

COMMUNITY

Grand Jury returns nine additional indictments

The Bath Grand Jury was in session on May 1, 2025, and returned ten felony indictments, including the indictment of Shodmon Yuldashev for murder, featured on page 1 this week.

An indictment is a formal statement of charges against individual before a case is turned over to a prosecutor in Circuit Court.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty in court.

The other indictments are:

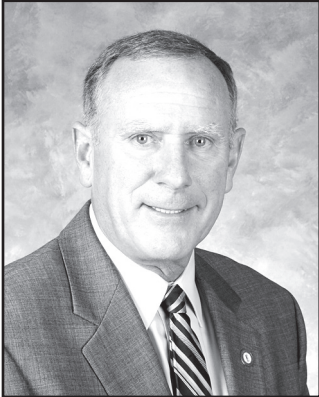
- Mitchell D. Purvis, 58, one count of attempted burglary, second degree, for being unlawfully in the residence belonging to Beulah Purvis on Jan. 22, 2025, with the intent to commit a crime; two counts of menacing, for placing Beulah Purvis and Randy Purvis in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury; two county of terroristic threatening, third degree, for threatening to commit a crime likely to result in death or serious physical injury; one count of violation of a Kentucky Protective Order; and one count of criminal mischief, first degree
- Robert Jewell, 32, one count of operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license; one count of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense – Carfenatil or Fentanyl Derivatives, 0.937 grams of Fentanyl, on Jan. 29. 2025; and one count of being a persistent felony offender, first degree, for previous guilty pleas in Bath Circuit Court, and his conditional discharge ended on Sept. 5, 2023
- Anthony W. Frederick, 40, one count of criminal abuse, first degree, child 12 years old or younger, after spanking his 9 year old minor child with a belt, leaving the belt outlet on the child's right arm and leg on Feb. 6, 2025
- Douglas Wayne Downey, 49, one count of reckless driving; one count of driving a motor vehicle under the influence of substances, first offense, on Feb. 8, 2025; one count of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, 0.623 grams of methamphetamine; one count of possession of marijuana; and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia
- Daniel Ray Bowling, 61, and Janie L. Simmons, 63, were indicted as co-defendants on one count of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, 2 or more grams of methamphetamine, 16.513 grams of methamphetamine on March 1, 2025; and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bowling was additionally indicted on one count speeding 26 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit; one count of failure to produce insurance card; and one count of being a persistent felony offender, first degree, for previous guilty pleas in Elliott Circuit Court and is currently on probation.

Simmons was additionally indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance not in original container; and one count of possession

of a controlled substance, third degree, first offense, Gabapentin.

- Jamie Johnson, 44, was indicted on one count of flagrant non-support, for failing to provide child support for a minor child for which he was under a court order to do so, during a period between August 1, 2012 and May 1, 2025, with arrearages in the amount of \$27,569
- Brandon Robbins, 39, was indicted on one count of sexual abuse, first degree, for subjecting a minor to sexual contact by forcible compulsion on August 18, 2024
- Robert Overly, 36, was indicted on one count of theft by unlawful taking/disposition – auto, over \$1000 but less than \$10,000, for taking a 2005 Chevy Silverado belonging to Shannon Armstrong, valued at \$5000, on March 7, 2025; one count of theft by unlawful taking – firearm, for taking a Heritage Arms .22 revolver belonging to Armstrong; one count of theft by lawful taking, over \$1000, for taking hand tools, air compressor, and work supplies from Armstrong's truck;; and one count of being a persistent felony offender, first degree, for previous guilty pleas in Bourbon Circuit Court and was on probation/parole/or conditional discharge



Representative David Hale Session Results: Primary and Secondary Education

Throughout the 2025 Regular Session, we worked to create meaningful and impactful legislation geared towards protecting and supporting our students across Kentucky. The General Assembly is dedicated to ensuring that every Kentuckian has the opportunity to pursue an education in our Commonwealth. After all, education provides the foundation for, and fosters, long term success.

Before session began, House leadership split the former House Education Committee into two committees, the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee and the House Postsecondary Committee, in hopes that doing so would allow members to focus on the unique needs of each area. With the 2025 Regular Session behind us and the interim meeting period just weeks away, I would like to highlight some of these important measures from the House Standing Committee on Primary and Secondary Education that were passed into law:

Teacher Red Tape Reduction Act: HB 48 creates and updates guidelines and frequency for mandatory professional development training and summative evaluations of tenured certified staff. The measure also requires that teachers be provided copies of employment contracts upon request and requires the posting of information about suicide awareness and child abuse and neglect.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ensuring Continuity of Education Services: HB 132 allows students admitted to inpatient facilities to receive home and hospital instructional services from the day of admittance.

Challenging Gifted and Talented Learners: HB 190 requires local boards of education to develop and publish a district plan for advanced coursework and accelerated learning of students in grades 4-12.

Streamlining Statutory Language on Dual Credit Scholarship Programs: HB 193 provides up to two career and technical education dual credit courses per academic year and two general education dual credit courses during the 11th and 12th grades.

Limiting Cell Phone Disruptions in Public Schools: HB 208 requires school districts to develop a policy to limit cell phone usage during instructional time and to block social media access on school internet.

Promoting Early Intervention to Ensure Long-Term Academic Success: HB 240 requires end-of-year reading screenings for young students and mandates retention or intervention for those not meeting benchmarks.

Addressing Educational Days Missed Due to Disaster: HB 241 allows schools to make up disaster-related missed days through extended hours and caps virtual program enrollment and student-teacher ratios.

Early Identification of Schools Needing Support: HB 298 requires the Kentucky Department of Education to annually review schools and to designate. Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) status under the definition required by Federal law.

Improving Financial Literacy in High School Students: HB 342 requires Kentucky high school students to complete a standalone financial literacy course, emphasizing

document review and cursive signatures, starting with the 2025–26 freshman class.

Providing Flexibility for School District Transportation Issues: HB 430 allows a school district transporting 48 or fewer students per day to develop an alternative plan and schedule to meet the Kentucky Department of Education's school bus safety instruction requirement.

Empowering Parent and Local Control Over Education: SB 68 expands site-based councils' authority over key educational decisions and enhances transparency and alignment with state goals.

Building Awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect: SB 120 requires school administrators and coaches to be trained on the duty and procedures to report suspected child maltreatment and mandates student-athlete consent forms to include information on the mandatory reporting law the right to report child dependency, neglect, or abuse.

Giving School Districts Greater Flexibility/School Innovation Act: SB 207 establishes a waiver process through the Kentucky Board of Education to allow schools to seek exemptions from certain state laws or regulations to better serve students.

Improving Disaster Response in Education: SCR 43 acknowledges Kentucky's support for better planning to ensure provision of counseling resources in Kentucky schools, districts, and postsecondary institutions following

crises, including natural disasters, school shootings, and other public emergencies.

From one-room schoolhouses to Chromebook filled classrooms, our state has worked hard to make sure all students have the chance to learn and grow. Throughout Kentucky's history we have improved and expanded education because we know that learning is the key to a better future and a better Kentucky. Our legislation this session was focused on making school better for everyone, and was strengthened by my colleagues who serve in education or have a spouse or family member who works in education. While we all have a voice, it is helpful to have folks who serve on the front lines.

Despite the challenges that remain, we continue to invest in our schools, and in our teachers, principals, and families, so that we might work together to help students succeed and reach their goals. Education is a strong part of Kentucky's past, present, and future. By learning today, students are building a better tomorrow, for themselves and for our state.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at David.Hale@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

NOTICE

The Gateway Community Action Agency Bi-Monthly Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at the Clark Energy Building, located at 28 Bible Camp Ln., Frenchburg, KY 40322, Menifee County. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

The Bi-Monthly Board agenda may be viewed on the Gateway website, under the events tab.

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LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

The Menifee County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for the following:

A concrete, prestressed box beam, 52-70 feet long; along with the removal of current structure.

Please contact our office for bridge specs.

Located on Becraft Road, off US Highway 460 West.

All Bidders must be State Approved Contractors. Bidders are subject to Menifee County Occupational and Net Profit Taxes.

Bids should be mailed to the Menifee County Fiscal Court, P.O. Box 105 Frenchburg, KY 40322. Bids may also be dropped off at 12 Main Street, Frenchburg, KY 40322 (Menifee County Courthouse). Bids need to be sealed and marked on the front of the envelope.

Bids to be turned in no later than 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

Bids will be opened during the next regular fiscal court meeting on May 9, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

The Menifee County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sharpsburg Water District plans to file with the Public Service Commission on or before April 30, 2025 to adjust certain non-recurring charges. The proposed effective date is June 1, 2025. The proposed changes are as follows:

Non-Recurring Charges	Existing	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
5/8" X 3/4" Connection fee	\$1130.00	\$1265.00	\$135.00	11.95%

A person may examine this tariff filing at the commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Any person may examine this tariff filing at the District office located at 16 East Mill Street, Sharpsburg, Kentucky, Monday-Friday, 8: a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or on the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>; telephone (502) 564-3940.

Any person may submit comments regarding this tariff filing by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602; or through its' website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the District, but the PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. The request for intervention must establish the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of notice, the PSC may take final action on the tariff filing.

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2024 Delinquent City Tax Bills

For City of Frenchburg

Bill#	Name	Tax Total	Penalty	Tax+Penalty	Adver.	All Total
52	BWH LAND COMPANY LLC	\$120.00	\$12.00	\$132.00	\$3.00	\$135.00
58	CARVER TERESA%KAYLA HUNT	\$144.00	\$14.40	\$158.40	\$3.00	\$161.40
75	EAST KENTUCKY POWER	\$102.24	\$10.22	\$112.46	\$3.00	\$115.46
76	EAST KENTUCKY POWER					
76	COOPERATIVE	\$129.60	\$12.96	\$142.56	\$3.00	\$145.56
86	HALL BILLY & BRIANNA COKER	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$110.00	\$3.00	\$113.00
87	HALL BILLY & BRIANNA COKER	\$2.92	\$0.29	\$3.21	\$3.00	\$6.21
	INGRAM LARRY &					
103	DARLENE%DERRICK BROOKS	\$5.60	\$0.56	\$6.16	\$3.00	\$9.16
105	IRVIN JAMES	\$52.40	\$5.24	\$57.64	\$3.00	\$60.64
109	JOHNSON JACK%JEFF JOHNSON	\$56.00	\$5.60	\$61.60	\$3.00	\$64.60
110	JOHNSON JACK%JEFF JOHNSON	\$19.60	\$1.96	\$21.56	\$3.00	\$24.56
142	MACAR ENTERPRISES CORP	\$120.00	\$12.00	\$132.00	\$3.00	\$135.00
144	MASSENGILL PAUL & BERTIE	\$43.20	\$4.32	\$47.52	\$3.00	\$50.52
181	OSBORNE LONNIE C/O KIM MANNEY	\$10.92	\$1.09	\$12.01	\$3.00	\$15.01
193	ROSS OMER	\$60.00	\$6.00	\$66.00	\$3.00	\$69.00
197	SMALLWOOD JACK & ERMA	\$40.00	\$4.00	\$44.00	\$3.00	\$47.00
198	SMALLWOOD JACK & ERMA	\$25.32	\$2.53	\$27.85	\$3.00	\$30.85
226	STRNATKA DIANA WALTERS	\$9.60	\$0.96	\$10.56	\$3.00	\$13.56

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