

## MARIJUANA - FROM FRONT

court hearing, Cole waived the need for the preliminary hearing and stipulated that probable cause had been established. The case was, therefore, referred to a grand jury for consideration. Judge Roberts ordered Cole to appear in Circuit Court on June 04th, 2024 to answer any possible indictment(s) that may be forthcoming from the Grand Jury. Evy Miller is a co-defendant in the case. Miller has been charged with possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense and drug paraphernalia- buy/possess. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Miller as well on Monday. However, her case was continued by agreement until June 24, 2024.

According to information obtained from the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, Deputy Christian Collins (JCSO, Badge # 103) went to a camper near Hogg Branch Road on February 22nd, 2024, attempting to locate Evy Miller, who had an active warrant for arrest in Jackson County, KY. When Deputy Collins arrived he was greeted at the camper door by Archie Cole, 60, of Annville, KY. Cole initially stated that Miller was not in the camper. However, once Deputy Collins informed Cole that he had just been told by James Collins (whom Evy Miller resides with in a residence on Boss Vaughn Road) that he had just dropped her off at the camper less than an hour before, Cole confirmed that Miller was inside the camper. Cole, from outside the camper, told Miller to come out. Deputy Collins also instructed Miller to come out. After she did not comply, Deputy Collins looked inside the camper and again ordered Miller to come outside. Miller, whose voice Deputy Collins stated he recognized, asked "Who is it?" Deputy Collins responded, "Police, come out here." Miller remained resistant to complying with the order but did pull a blanket back that was hung up in a doorway separating the bedroom from the rest of the camper. Deputy Collins reported that he observed Miller digging in a purse. Miller told the Deputy that she was getting a cigarette. Deputy Collins entered the camper and placed Miller under arrest as he executed the formal arrest warrant.

A search in the vicinity of Miller after the arrest revealed, in plain sight, a brown glass pipe with residue and a gray plastic baggy with a clear crystal-like substance. Deputy Collins reported that he immediately recognized and suspected the substance to be methamphetamine. The glass pipe was lying on the bed, which was easily within reach of Miller at the moment of her arrest. The suspected methamphetamine was located on a shelf directly above the bed inside the camper and was also within easy reach of Miller at the moment of arrest. In addition, within the immediate area of Miller's arrest was 398 grams or 14.04 ounces of marijuana along with three (3) digital scales. In a Mirandized interview with Cole he claimed ownership of the marijuana but adamantly denied ownership of the suspected methamphetamine or the pipe. Miller also denied ownership of the suspected methamphetamine or the pipe. Since these two people were the only ones inside the camper and since neither of them would claim ownership (Cole and Miller also did not claim it was the other persons) Deputy Collins placed both under arrest. The arrest warrant was executed by Officer Donald Todd (MPD).

Miller and Cole were both transported to the Jackson County Detention Center where they were booked. Miller was charged with possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. In association with the existing arrest warrant, Miller was also charged with Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disp Shoplifting.

Cole and Miller appeared separately before Judge Henria Bailey-Lewis in District Court on Monday (February 26, 2024) for arraignment. Both Cole and Miller entered pleas of not guilty to all charges. Miller and Cole were both released from custody while awaiting their next court appearance.

As in all cases at this stage of adjudication, the charges are allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent until provided due process and determined to be guilty by the court.

## ACT - FROM FRONT

Stephens said, "I've always been interested in working with computers and things of that nature, so I think after I graduate high school I'll go to college to get a degree in Computer Science or something similar. I'm not sure where I want to go to college yet, though. There are so many choices!"

Stephens wanted to personally and publicly thank some of the instructors he believes

helped him along the way, saying, "I'd like to thank Chad Muncy, and Kip Wells.

They're both some of my favorite teachers I've had since entering high school, and

they've both really helped encourage me to keep learning." Stephens also wanted to

thank Kayla Shearer, his 5th grade reading teacher at Sand Gap Elementary. "I don't

remember much about elementary school but many of the positive experiences I DO

remember are from her class."

Stephens is the son of David and Angela Stephens of Sand Gap. He also credits his

parents for helping him become the person he is today and for always encouraging him

to be himself.

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## BRIAR - FROM 4

"with pawpaw" it's certain that all the native trees have not been destroyed by years of logging. That would be a happy thing to me. I do consider it quite a loss that logging has destroyed so many of our native fruit and nut trees. It's rare to find a PawPaw tree in the wild anymore, or a persimmon for that matter. The hazelnuts are mostly gone and even elderberries have taken a hit. Except in the National Forest surrounding us, there aren't enough shagbark hickories to speak of. All of these were things that fed our ancestors when they settled these hills and that fed the indigenous people who were living here for at least 9,000 years. We have hard evidence for that time period.

The Boy and I are doing our best to bring back what we can. We are very grateful to our local

Conservation District for giving away free native trees every year. This year's giveaway will be on April 22nd, Earth Day. I have my heart set on a couple more native plums and a serviceberry tree (sarvis for those who know.) I best get busy figuring out where I'm going to put them as Earth Day is next Monday. There will be holes to dig and good backfill to obtain. I hope that you'll join me this year in celebrating Earth Day. Plant something, anything. Take advantage of the free tree giveaway and put back some natives. Even if you don't intend to eat them yourself, our native birds and critters love the fruits and nuts from these native trees and they make a beautiful addition to your landscape.

That's all I have for this week, except to wish you all a beautiful and bountiful April. May you find the same wonder and magic in your days that I have found and may it heal your hearts from all of winter's sorrow, as it has mine.

## Federal Trial of Jackson County Man Accused of Child Pornography Charges Begins This Week

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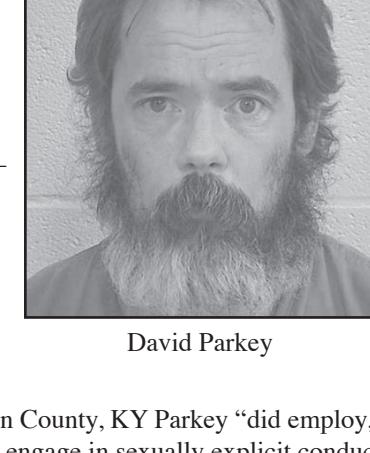
The federal jury trial of David Jason Parkey, 40, of McKee, KY is scheduled to begin before Judge Robert E. Wier on Thursday, April 18, 2024 in the Eastern District United States District Court at the Federal Courthouse in London, KY. Parkey appeared before US Magistrate Judge Hanly A. Ingram in Federal Court on October 27, 2023 for arraignment. Parkey has been accused of committing crimes involving the production of child pornography as well as possession of child pornography. On September 28, 2023, a federal grand jury returned an indictment (6:23-CR-051-REW) against David Jason Parkey.

This indictment contained three charges. Count 1 alleges that on or about January 18, 2023, in Jackson County, KY Parkey "did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, all in violation of 18 USC 2251 (a) covering "Production of Child Pornography".

Count 2 alleges that on or about February 06, 2023 in Jackson County, KY repeated the exact same offense in violation of 18 USC 2251 (a) covering "Production of Child Pornography".

Count 3 alleges that on or about February 07, 2023 in Jackson County, KY Parkey "did knowingly possess one or more matters, that is electronic storage media, which contained visual depictions that had been shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in affecting interstate commerce, and which were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported by any means, including by computer, the production of which involved the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and which visual depictions were of such conduct, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2252 (a)(4)(B) covering "Possession of Child Pornography".

At the Federal Court hearing on October 27, 2023 Parkey entered a plea of "not guilty" to all charges. Parkey waived formal arraignment and was advised of his rights by the Court. The trial is anticipated to last for two (2) days.



David Parkey

### JACKSON COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION JOB POSTING

The Jackson County Water Association is accepting applications for a seasonal summer position. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age to apply.

DUTIES	MOWING; WEED EATING; AND READING METERS
SKILLS	DEPENDABLE; MOTIVATED; WORKING WELL WITH OTHERS
START DATE	JUNE 3, 2024
APPLICATIONS CLOSE	MAY 10, 2024

Please pick up and submit applications for the Jackson County Water Association at the following address:

OFFICE 200 BEULAH LAKE ROAD  
McKEE, KY 40447

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

### JCHS Class of 2004 20th Year Class Reunion

(Yes, really, it's been 20 years)

Saturday, May 4

Flat Lick Falls Picnic Shelter

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please bring: \$8 per adult and \$5 per child over 12 (to help us cover the costs of pizza, drinks and dessert).

Guests encouraged! RSVP by April 25 to Jamie Ward (859 358 0645),

Trina Lynch (606 493-7449), or Jennifer Hays (606-594-2668)

via cell or FB Messenger.