

# Trial set for man accused of setting fire to car

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An Elizabethtown man who pleaded not guilty to arson is scheduled to start his trial next week but on amended charges.

Anthony Wayne Whitmer, 43, originally was set to appear for trial on first-degree arson, but is now going to trial for second-degree arson.

“I am going to move, pursuant to RCR 6.16, to amend from arson one to arson second,” Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Teresa Logsdon said at Tuesday’s final pre-trial conference. “This is still a B felony, still punishable by 10 to 20 years.”

Hardin Circuit Court Judge Larry Ashlock, who presides over the case, allowed the motion to reduce Whitmer’s charge.

“If there’s any other issues regarding discovery or things of that nature,

then we need to bring it up prior to trial,” Ashlock said. “Otherwise, I expect everyone to be here next Wednesday 8:30 a.m. and trial will start at 9 a.m.”

Whitmer’s charge dates back to June 26, 2024 when Whitmer’s former girlfriend reported to police he had run up on her and her friend under her carport, screamed at them and then proceeded to douse her Lincoln MKX in gasoline and set it on fire.

According to the police report, she tried to stop the fire from spreading and it resulted in her arm hairs to be singed.

Whitmer was later arrested on Sept. 13.

Whitmer is being held in lieu of a \$75,000 cash bond in the Hardin County Detention Center.

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Anthony Whitmer

# HCS to provide children free summer meals starting June 2

BY THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE

The Hardin County Schools Child Nutrition Department is once again providing summer meals to children 18 years of age and under.

Meals will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Central Hardin High School, John Hardin High School and North Hardin High School.

The Cruisin Café will be stationed at these locations at these times:

## NORTH HARDIN COUNTY LOCATIONS

- Rineyville Dollar General Store (4478 Rineyville-Big Springs Road) 11-11:20 a.m.
- Vine Grove City Hall (300 Main Street, Vine Grove) 11:40 a.m.-noon
- Sunset Village Mobile Home Park (405 North Street, Radcliff) 12:20 p.m.-12:40 p.m.
- The former West Point School (209 N. 13th Street, West Point) 1 p.m.-

1:20 p.m.

## SOUTH HARDIN COUNTY LOCATIONS

- The Cecilian Bank (104 E. Main Street, Cecil-ia) 11-11:20 a.m.
- Eastview Dollar General (13511 Leitchfield Road) 11:40 a.m.-noon
- Gilead Baptist Church (2691 Gilead Church Road, Glendale) 12:20 p.m.-12:40 p.m.
- Glendale Park (415 E. Main Street, Glendale) 1 p.m.-1:20 p.m.

Adults can purchase lunch for \$3. The program runs from June 2 through July 25, 2025. No meals will be served on July 4.

“The program meets a great need in the community,” HCS Child Nutrition Director Josey Crew said. “We are fully reimbursed for expenses by the federal government. We are providing a service for many children who, otherwise, would not be eating.”

# Prosecutors charge McIver with pushing, grabbing agents

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Federal prosecutors alleged Democratic Rep. LaMonica McIver of New Jersey pushed and grabbed officers while attempting to block the arrest of the Newark mayor outside an immigration detention facility, according to charges in court papers unsealed on Tuesday.

In an eight-page complaint, interim U.S. Attorney Alina Habba’s office said McIver was protesting the removal of Newark Mayor Ras Baraka from a congressional tour of the Delaney Hall detention center in Newark on May 9.

The complaint says she attempted to stop

the arrest of the mayor and pushed into agents for Homeland Security Investigations and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. She faces two counts of assaulting, resisting and impeding an officer.

McIver has denied any wrongdoing and has accused federal agents of escalating the situation by arresting the mayor. She denounced the charge as “purely political” and said prosecutors are distorting her actions in an effort to deter legislative oversight.

Habba had charged Baraka with trespassing after his arrest but dismissed the allegation on Monday when she said in a social media post she instead was charging the congresswoman.

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# Trump on Capitol Hill implores divided Republicans to unify behind his big tax cuts bill

BY LISA MASCARO, KEVIN FREKING, LEAH ASKARINAM  
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump implored House Republicans at the Capitol to drop their fights over his big tax cuts bill and get it done, using encouraging words but also the hardened language of politics over the multi-trillion-dollar package that is at risk of collapsing before planned votes this week.

During the more than hour-long session Tuesday, Trump warned Republicans not to touch Medicaid with cuts, and he told New York lawmakers to end their fight for a bigger local tax deduction, reversing his own campaign promise. The president, heading into the meeting, called himself a “cheerleader” for the Republican Party and praised Speaker Mike Johnson. But he also criticized at least one of the GOP holdouts as a “grandstander” and warned that anyone who doesn’t support the bill would be a “fool.”

“We have unbelievable unity,” Trump said as he exited. “I think we’re going to get everything we want.”

The president arrived at a pivotal moment. Negotiations are slogging along and it’s not at all clear the package, with its sweeping tax breaks and cuts to Medicaid, food stamps and green energy programs, has the support needed from the House’s slim Republican majority. Lawmakers are also being asked to add some \$350 billion to Trump’s border security, deportation and defense agenda.

Inside, he spoke privately in what one lawmaker called the president’s “weaving” style and took questions.

The president also made it clear he’s losing patience with the various holdout factions of the House Republicans, according to a senior White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private meeting.

But Trump himself disputed that notion as well as reports that he



President Donald Trump, center, surrounded by Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., and Rep. Lisa McClain, R-Mich., speaks to reporters before a House Republican conference meeting Tuesday at the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

used an expletive in warning not to cut Medicaid. Instead, he said afterward, “That was a meeting of love.” He received several standing ovations, Republicans said.

Yet it was not at all clear that Trump, who was brought in to seal the deal, changed minds.

“We’re still a long ways away,” said Rep. Andy Harris, R-Md., the chair of the House Freedom Caucus.

Conservatives are insisting on quicker, steeper cuts to federal programs to offset the costs of the trillions of dollars in lost tax revenue. At the same time, a core group of lawmakers from New York and other high-tax states want bigger tax breaks for their voters back home. Worries about piling onto the nation’s \$36 trillion debt are stark.

With House Democrats lined up against the package as a giveaway to the wealthy at the expense of safety net programs, GOP leaders have almost no votes to spare. A key committee hearing is set for the middle of the night Tuesday in hopes of a House floor vote by Wednesday afternoon.

“They literally are trying to take health care away from millions of Americans at this very moment in the dead of night,” said House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York.

In one surprise move, the Senate quickly approved one of Trump’s top priorities, an end to taxation on certain tipped income, without objection from either party. The vote enables Democrats to try to claim victory on a potentially popular provision, even though they oppose the larger tax package. It also links them closer to Trump in ways that could be difficult once the Senate takes up the broader debate.

Trump has been pushing hard for Republicans to unite behind the bill, which has been uniquely shaped in his image as the president’s signature domestic policy initiative in Congress.

Asked about one of the conservative Republicans, Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky, Trump lashed out.

“I think he is a grandstander, frankly,” the president continued. “I think he should be voted out of office.”

# LEGAL NOTICE

**MASTER COMMISSIONER SALES**

To comply with the orders of the Hardin circuit court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following actions on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**, at the hour of **2:00 p.m.** at the Hardin County Justice Center, 120 East Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the following terms and conditions.

At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or check, or if paying in full, or make a deposit of 10% with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to produce one of the following:

1. An irrevocable letter of credit (MUST HAVE THE ORIGINAL, NO COPIES) from lending institute at the time of the sale. Please note that a loan commitment or bank statement will not be sufficient.
2. Post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon. If a purchaser chooses to use a surety for the remaining balance of property purchased, **THE SURETY MUST PROVIDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE MASTER COMMISSIONER BY 2 PM THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE SALE AND BE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE SALE** (If a married individual intends to act as surety, their spouse must also sign.):
  - (i) A COPY OF A DEED WHICH IS UNENCUMBERED AND A COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF VALUE FROM THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR (PVA OFFICE), TO WHICH THIS BOND WILL ATTACH.
  - (ii) A COPY OF THE CURRENT ACCOUNT STATEMENT. A SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENT WHICH SHOWS A NET WORTH OF AT LEAST 2 1/2 TIMES THE SALE PRICE.
3. AN IRREVOABLE LETTER OF CREDIT (MUST HAVE THE ORIGINAL, NO COPIES) FROM THE LENDING INSTITUTE TO THE SURETY.

**The down payment, in addition to either an irrevocable letter of credit (MUST HAVE THE ORIGINAL, NO COPIES) or acceptable surety (see requirements above), must be produced at the time of the sale.** Said bond and/or irrevocable letter of credit shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of sale until paid. (Unless otherwise court ordered)

- (a) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and thereafter.
- (b) All properties are sold subject to the judgment and order of sale in each case which should be reviewed carefully prior to purchase. The Judgment and Order of Sale can be reviewed at the Hardin Circuit Clerk’s office, 120 E. Dixie, Elizabethtown, Ky.
- (c) The Master Commissioner does not obtain a title search or investigate for further liens on the properties listed below nor conduct or authorize a survey of the property. **\*\*the purchaser is responsible for title searches and/or any additional liens not named in the judgment and order of sale and for the results of any good and accurate survey of the property.**
- (d) The Master Commissioner does not have access to the properties listed below and therefore makes no representation or warranty of any kind as to the conditions of these properties.
- (e) Bidding is in increments of \$500.00 up to \$75,000.00 and \$1,000.00 for over \$75,000.00. If Plaintiff provided a one-time opening bid, a first-bid increment of \$100.00 may be made.
- (f) If the property sells for less than 2/3 of the Master Commissioner’s appraisal amount, there is a 6 month right of redemption period.
- (g) If purchasing as a Corporation, LLC, or Trusts please provide the Master Commissioner’s Office by the Monday prior to the sale date with the following:
  - 1.) An updated certificate of good standing for the entity for which they are purchasing.
  - 2.) Entity must provide its EIN Number
  - 3.) Resolution- Proof that the person bidding is authorized to bid on behalf of the entity.
  - 4.) Identification: Current Driver’s License and SSN

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**SALE NO. 1**

Northeast Bank vs. Radcliff Apartment Homes, LLC, et al (24-CI-01811)

Amount of Judgment: \$719,205.17 plus interest and costs

1390 SOUTH WILSON ROAD, RADCLIFF, KY

MAP ID# 161-30-02-006

Recorded in Deed Book 1431 Page 164 in the Hardin County Clerk’s Office

**SALE NO. 2**

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC vs. Gary McCane, et al (24-CI-00883)

Amount of Judgment: \$109,709.85 plus interest and costs

103 PERSIMMON RIDGE, RADCLIFF, KY

MAP ID# 160-30-04-044

Recorded in Deed Book 1451 Page 708 in the Hardin County Clerk’s Office

**SALE NO. 3**

Abell Property Solutions, LLC vs. Robert Walter Bell, et al (24-CI-00666)

Amount of Judgment: \$5,152.69 plus interest and costs

1028 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, RADCLIFF, KY

MAP ID# 139-40-09-034

Recorded in Deed Book 762 Page 121 in the Hardin County Clerk’s Office

**SALE NO. 4**

US Bank National Association, but not in its individual capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee for REO Trust 2017-RPL1 vs. Vicky Lehman, et al (24-CI-02228)

Amount of Judgment: \$69,407.46 plus interest and costs

412 HIGHLAND AVENUE, VINE GROVE, KY

MAP ID# 140-20-04-002

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**SALE NO. 5**

MM Lending, LLC vs. Blue52 Properties, LLC, et al (24-CI-02033)

Amount of Judgment: \$106,854.71 plus interest and costs

106 NORTH 8th STREET, WEST POINT, KY

MAP ID# 158-10-02-062

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**SALE NO. 6**

Kentucky Housing Corporation vs. Patricia Dolly Crawford-Hess (24-CI-02242)

Amount of Judgment: \$264,891.69 plus interest and costs

1214 AMANDA JO DRIVE, ELIZABETHTOWN, KY

MAP ID# 201-20-04-117

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