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“No contract, no coffee” are the words on one of the signs as Starbucks employees held a one-day strike Tuesday shutting down operations at the 1703 N. Dixie Hwy. location in Elizabethtown.

STARBUCKS

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responsibility is to keep employees informed about the bargaining process as well as helping plan Tuesday’s one-day strike.

“We’re giving Starbucks warning shots, because right now they’re doing a bunch of crazy stuff right in the middle of bargaining for a contract,” Sluder said.

Corporate is being accused of making significant unilateral decisions immediately affecting employees, one of them taking away dress code decisions which is something Sluder says is an issue in the bargaining process.

Sluder believes it all began when Brian Niccol became the chief executive officer of Starbucks in 2024.

Many employees have purchased Starbucks clothing, specifically made to fit the company’s dress code, which are no longer allowed to be worn.

“The biggest thing with this dress code,” Sluder said, “is it very specifically targets queer people.”

As an example, Sluder pointed out a choker worn around the neck by those in the queer community. These are now banned from the dress code. It was not that way before, according to Sluder.



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On strike Starbucks employees line the sidewalk Tuesday shutting down operations at the 1703 N. Dixie Hwy. location in Elizabethtown.

Sluder believes the change in policy is to either make queer employees leave or possibly hide themselves while on the job.

“That’s not what Starbucks is supposed to be about,” Sluder said. “It’s supposed to be about including people.”

As bargaining has reached the monetary portion, everything has come to a screeching halt, according to the Sluder.

“Starbucks has stopped bargaining in good faith with us,” Sluder said.

The contract negotiations has had hiccups and now the union and Starbucks agreed to a mediator to step in and assist in facilitating.

Starbucks has offered a year-

ly raise for employees of 25 to 30 cents “which is obviously just a joke,” Sluder said. “Nobody’s going to accept that.”

Organizing employees, shutting down store operations on a specific day throughout the week will hopefully send a clear, strong message to Starbucks and add pressure on the powers that be, Sluder said.

“We hope this makes enough of an impact we don’t have to strike for a longer period of time,” Sluder said. “Because that’s obviously a big impact on everybody. It’s really in Starbucks’ court at this point.”

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want to get justice for these families as well.”

McCrary said he would like to try Caudill in January.

“Eight months still sounds like a long time, but when you look at the statutory deadlines and all the things that need to be done in between, the January trial does not seem plausible,” Green said.

Ashlock did grant the motion for a continuance on Caudill’s trial date.

“This is the ultimate of cases, we’re talking about life and death,” Ashlock said. “I understand Marcy’s Law, but I don’t want this case to come back and be tried again.”

Ashlock asked Green how long it would take before they make a final determination of who would be on the case.

“I will be on the case and now I’m trying to find an additional public defender as well,” Green said. “What I would like to do is come back when they are available and set that new trial date.”

Ashlock agreed with Green and set a pre-trial conference for 10 a.m. July 8.

“All council will be present and we’ll set a new trial date at that time,” Ashlock said.

The case stems from a 5 a.m. Oct. 30 emergency call to an Elizabethtown residence at 508 Henon Lane on a report of a structure fire to which police and fire crews responded. After the fire was extinguished, firefighters found two bodies inside the home.

The bodies were identified as Blake France, 41, of Greenville, and Anthony Garrett, 43, of Elizabethtown, both of which had sustained gunshot wounds.

Caudill, who was detained by police, was found at a hotel on East Dixie Avenue in Elizabethtown after police received information about the fire.

During the investigation, police determined the fire was intentionally set and witnesses reported seeing a gold truck leaving the scene. That truck, along with Caudill, was located at the hotel.

Video surveillance from the motel showed footage of Caudill exiting the truck and later discarding a handgun, police report. After searching the vehicle, belongings of France and Garrett were found inside.

At the scene of the fire, police said Caudill also discharged his weapon at a third victim.

During an interview, police said Caudill confessed to the offenses, including admitting to shooting the victims and intentionally setting fire to the home. He also reportedly admitted to stealing the victim’s wallets and discarding them in a gas station trash can.

Caudill was convicted of killing his mother and brother April 11, 1994, at the family’s home near Midway when he was 15 years old. In an interview with Kentucky State Police at the time, he told them he “just snapped.”

In his interview during which police said he was “very calm and cold,” Caudill recounted the killings — first his brother because “he started acting stupid.”

Caudill was watching his brother, who had stayed home from school sick, around 3:15 p.m. when the boys, who were playing cards on their parents’ bed, began to argue.

While arguing, Caudill’s 10-year-old brother, Nick, grabbed a shotgun from underneath the bed and threatened

to hit Caudill with it. Grabbing the shotgun away from Nick, Caudill loaded it with shells from his father’s sock drawer.

Nick had retreated to a bathroom and Caudill shot him through the door, striking his arm. Then Caudill made Nick go into their parents’ bedroom where he shot him a second time, this time in the face, killing him.

When their mother, Karen Caudill, 33, arrived home, Caudill shot her, too.

“She barely made it through the door and I pulled the trigger,” he told police at the time.

He called the incident into emergency dispatch at 7:42 p.m.

In the interview, Caudill claimed his mother smoked marijuana and beat him.

Murder is a capital offense which is punishable by death or life imprisonment, if convicted.

Caudill is being held in lieu of a \$1 million cash bond at the Hardin County Detention Center.

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ABSOLUTE Auction

ATTENTION: * ESTATE SALE *

SAT., MAY 17th - 10am



LOCATION: 166 Castleton Dr., Bardstown, KY
REASON FOR SALE: In order to settle, The Anthony and Judy Mattingly Estate, Stacey Kelty and Jewell Bryan have commissioned Bray Auction Services, LLC of Bardstown, to sell the following described personal property at absolute auction.

Furniture: (1) Dining Table with 6 Upholstered Chairs, (1) Dining Table with 6 Chairs, (1) Dining Table with 4 Chairs, (2) China Cabinets, {1} Buffet Cabinet, (1) Drop Leaf Tea Cart, (1) Bar Tap Table, (4) End Tables, (2) Grandfather Clocks, (3) Electric Fireplaces with Mantles, (2) Cabinets, (5) Curio Cabinets, (1) Corner Cabinet, (3) Entertainment Centers, (4) Entry Tables, (3) Coffee Tables, (6) Wood Bed Frames, (6) Bedside Tables, (1) Adjustable Bedside Table, (1) Wardrobe, (3) Chest of Drawers, (4) Dressers, (4) Dressers with Mirrors, (1) Vanity Makeup Table & Chair, (2) Secretaries, (2) Wooden Roll-top Desk, (1) Wooden Desk with Hutch, (2) Large Wooden Desk, (1) Small Desk, (1) Metal Desk, (1) Cube-shelf for Desk, (2) Office Chairs, (1) Sofa Sleeper, (1) Loveseat, (1) Regular Couch, (1) Sectional Couch, (2) Recliners, (1) Wingback Chair, (2) Glider Rocker Chairs, (1) Upholstered Chair, (1) Upholstered Bench, (1) Chest, (1) Burlap Storage Trunk, (1) Metal Corner Shelf, (1) Cube Organizer Cabinet, (1) Wire Drawer Organizer, (1) Outdoor Cast Metal Table and 2 Chairs, (2) Outdoor Wicker Loveseats, (2) Outdoor Wicker Chairs, (1) Outdoor Wicker Small Table, (1) Outdoor Wrought Iron Lounge Chair, (2) Outdoor Wrought Iron Chairs, & (1) Outdoor Storage Box. **Appliances:** (1) Speed Queen Washer, (1) Speed Queen Gas Dryers, (1) Maytag Gas Dryer, (1) Stacked Washer & Dryer, Sewing Machines, Dehumidifier, Humidifier, Robot Pool Cleaner, (2) Robot Vacuums, & Carpet Shampooer.

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