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## Police arrest FM man after Sunday shooting

*Witnesses help police with description of vehicle leading to arrest of 37-year-old*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison took a FM into custody after an alleged shooting incident on Sunday evening.

Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig released a statement Monday morning regarding the incident which took place in the 1100 block of Avenue E.

Police officers were on the scene until about 9 p.m. Sunday night investigating the area of the shooting.

Sittig indicated the following statement is all the information that will be released at this time.

On Sunday at approximately 7:40 p.m. officers were dispatched to the area on a report of shots being fired.

Upon arrival, officers located a number of witnesses who advised the possible person firing the shots had left the area in a black, Lincoln LS. Officers located one spent shell casing from the scene. There is no indication at this time that anyone was struck by any rounds fired from the gun.

According to witnesses there was some type of argument taking place between the alleged person who fired the shots and another person. This other person

was on scene for a very short time and then left, at this time he has not been questioned.

The alleged person who fired the gun has been identified as Russell K Kutcher, 37, of Fort Madison. Kutcher has been questioned and charged and is currently at the Lee County Jail facing the following criminal charges;

- Disorderly Conduct a simple misdemeanor
  - Wreckless Use of a firearm a simple misdemeanor
  - Aggravated Assault an aggravated misdemeanor
  - Carrying Weapons an aggravated misdemeanor
  - Going Armed with Intent a class D felony
  - Possession of a Firearm by a Felon a class D felony
- Sittig said the shooting appears to isolated incident and there is no threat to the community.

## FMHS/Crusaders make HTC Classic.....a classic

*Crosstown rivals need tiebreaker to settle it*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The 2017 Holy Trinity Classic lived up to its name on Monday with one semifinal game and the championship both going into a tiebreaker.

The Fort Madison Bloodhounds battled back from a 29-27 first set loss to Holy Trinity to take the championship with a 23-15 second set and then a 15-11 tiebreaker win for the first title not won by the Crusaders in almost 10



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS's Amber Dilsaver and McKenna Fehseke fight back on a kill attempt from HTC's Emily Box in the first set of the Hounds 27-29, 21-13, 15-11 win to claim the HTC Classic title Monday night.

years.

The Hounds started the tiebreaker up 1-0 when HTC senior Eryn Anderson missed on a kill to start the tie-

breaker set. But Sam Hoenig came back to tie it at 1 on a kill. Then the Hounds created a little space with a kill from Amber Dilsaver and

'then four straight points with senior Kamryn Bailey serving including two aces to push the lead

See **TIEBREAK**, page 8

## Task force gets Keokuk men in felony drug bust

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of two Keokuk, Iowa men on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.



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Darryl Floyd Azbill, 49, and Robert Harry Mills, 43, both of 412 N. 9th Street, Keokuk, Iowa were arrested on September 13, 2017 at their residence on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Azbill is charged with possession of a controlled substance, second or subsequent offense (methamphetamine), a class D felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor, and maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor. If convicted, Azbill faces up to 7 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

Robert Harry Mills is charged with two counts of delivery of methamphetamine less than five grams,



AZBILL

second or subsequent offense, a class C felony with enhancements, possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine in excess of five grams, a class B felony, drug tax stamp violation, a class D felony, and maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor. If convicted, Mills faces up to 92 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrests of Mills and Azbill stem from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that they were involved in the use and distribution of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area.

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# For the Record

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police report

09/14/17 - 8:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue O.  
 09/14/17 - 3:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of 32nd Street.  
 09/14/17 - 7:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue H.  
 09/14/17 - 11:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Marc Anthony Johnson, 48, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 2nd Street and Avenue G, on a charge of driving while revoked. He was released with a court date.  
 09/15/17 - 1:49 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue I.  
 09/15/17 - 1:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested

James Brett Stinson, 28, of Keokuk on Richards Drive on a warrant for 2nd-degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/15/17 - 1:59 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run on Richards Drive.  
 09/15/17 - 3:48 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1000 block of 33rd Street.  
 09/15/17 - 1:46 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Alta Drive.  
 09/15/17 - 5:16 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 300 block of Seventh Street.  
 09/16/17 - 2:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of Crescent Lane.  
 09/16/17 - 10:05 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 19th Street.  
 09/16/17 - 1:15 p.m. - Fort

Madison Police responded arrested Joshua Adam Bowen, 37, of Wever, in the 600 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for probation violations and a charge of violation of a no contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/16/17 - 4:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 09/16/17 - 8:27 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue E.  
 09/16/17 - 10:12 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 3500 block of Avenue Q.  
 09/16/17 - 10:45 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2100 block of Avenue F.  
 09/17/17 - 11:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Rhonda Denise Howes, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for two counts of accessory after

the fact. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/17/17 - 7:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Eighth Street.  
 09/17/17 - 8:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue M.  
 09/17/17 - 8:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Andrew Michael Schiedel, 29, of Fort Madison in the 1400 block of 38th Street, on a charge of driving while barred and a warrant out of Hancock County. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/17/17 - 10:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 4600 block of Avenue J.  
 09/17/17 - 11:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Robert Hayden Watts, 31, of Keokuk, in the 5400 block of Avenue O on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/17/17 - 12:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Robert Randall Rauch, 65, of Donnellson, in the 4800 block of Avenue O for following to closely.  
 09/17/17 - 1:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.  
 09/17/17 - 5:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of stolen bicycle in the 1300 block of Avenue E.  
 09/17/17 - 6:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Matthew Ryan Holbert, 33 of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue N, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/17/17 - 5:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to

a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue F.  
 09/17/17 - 7:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue G.  
 09/17/17 - 7:11 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident.  
 09/18/17 - 4:21 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Brandon Eric Bowman, 20, of Fort Madison in the 2700 block of Avenue O on charges of public intoxication and interference with official acts. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/15/17 - 3:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tab Andrew Bottger, 44, no city listed, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/15/17 - 9 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Timothy Aaron Williams, 35, of West Burlington at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/15/17 - 9:14 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Derek Michael Bollin, 45, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of Johnson Street Road in Keokuk, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/15/17 - 3:55 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on 239th Avenue where a vehicle driven by Anthony J. Atchley of Havana, Ill., lost control after going over railroad tracks and overturned. No reports of injuries

or citations was available.  
 09/16/17 - no time listed - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Adam Bowen, 37 of Wever, in the 600 block of Avenue F on a warrants for violation of probation and domestic assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/16/17 - 2:53 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tara Michelle Sharp, 25 of Fort Madison at the Casey's in Donnellson, on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and then released on a promise to appear.  
 09/16/17 - 10:30 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeffrey Wayne Sirtak, 28 of Clinton, at the Clinton County Correctional Center on a warrant for violation of parole and was kept in custody.  
 09/16/17 - 10:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Codi Roger Chapman, 18 of Fort Madison, no arrest location given, on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and then released on a promise to appear.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law*  
**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report**  
 09/14/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls and one assist.  
 09/15/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to six medical calls, a dumpster fire and a gas line rupture  
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# Obituaries/Education News

## OBITUARIES

### STEVEN C. GILLETTE

Steven C. Gillette, 30, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at his home.



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He was born on October 5, 1986 in Iowa City to Charles and Nancy McGeehon Gillette. Steven and Michelle Metz began dating on September 5, 2008 and were united in marriage on September 5, 2015 in Ft. Madison. He worked production at Ft. Madison Pallet Company with many friends whom he considered family. He loved his super heroes, especially Anime. Steven enjoyed working on cars, doing handy work and helping anyone that needed it.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle Gillette of Ft. Madison; mother, Nancy Gillette of Ft. Madison; father, Charles Gillette of Ft. Madison; two brothers, Zach (Kelly) Gillette of Des Moines and Shane Gillette of Newton; a sister, Christine Pennington of Hamilton, IL; maternal grandparents, Neil and Wanita Lassman of Ft. Madison; his children, Chubbers, Bell, and Spuds Mackenzie; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crematory. A memorial service will be held at noon on Friday, September 22, 2017 at the Montrose United Presbyterian Church. A celebration of life will also be held at 5 PM on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 3116 250th Avenue, Montrose, IA. The family requests that all attending please wear super hero attire.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### SCC scholarship deadline Oct. 1

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON - The SCC Foundation is seeking applications for one of its newest scholarships, the James Concannon Industrial Maintenance Scholarship. This \$1000 scholarship is open to students enrolled or intending to enroll in SCC's Industrial Maintenance Technology Program. Application deadline is October 1.

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Mr. James Concannon was born April 30, 1933 and passed away on May 25, 2013. He was a Chief Engineer with the Merchant Marines in the 1950's. Concannon's son followed in his footsteps by becoming a nuclear engineer. His wife, Shirley, a 20 year volunteer with the Red Cross, is no stranger to hard work either, at one time holding down three jobs.

For a complete list of available scholarships and to apply, visit [http://www.scciowa.edu/foundation/sccf\\_scholarships.aspx](http://www.scciowa.edu/foundation/sccf_scholarships.aspx).

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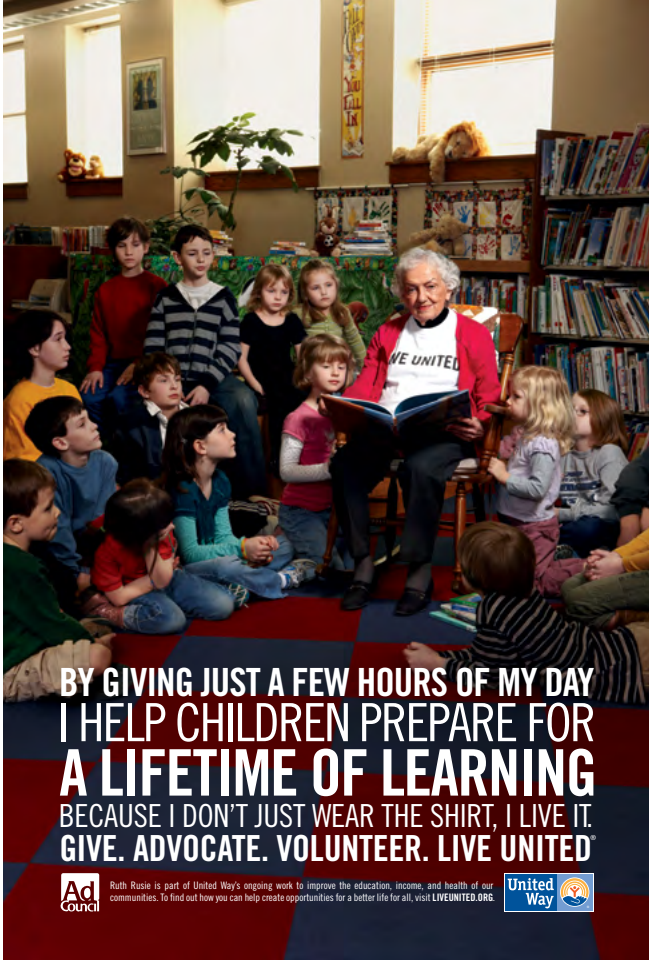
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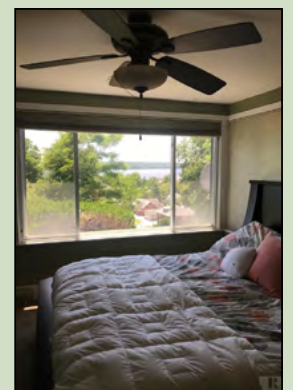
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From the Front/Weather

# HTC avenges loss to New London Saturday

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to 5-1. The Crusaders then started a comeback of their own with a 3-1 run with Anderson serving. A miss on an attack from Dilsaver put the game at 5-4 Hounds, but Dilsaver ended the next point drilling a shot to put the Hounds up 6-4. HTC Senior Emily Box missed a kill and Dilsaver had another kill on the next point to give the Hounds an 8-4 advantage. Box had a kill on the next point to close the gap to 8-5 and the Hounds' Kaeli Hutson crushed a point with Box at the service line to make it 9-5 Hounds. Holy Trinity pushed back with kills from junior Taylor Boeding and

Samantha Hoenig and an error by Jillian Wiseman brought the game back to within one. Senior Maya Rashid then fired an ace from the line and the game was knotted at 9. The Hounds took the next two points on kills by Wiseman and Hutson. Senior Leigh Johnson missed on a serve to make it 11-10 Hounds. With Boeding serving for the Crusaders, the Hounds' Courtney Woodley threw in a dink for a score to make it 12-10. Shyla Farmer had a miss to bring the game back to within one at 11-12, but HTC couldn't muster another point with Box rotating into the back row and a couple misses

sandwiched by an ace from Josie Pumphrey to take the title. "That's tough volleyball," said Fort Madison Head Coach Kent Bailey. "Our kids had to fight through that first game losing 29-27 and so you know you've gotta fight back. The second game we came out strong and we won that game. And then the third game we had momentum, got a good jump, and then we missed some serves but the kids just kept fighting. And it was important for us to get Emily Box in the back row." Dilsaver said the Hounds were tired, but they were set on winning the title this year.



FMHS's Jillian Wiseman gets physical on an attack Monday against Central Lee in an early match at the Holy Trinity Classic.

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Holy Trinity's Elyse Pothitakis jumps into the celebration as the Crusaders downed New London in a tiebreaker to get to the title game against FMHS.

"I think we're all like, it's 10:45..and we've all been ready to go home. We had school today and we're all tired but at the end of they day we played for each other. Us seniors have wanted this for so long and I don't think HTC has lost this in forever. We were gonna finish it this year," she said.

The run in the tiebreaker where she had two kills and a block to put the Hounds up 8-4 was a turning moment for the senior.

"I like to tell myself it needs to get done, and then it's just like go mode and get it done," she said.

Bailey said she has the ability to take over in any game, but the other front players including Wiseman, McKenna Fehseke and Woodley all had

strong performances over the five games.

"But give credit to Holy Trinity...they had to do this Saturday, too," he said.

HTC head coach Melissa Freesmeier said you play in tournaments like this to build for the post season.

"You're tired and the mind's gotta take over, you gotta dig down deep and do the little things late. I give the kids a lot of credit. It wasn't a lack of effort, they just didn't score enough to win in the end," she said. "We build for the post season and this is just a stepping stone for where we want to go."

She said junior Taylor Boeding took great strides since Saturday's five game tournament in Keokuk where the Crusaders lost their first match of the year to New London.

"Today, I'll have to say, Taylor Boeding had a rough Saturday, and today she stepped on the court and I had confidence in her and she wanted the ball. Just a totally new kid out there," Freesmeier said. "Sam Hoenig and Anderson and those kids... they don't always get the big kills, but they just get the job done."

On the upside for Holy Trinity, the Crusaders

were able to avenge the loss to New London but needed a tie breaker to get it done. The Crusaders downed Keokuk 21-6, 21-6 to start pool play, then handled Winfield-Mt. Union 21-6, 21-16 before a tougher matchup with Wapello. HTC got the job done in two sets 21-19 in a set where they trailed several times before pulling out the win and then rolled to a 21-14 win to go to bracket play where they faced New London before the championship game.

"That New London game took a lot out of us emotionally and physically but that's why you're in these tournaments. But give the kids credit, they never quit. We continued to hit, served aggressively at the end of the night, and just came up short," said Freesmeier

The Hounds started with a 21-15, 21-11 win over Central Lee and then ran into New London and were stopped in the first game 10-21 before responding with a 21-14 game, and then took the tiebreaker 15-10. New London had beaten the Hounds out of the gate on Aug. 26 in another tie-break 15-6. The Hounds then dismantled W-MU 21-7, 21-9 to advance to the championship.

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