

Indictment: Former cop assaulted officers

STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE A former Paintsville police officer was indicted on seven felony charges and four misdemeanor charges this week.

According to the attorney general’s office, a Johnson County grand jury indicted James Bradley, 37, of Paintsville, on two counts of third-degree assault and five counts of wanton endangerment. Both are Class D felonies. He was also indicted on charges involving driving under the influence and reckless behavior.

Bradley was operating an ATV under the influence when he assaulted two police officers and several others in May 2025, according to court documents. He was a Paintsville Police Department officer at the time.

PPD investigated the case, which Attorney General Russell Coleman’s office presented to the grand jury, according to a news release.

The charges listed in an indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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CATLETTSBURG Two Ashland men have been indicted by a Boyd County grand jury on fentanyl trafficking charges.

Roger J. Barker, 36, and Theodoric Cochrum, 52, are each in the Boyd County Detention Center on a \$250,000 cash bond.

Barker was indicted on these charges: first-offense trafficking in fentanyl, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree fleeing/evading police and first-degree, first-offense trafficking in

meth (greater or equal to 2 grams).

Cochrum was indicted on fentanyl trafficking and meth trafficking charges. Cochrum was also indicted on a first-degree promoting contraband charge.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt, but a grand jury determined sufficient evidence was present in order to move forward in the judicial process.

The following were also indicted by a Boyd County grand jury recently:

- Travis E. Porter, 42, of Ashland, was indicted on a charge or procuring or promoting

the use of a minor by electronic means.

- Crystal R. Jackson, 49, of Ashland, was indicted on a second-degree assault (domestic violence) charge.
- Amy L. Snead, 43, of Flatwoods, was indicted on charges of first-degree fentanyl possession and first-degree cocaine possession.
- Chad T. Trusty, 29, of Ashland, was indicted on these charges: no tail lamps, no brake lights, failure to or improper signal, fleeing/evading police, expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, resisting

arrest and second-degree criminal mischief.

- Nicholas Haman, 51, of Ashland, was indicted on a first-degree promoting contraband charge.
- Brandon E. Clark, 39, of Ashland, was indicted on charges of meth possession and unspecified drug possession.
- Breelynna M. Adkins, 29, of Rush, was indicted on a third-degree burglary charge.
- Tiffany Halley, 34, of Ashland, was indicted on a first-degree meth possession charge.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Local attorneys win honors

HUNTINGTON

Nine attorneys at Jenkins Fenstermaker, PLLC have been recognized in the 2026 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. Among these, several received the special honor as “Lawyer of the Year.”

They are:

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Compensation Law — Employers.

- Charlotte A. Hoffman Norris, Huntington; named a “Best Lawyer” for Employment Law — Management, Health Care Law, and Litigation — ERISA.
- Brian S. Lindsay, Huntington; named a “Best Lawyer” for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions — Defendants.
- Robert H. “Bo” Sweeney, Huntington; named a “Lawyer of the Year,” recognized for Commercial Litigation, Litigation — Construction, and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions — Defendants.
- Barry M. Taylor, Huntington; named a “Best Lawyer” for Medical Malpractice Law — Defendants.
- Steven K. Wellman, Huntington; named a “Best Lawyer” for Workers’ Compensation Law — Employers.

Jenkins Fenstermaker, PLLC, serves clients across West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.

Carter County rest area open

GRAYSON

The I-64 westbound rest area in Carter County at mile marker 173 near Grayson is now open.

Staff reports

SamJam Bluegrass Festival to mark 10 years

STAFF REPORT

PIKETON, Ohio The SamJam Bluegrass Festival will celebrate its 10-year anniversary at the Pike County Fairgrounds with bluegrass music Aug. 27-31 in Piketon, Ohio.

Founded in 2014 by co-organizers Sam Karr and Rick Greene, the SamJam Bluegrass Festival has grown from a regional gathering into a nationally recognized destination for bluegrass fans, having drawn visitors from more than 25 states and Canada, according to Karr and Greene.

This year’s anniversary lineup features a blend of bluegrass



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A crowd enjoys SamJam 2024.

legends, rising stars and fan favorites, they said, including a special homecoming performance by the world-renowned Pure Prairie League.

“It seems like a long time ago when we started SamJam and began this journey,” co-organizer Sam Karr

said. “We just wanted to put on a great show and build something, and we now know that what we’ve created is unique to bluegrass music.”

In addition to the Pure Prairie League, the festival features multiple Grammy

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NEKY Chamber business expo Sept. 11

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RUSSELL The Northeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce’s second annual Business Expo is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 11, at the UK King’s Daughters Pavil-

ion.

Cost for the event is \$5 for chamber members and \$10 for non-members.

The event set-up will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Exhibitor networking is from 1:30-3 p.m. It opens to the public at 3:30 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m.

Food trucks, door prizes and more will be featured at the event.

Those interested in registering a business can do so for \$150 (chamber member) or \$300

(non-member). Registrants should bring a 6-foot table. Electricity is available. There will be no retail sales.

Reserve a booth by Sept. 5.

The sponsors are in three categories: chamber fan (\$500), supporting sponsor (\$1,000) and presenting sponsor (\$1,500).

Contact the NEKY Chamber office at (606) 324-5111 or info@neky-chamber.com for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FORMER CLIENTS OF DELMON LYLE MCQUINN

Delman Lyle McQuinn passed away on March 18, 2025. John E. Norman, Fayette County Public Administrator, was appointed fiduciary of his estate by the Fayette District Court on April 23, 2025. Following his appointment, Norman took custody of approximately 3,800 of his client files. Your file may be among them.

If so, it is Norman’s duty to return these documents to you. Because the files on hand do not contain client contact information, Norman’s team must locate and notify each client that their file is available for pickup. Your file likely includes originally executed estate planning documents. Numerous former clients have raised credible concerns about the validity of these documents, particularly regarding execution and witnessing. Many may be void due to these irregularities.

Norman strongly encourages you to have an attorney review each document to advise you of any potential issues. He cannot provide legal advice regarding your next steps and cannot make any determinations as to the legitimacy of your documents. Only your attorney can.

If Mr. McQuinn prepared your estate planning documents, please contact Norman’s office as soon as possible to retrieve your file, at:
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