liked being funny and telling jokes. She loved to give to others.

SCHLICHER

She is survived by her parents, grandparents: Ted and Debbie Buechel, Luddie and Randy Lumsden, and Manuel Salazar, all of Fort Madison; aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be from 4:00 - 5:30 pm Monday, November 6, 2017 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Her funeral will follow and begin at 5:30 pm at the funeral home with Pastor Les Featheringill officiating. Following the service, her body will be cremated. A private burial will be at a later date at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Schlicher/Buechel family may be made at <u>www.barrmemorialchapel.com</u>.

KEVIN GERARD FRITZJUNKER

Kevin Gerard Fritzjunker, 56, of Keosauqua, Iowa, passed away at 11:57 a.m. Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the Jefferson County Hospital in Fairfield, Iowa.

Born September 22, 1961 in Fort Madison, Iowa, he was the son of Joseph Otto and Velda Mae (Dalrymple) Fritzjunker. In 1984, he married Angela Muller. They later divorced. In 1990, he married Yvonne Hoenig. They later divorced. In 2008, he married Kathy Lyon. They later divorced.

Survivors include one son, Daniel Joseph Fritzjunker of Burlington, Iowa; one daughter, Katy Fritzjunker of Keosauqua, Iowa; five grandchildren, Hayden Marie Patchett, Autumn Marie Fritzjunker, Adrianna Nicole Snyder, Adara Marie Glick, and Marshall Mahlon Glick; two brothers, Mike (Kathy) Fritzjunker of Chelsea, Oklahoma and Gary (Monica) Fritzjunker of West Burlington, Iowa; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ronald Joseph, in 1993; and three siblings in infancy.

Kevin was a past member of Fort Madison FFA and was a member of ABATE. He worked as a truck driver. Kevin enjoyed riding motorcycles, farming, and joking with his friends. He also enjoyed showing livestock and attending county fairs. Kevin was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan. He especially loved spending time with his children.

The family will meet with friends from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 6, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 6, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home with Father Dennis Hoffman officiating.

Follow the service, cremation will be entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Homes. A memorial has been established in his memory.

The Schmitz Funeral Homes in West Point are assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at <u>www.schmitzfuneral-</u><u>homes.com</u>.

DOROTHY DELANEY

Dorothy Delaney, 96, of Ft. Madison passed away on Friday, November 03, 2017 at 9:50 AM at the West Point Care Center.

She was born on June 14, 1921 in St. Paul, IA to Stephen and Clara Moeller Leveling. On May 26, 1945 she married Donald Delaney in Ft. Madison and he passed away on August 10, 1972. Dorothy worked production at Sheaffer Pen and was a homemaker. She was a member of Ss. Mary & Joseph Church, the Altar & Rosary Society and CLA. Dorothy was an excellent cook and enjoyed gardening, playing cards and was an avid Cubs and Notre Dame fan. She loved spending time with her family and especially enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's events and activities.

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Survivors include three sons, Jim (Patricia) Delaney of Ft. Madison, John (Julie) Delaney of Davenport and Patrick (Terri) Delaney of Fishers, IN; two daughters, Beth Rump of Ft. Madison and Dianne (Bruce) Huddleson of Ft. Madison; ten grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one brother, Brother Wilbert "Clarence" Leveling of Notre Dame, IN; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son in law, Rich; a brother, Father Carl; four sisters, Betty, Irene, Gen and Mildred.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Monday, November 6, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4:30-6:30 PM. There will be a rosary recited at 4 PM and a wake service will be held at 6:30 PM all at the funeral home. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will follow in Gethsemane Cemetery.

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"I am excited to be joining the FMCH Pediatric team, everyone has been so positive and supportive. It is so rewarding to be part of a child's life – watching them grow and develop into their own unique person. I have seen a lot of changes over the course of my career, but one thing remains the same, the desire for parents to raise healthy, active children. I am grateful to be a part of making that a reality for so many families. And now I look forward to meeting all my new patients and their parents," expressed Dr. Gorski. "Dr. Gorski will be a positive addition to our Pediatric medical staff. He brings a wealth of knowledge, deep compassion and a great sense of humor that will benefit our patients," expressed Matt Mullins, VP of Physician Services. To make an appointment, please call 319-372-KIDS (5437).

OBITUARIES

JUSTIN CRAIG STONEHOUSE

Justin Craig Stonehouse, 30, of West Point, Iowa passed away at 1:20 p.m. Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Born June 12, 1987 in Keokuk, Iowa, he was the son of William, Jr. and Virginia Lee (Holmes) Stonehouse.

Survivors include his parents, William and Virginia, of West Point, Iowa; one son, Christian Lee Thacher; three siblings, Jason Holmes of Iowa City, Iowa, Richard Stonehouse of San Antonio, Texas, and Danielle Stonehouse of Kahoka, Missouri; several nieces and nephews; paternal grandmother, Carole (Ron) McCannon; maternal grandparents, Thomas Holmes and Florence (Tony Broeker) Holmes; and one dog, Charlie.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, William Richard Stonehouse, Sr.; grandmother, Shirley Stonehouse; great-grandmother, Amanda Moore; great-parents, Jack and Cartha Blythe; and one dog, Augusta. Justin attended WyoTech College. He enjoyed working on cars and disc golfing. He loved spending time with his dog, making people laugh and smile, and being an uncle to his many nieces and nephews. Justin especially loved spending time with his niece, Lexis Lee Ann Stonehouse, who was like a sister to him.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Homes for cremation.

The family will meet with friends from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, Iowa.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, Iowa.

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State may ask for a bond review hearing

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and Lee counties.

District Associate Judge Ty Rogers heard arguments Friday morning with Virgil present via video-conference from the Lee County Jail.

Assistant Lee County Attorney Ross Braden argued that due to the other pending weapons charges and considering the dangerous nature of the armed robbery charge, a \$50,000 bond would be appropriate.

Jonathan Stensvaag, the public defender who represented Virgil at the hearing, said Virgil is currently under court supervision and has made all court appearances except for one in Des Moines County because he was confused about the date, but appeared when the matter was cleared up.

"Mr. Virgil has two pending cases - one in Des Moines and one here," Stensvaag said. "The Des Moines county case was initiated from charges March 25 and the Lee County charge was filed on April 10. He's been on pre-trial release since then and has showed up every time except for one where he was confused."

Stensvaag said the alleged offense took place prior to the other cases and asked for Virgil to be released under current judicial supervision or 10% be allowed if bond was set.

"Given his history we believe a \$50,000 cash only bond is absolutely appropriate," Braden told Rogers.

"The alleged offense is a forcible felony and is an armed robbery," he said. "Since January, it's my understanding Mr. Virgil has pled guilty to possession of offensive weapons involving a sawed-off shotgun in Des Moines County and I don't think he's been sentenced on that yet. The offense in Lee County also involves weapons including trafficking of stolen weapons where he was involved with very young juveniles acquiring these weapons and then selling them to others. He's also charged with carrying weapons. Additionally we believe his supervision at home is minimal," Braden said.

Braden also asked that any bond be set after a pretrial report could be issued so the attorneys could argue bond at that point.

Rogers said the court's concern was for the protection of the community and whether Virgil would make himself available for future court proceedings.

"It is incumbent of the court to consider the nature of the charge and the nature of this is very serious," Rogers said. "Mr. Virgil, it sounds to me, was released on charges that are no greater than a Class D felony. The current charge is a much more significant offense and carries a potential for a much more significant prison sentence and for that reason the court does have concerns about potential flight risk," Rogers said before setting the bond at \$25,000, 10% allowed. "The court feels this will assure the child's appearance at future court proceedings,"

After the hearing Braden said he was not happy with the ruling and will probably file for a hearing to review the bond. A preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 13 at 11

"He's most likely going to post the bond very soon," Braden said. "He's already posted bond on two other charges so somehow he keeps coming up with the money."

Virgil's sentencing on the Des Moines County charges of unauthorized possession of offensive weapons is set for Dec. 11 in Burlington.



Director says board wants "problem solvers"

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"Were there issues in the past? Yes. Is there a willingness to explore new ideas? Yes." Unsworth said. "The committee members need to be ready to explore all options to recommend to the board. If the new policy is accepted, it will then be up to the duck hunters to uphold these rules to ensure this policy remains in effect."

Volunteers willing to serve on the committee should be problem solvers who are ready to find common ground on the issues that addresses both the Lee County Conser-

vation Board's concerns as well as those shared by the duck hunters.

"We want a variety of people represented on the committee including duck hunters, other game hunters and even non-hunters so the policy is developed from several viewpoints," Unsworth said.

Individuals selected for the committee will be contacted by Nov. 22 and meetings will begin soon after. The goal for the committee is to have the policy developed and ready to present to the Conservation Board in February 2018. The Conservation Board will then review the new policy and vote on it in March 2018.

Individuals who would like to be considered for the committee should visit www.leecounty.org and fill out a brief questionnaire by Nov. 15. Selected committee members by Nov. 22.

For questions about the committee, please call the Conservation Office at (319) 463-7673.

"I am excited to see collaboration happen to help establish a policy that everyone can be happy with," Unsworth said.

Governor leads health choices campaign

(DES MOINES) -Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg announced a new statewide childhood health campaign called "5210 -Healthy Choices Count" on Tuesday. The campaign is a public-private partnership with the Healthiest State Initiative and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to combat childhood obesity.

5210 is a nationally recognized childhood obesity prevention program that focuses on the importance of four simple daily health habits:

5 or more servings of

fruits and vegetables; 2 hours or less of screen time (television, computer, video games, phones, etc.);

1 hour or more of physical activity; and

0 (or reduced) sugar-sweetened beverages. "Research has shown that children who have healthy eating habits, are physically active and spend less time in front of a screen do better in school," Gov. Reynolds said. "Their reading scores improve, they are able to maintain better focus in class and they sleep better. Children who do better

in school are more likely to pursue post-secondary education and are better equipped to contribute to Iowa's economic success."

"We are not here to tell you what to do but to help you make the healthy choice the easy choice," Lt. Gov. Gregg said. "5210 does not tell kids what to do but instead provides them the environment to thrive and create healthy habits."

"This is the first statewide effort to provide consistent messaging and programming regarding

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Local News

Dohman named FMCH Employee of the Month

Dietary supervisor has been with hospital for 37 years

Submitted article

FORT MADISON -Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Steve Dohman as their September Employee of the Month.

Dohman works as a Supervisor in the Dietary department at FMCH. He has been with FMCH for thirty-seven years. Dohman was recognized with this nomination:

This individual is a working supervisor who is recognized monthly for his teamwork and team spirit. They are flexible in their schedule and supports both FMCH functions and many FMCH outside functions by making sure he is always prepared and done at the highest quality. When you see him in the hallway he is always

quick to say a friendly hello and his quick laughter can brighten a day.

He takes great pride in his job and is always researching new ways to make things better. He is committed, looks for solutions to opportunities and pitches in the department wherever needed.

His commitment to the department, team members and FMCH is evident everyday he is here. No one specific story but the everyday living the standards story is what he is respected for.

Dohman recognized his Director, Terry Cramblit as someone who helped him in his career at FMCH, "When I started as a Supervisor Terry Cramblit helped me maneuver the chang-

es in my responsibilities. To this day, we work together with projects and brainstorming problems and solutions." He also explained why he liked working at FMCH," I enjoy working with the dietary department. We have fun as we work together. I also enjoy hearing how our customers like the food we serve as well as seeing friendly faces and joking around with others in the different departments."

Dohman enjoys spending time with his wife Renae, children and grandchildren, hunting, fishing and relaxing at the cabin.

The Employee of the Month is an initiative developed by the Reward & Recognition team.

Each month a FMCH employee is honored for going above and beyond for the good of the patient, their co-workers and the organization.



Jeremy Alexander, Interim President/CEO; Steve Dohman, and Terry Cramblit, Director of Dietary Services, are pictured here honoring Dohman as Employee of the Month for September at FMCH.

New message aimed at eating behaviors of state's youth

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the subject of childhood obesity," IDPH Director Gerd Clabaugh said. "If families are exposed to consistent messaging in many places, they are more likely to adopt and maintain healthy behaviors in their daily lives."

In November and December 2017, a statewide 5210 campaign will include toolkits, social media, advertising, website content and community commitments. IDPH is working directly with Malvern (Mills County), Dubuque (Dubuque County), Mt. Pleasant (Henry County) and West Union (Fayette County) to implement community-wide strategies around 5210. Each community will receive \$18,000 to improve access to a healthy environment.

In the Des Moines metro area, United Way of Central Iowa will work with local healthcare providers and will continue its work with Visiting Nurse Services to improve childcare, out-of-school and school environments.

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