

To the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter by Agnes Moore in July 18 issue of the Citizen's Voice and Times, first of all, we are all troubled over the brutal murder of a young girl.

Criminal investigation work is a slow, drawn out process. It does not happen in real life as it does on television series.

Please consider the following: (1) The murder investigation is being conducted by the Kentucky State Police Department. They are responsible for the investigation and if they feel the need to brief other officers, they will do so; (2) The murder is a high priority to everyone, including myself as a citizen and the mayor of the City of Irvine, as well as the Irvine Police Department, the Estill County Sheriff's Department, the Kentucky State Police Department, and the citizens of Irvine and Estill County.; (3) The murder occurred in Estill County, not the City of Irvine. If you had had your information correct, you would have found that our (the City of Irvine) Police Department assisted the Estill County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police Department in the said investigation.

Every bit and piece of information is passed onto the Kentucky State Police Department. All effort is being made to solve this murder. We all grieve for the murdered girl's family, and no stone is being left unturned in solving the murder; (4) The Irvine Police Department has worked a few "stake out" as you call it, in an effort to cut down on thefts. That is also a part of the officer's job; (5) Did it ever occur to you, Ms. Moore that the officer you spoke with may not have known what he was talking about, or that he may have or had a personal "ax" to grind against someone and possibly is not man enough to stand up. No police department is perfect and all police departments have problems at one time or another including the City of Irvine. Currently, all but two (2) of Irvine's police officers have been certified and trained through the Department of Training at Eastern Kentucky University. Every effort is being made to help those two (2) officers to become certified and trained through ECU as all of the other officers have been. It is not up to one (1) police officer to set the priorities. The priority of the Irvine Police Department is to serve and

protect the people of the City of Irvine.

If you or anyone else has something they would like to say about the Irvine Police Department or any other branch of our (the City of Irvine) government, or if you or anyone else has an idea of how we (the City of Irvine) can better serve our community and the people in it, please feel free to contact the City of Irvine Mayor's Office.

I checked the local records and could not find an Agnes Moore at Star Route or any other address in Estill County.

Leon Roberts, Mayor
City of Irvine, Kentucky

Dear Editor,

The article that appeared in the Citizen Voice and Times (To The Editor) on July 18 was not written by Agnes Moore at Sand Hill.

Thank You,
Agnes Moore
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Irvine, KY,

Editor's note: When someone submits a signed letter to the editor, we assume that the letter is from that person. We have no way of knowing if it isn't. We aren't omniscient.