

60 indictments handed down by Grand Jury in June

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A Hopkins County Grand Jury during the June 16 session signed approximately 60 indictments against about 50 people, according information released last week by the 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office. In some instances individuals were named in more than one indictment; in others, more than one individual was named as participating in the same offense.

The majority of the charges were for controlled substances or drug-related offenses. The rest ranged from failure to register as a sex offender, assault on a public servant, unlawful use of criminal instrument and arson to felony assault, burglary, child endangerment and unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

Juan Jesus Mendez-Martinez was indicted for aggravated sexual assault of a child who was younger than 14 years of age and not the defendant's spouse on Nov. 1, 2013, when the offense is alleged to have occurred.

Tequaylon Demond Brown and Francis Lavina Ethridge were both indicted for endangering a child. Both are alleged on May 1 to have engaged in conduct which placed "a child younger than 15 years of age in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment, by the child testing positive for cocaine." Brown was also indicted for delivery of to have transferred one gram or more but less than four grams of the controlled substance methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of Sulphur Springs Independent School District Administration Building, a drug-free zone on May 6.

Indicted for failure to register with local law enforcement as a sex offender in the county where he "resided or intended to reside for more than seven days" as required due to a reportable conviction for sexual assault was Michael Anthony Baker. The offense occurred on or about May 2.

Jessica Gail Fite Boykin was indicted for assault on a public servant. She is accused on May 6 of injuring Sulphur Springs Police Department Patrol Officer Terry Miller by striking him in the face with her fist, while Miller was attempting to prevent her from harming herself or others.

Indicted for unlawful use of criminal instrument were Nathan Lemar Brooks and Michael Estus

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Bryson Jr. Both are accused of having \$29,000 which he intended it “to use to buy illegal narcotics” on April 19.

Elizabeth Ann Cox was indicted for arson. She is alleged on May 3 to have damaged or destroyed a vehicle belonging to another person by “lighting paper on fire and throwing it into the vehicle,” starting a fire or causing an explosion inside the vehicle.

Indicted for assault of family member-impeding breathing were James Thomas Dean and Rowdy Lee Hargett. Dean is accused of choking a female family member on April 26. Hargett is accused of injuring a woman with whom he has or has had a dating relationship by “intentionally, knowingly and recklessly impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood” by applying pressure to her throat or neck on April 23.

Christopher Grady Greaves was indicted for unauthorized use of motor vehicle. He is alleged on May 21 to have used a woman’s automobile without her permission.

Indicted for theft of property was Michael Jared Newton. He is accused of stealing a Yamaha dirt bike with a value of at least \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000 from another man on May 7.

Also indicted for theft was Daniel Franklin Price. He is alleged May 10 to have stolen non-insulated wire that consisted of at least 50 percent copper valued at less than \$20,000.

Billy Jack Orsburn and Meldrick Dewayne Roland were each indicted for burglary of a habitation. Both are alleged on May 13 to have entered a woman’s residence without her permission to steal a flat screen television.

Indicted for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon was Michael Dewayne Holiness. He is alleged to have been found with a gun in his vehicle on Jan. 24.

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Stephen Earl Waters was indicted on a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear. He is alleged on May 13 to have failed to appear in court in accordance with the terms of his release from custody on a pending felony charge.

Tracy Junior Pierce was indicted for possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone and evading arrest with a vehicle. Pierce is alleged May 12 to have fled from Hopkins County Sheriff's Deputy David Ray, who was trying to arrest or detain him, and of having less than one gram of meth in his possession during the incident, which occurred within 1,000 feet of the Boys and Girls Club, adding a drug-free zone enhancement to the charge.

Indicted for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and possession of controlled substance were William Tyler Bilharz, Johnny Jay Harvey, Jimmy Forest Jones Jr., Carolyn Brooke Houston and Ava Justeene Hughes Wilson. Bilharz is is alleged on May 27 to have been in possession of one gram or more but less than 4 grams of methamphetamine and of trying to conceal the controlled substance so as to impair its availability as evidence during a traffic stop. Harvey is alleged to have possessed less than one gram of meth, which he then tried to conceal to impair its availability as evidence on May 26. Jones is alleged to have been in possession of less than one gram of meth and to have concealed Alprazolam during the May 3 investigation. Houston is alleged to have possess one gram or more but less than four grams of meth, which she tried to conceal during May 15 traffic stop. Wilson is alleged to have possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of meth and to have concealed it to impair its availability as evidence during the investigation on May 15.

Eduardo Martinez Suastes was indicted on two possession of controlled substance charges, one for possessing at 28 grams or more but less than 200 grams of codeine and the other for possession less than one gram meth within 1,000 feet of the alternative school on Davis Street, a drug-free zone, both on May 18.

Tiffini Rose Taylor was indicted on two counts of possession of a controlled substance, one for having less than one gram of meth and the other for having four grams or more but less than 200 grams of meth with intent to deliver it. Both are alleged to have occurred on May 23.

Jeremy James Burkett was indicted on two delivery of controlled substance in a drug-free zone indictments. Burkett is alleged on April 14 to have delivered one gram or more but less than four grams of meth within 1,000 feet of Sulphur Springs Christian Daycare, and on April 15 to have delivered less than one gram of meth within 1,000 feet of the Boys and Girls Club.

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Indicted for delivery of marijuana was Gregory Dequan Debase. He is alleged on March 13 to have delivered five pounds or less but more than one-fourth ounce of marijuana within 1,000 feet of the Boys and Girls Club, a drug-free zone.

Kristen Dawn McCann and Bryce Paul Nephew were each indicted for possession of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of meth with intent to deliver the controlled substance on April 26, when a firearm was used or exhibited during the offense.

Robert Lewis Ford and Cass Sheree Welch were both arrested for possession of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of the controlled substance phencyclidine on April 29.

Indicted for possession less than 28 grams of the controlled substance hydrocodone within 1,000 feet Bright Star Christian School, a drug-free zone, on April 2 were Lajerrius Exaviyon Jackson, Xavian Deontrae Wilkerson and Jasmine Deshaun Wilson.

James Alan Cotton II and Joshua Dewayne Timmons were indicted for possession of less than one gram of meth on April 26.

Others indicted on controlled substance charges included:

Darrin Ray Fairchild — possession of one gram or more but less than 4 grams of methadone, within 1,000 feet of Sulphur Springs Elementary, a drug-free zone, on May 29

Asarias Carmona Gaona — possession less than one gram meth within 1,000 feet Doodlebug Day Care, a drug-free zone, May 13

Tatyanna Monshai Giles — possession four grams or more but less than 200 grams of bath salt, May 3

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Heather Michelle Phillips — possession less than one gram of meth, May 13

Shaquille Oshae Relford — possession with intent to deliver or manufacture one gram or more but less than four grams of meth, within 1,000 feet of Sulphur Springs Independent School District Administration Building, a drug-free zone, May 28

Linda Jean Reyes — possession less than one gram of meth, within 1,000 feet of Como-Pickton Consolidated Independent School District, a drug-free zone, May 13

Carma Leigh Thompson — possession less than one gram of heroin, May 6

Stacy Marie Couch — possession less than one gram of meth, May 1

John Hodges — possession less than one gram of meth, April 8

Micah Wayne McCarty — possession less than one gram of meth, within 1,000 feet of Doodlebug Day Care, a drug-free zone, April 9

Stephen Colby Pyron — possession less than one gram meth, May 6

Janie Lynn Ragsdale — possession with intent to deliver or manufacture one gram or more but less than four grams of Alprazolam, within 1,000 feet Sulphur Springs High School, a drug-free zone, April 18

Jimmy Don Smith — possession one gram or more but less than four grams meth, within 1,000 feet of Travis Elementary School, July 4, 2012