

# COURTHOUSE

## Information Provided

The following information is provided to the Garrard Central Record from the Garrard County Court Clerk, Garrard County Circuit Clerk, the Garrard County Police Department, the Garrard County Sheriff's Office and the Lancaster Police Department.

## DEEDS

• Joseph C. Ball and Mary June Ball, husband and wife, 431 Bettis Lane, Lancaster, KY and Russell J. Ball and Kristi Ball, husband and wife, 776 Paper Mill Road, Lancaster, KY to Dix River Rentals, LLC, a Kentucky Limited Liability Company, 776 Paper Mill Road, Lancaster, Kentucky. Whereas the first parties are the owners of the property herein described and have organized as a Limited Liability Company do hereby transfer, bargain, grant, alien, and convey unto the Second party property located on KY Highway 52 containing 0.679 acres, more or less. Fair cash value of the property is \$20,000.

• Gaffney, LLC, a Kentucky Limited Liability Company, 322 Fall Lick Road, Lancaster, KY to Jason Gaffney and Tori Gaffney, husband and wife, 354 Fall Lick Road, Lancaster, Kentucky. Property One: located and being off of Fall Lick Road and being all of Tract A, containing 12.238 acres. Property Two being on the South right of way line of KY Highway 1972 containing 3.305 acres, more or less. \$1.00. Fair cash value of the property conveyed is \$25,000.

• Ashley C. Sandford, an unmarried woman, 7090 HighPoint Drive, Florence, KY to Dustin Miles and Sierra Miles, husband and wife, 123 Hill-N-Dale Drive, Lancaster, KY. Located and being in the City of Lancaster and known as the Layton (Hill-N-Dale) Subdivision and being all of Lots Number 84, 85 and 86, located on the east side of Hill-N-Dale Drive. \$165,000.

• Robin C. White and Jackie L. White, husband and wife, 2095 Kemper Lane, Lancaster, KY and Lela Ann Moberly, single, 904 Pine Street, Crab Orchard, KY to Jason Dewayne Hampton and Katrina

Renee Hampton, husband and wife, 990 Dry Fork Road, Danville, KY. A boundary of land located on Kemper's Lane containing 110 acres, more or less with exceptions of 1.003 acres by survey plus all of Tract 1, containing 43.794 acres. \$400,000.

• Colby C. Arnold, a married man, 3942 Danville Road, Lancaster, KY to Colby Clay Arnold and Joan Arnold, Trustees of the Colby and Joan Arnold Living Trust, 3942 Danville Road, Lancaster, KY. Property is located just off Highway 52: Tract No. 1: beginning at a point on the North bank of the west of south prong of Boones Creek containing 126.49 acres. Tract No. 2 adjoining Tract No. 1 containing 1.19 acres of land and being part of 16.33 acre tract. Current assessed value of the property is \$400,000.

• Colby Clay Arnold and Joan C. Arnold, a married couple, 3942 Danville Road, Lancaster, KY to Colby Clay Arnold and Joan Arnold, Trustees of the Colby and Joan Arnold Living Trust, 3942 Danville Road, Lancaster, KY. Property on the east side of Boones Creek Road containing 2.34 acres and commonly known as 2275 Boones Creek Road. Current assessed value of the property is \$5,000.

• Vansh Property LLC, by Umesh Patel, as member, 5755 Hamilton Cleves Road, Cleves, OH to KY Salvage Foods, LLC, by Rosemarie Hilt, as Chief Executive Manager, 202 N. 2nd Street, Ste 100, Richmond, KY. Parcel I: located and being on Campbell Street and being Lot # 24 of the Baker Addition to the City of Lancaster. Parcel II, beginning at a point of the intersection of the north right-of-way line of Baker Street. Parcel III: beginning at a point on the West side of Campbell Street, next to Baker Avenue. Property commonly known as 100 and 103 Baker Avenue (Tract I and II and 422 S. Campbell Street. \$139,000.

• General Warranty Deed: Terri A. Hartman, a single person, 257 Gainesville Road, Nicholasville, KY, to Linda Ann Elm, a single person and Tabatha R. Newton, an unmarried person, 74 Bryantsville Road,

took place around 9:06 p.m., and Lesniak was officially arrested at 10:06 p.m. on the same evening.

Just minutes earlier and several miles north in Garrard County, deputies were dispatched to a separate but related scene at Herrington Hills Drive in Lowell, where they encountered Steuart. The citation against him reports a charge of fourth-degree assault (minor injuries) stemming from a physical altercation with Lesniak.

According to the citation, Steuart told law enforcement that Lesniak "came at him," prompting Steuart to strike Lesniak several times. The blows reportedly caused a minor laceration to Lesniak's face. Steuart was subsequently transported to Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center (EMRMC) for treatment of injuries sustained during the fight.

Both cases are marked as "not prepayable," and court proceedings have been scheduled in Garrard County. Lesniak is set to appear in court on January 26, 2026, while Steuart's appearance is scheduled for February 4, 2026.

The altercation, which began as a domestic dispute, escalated quickly into a violent and disruptive encounter involving multiple law enforcement officers and resulted in formal criminal charges against both individuals.

Lancaster, KY. Being Tract A on the Minor Survey Plat, Timothy and Terry Crawford Property, commonly known as 74 Bryantsville Road. \$279,900.

• Jason Byler and Elizabeth Byler, wife and husband, 3017 Hamilton Valley Road, Crab Orchard, KY to Vernon Coblentz and Mary Ann Coblentz, a married couple, and Melvin Coblentz and Katherine L. Coblentz, a married couple, 3005 KY Highway 3246, Crab Orchard, KY. Being Tract 1A (19.537 acres) of the Byler Survey. \$160,000.

• Dawn Walters, a widow, 406 11th Avenue North, 541, Nashville, TN to Matthew H. Rogers and Kelly J. Rogers, husband and wife, 73 Caster Road, Sandy Creek, NY. Being Tract '2A' of Walters located on Brock Road containing 4.000 acres more or less. \$72,000.

## CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE DAUGHERTY DECEMBER 19, 2025

Pamela Sullivan, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense; (2) possession of defaced firearm. Status Hearing on January 23, 2026.

Shawn Ivan Taylor, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (2-3) assault - 3rd degree - police/probation officer - identy; (4) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; (5) resisting arrest. Plea of guilty - enter judgment and probation order.

Jordan Upchurch, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives); (2) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (3) trafficking in a controlled substance, 2nd degree, 1st offense (<20 D.U. drug unsp sched 3) (4) possession of marijuana; (5) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Status Hearing on January 23, 2026.

Marshall Vanover, Status Hearing on possible Probation Revocation. Remain on probation on same terms and successfully complete long - term treatment.

Darci Wells, (1) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); (2) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; (3) endangering the welfare of a minor. Status Hearing on January 23, 2026.

Bobby White, (1) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); (2) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense - drug unspecified; (3) controlled substance prescription not in origi-

nal container 1st. Failed to appear - issue warrant for \$2,500 cash.

Jacob E. Wilson Jr., (1) rape, 1st degree, victim under 12 years of age; (2) rape, 2nd degree - no force; (3) sexual abuse, 1st degree, victim under 12 years of age; (4) sexual abuse, 1st degree. Dismissed without prejudice.

Danny Ray Winburn, possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense heroin. Status Hearing on January 23, 2026.

Steven Robinson, (1) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (hydrocodone); (2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Warrant outstanding. Status Hearing on January 23, 2026.

Jonathan Murphy, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense (methamphetamine); (2) trafficking in a controlled substance 1st degree, 2nd or > offense (unspecified). Status Hearing on January 23, 2026.

Michael Douglas, failed to pay restitution. \$50 for release then \$50 per month beginning January 23, 2026.

Clifford Fox, failed to pay restitution. \$50 per month beginning November 20, 2026.

## DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OLIVER JANUARY 5, 2026

Cadin Isaac Adams, failure to produce insurance card. Dismissed on proof.

Monica Lynn Askin, (1) no/expired registration plates; (2) no/expired Kentucky registration receipt; (3) failure to produce insurance card; (4) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. All counts dismissed on proof.

Tana D. Bailey, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt; (2) no/expired registration plates. Both counts dismissed on proof.

Shelia Brannan, speeding 10 mph over the speed limit. Amended to 20 mph over. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Travis Wayne Butler, (1) speeding 10 mph over the speed limit - standard fee; (2) failure to wear seatbelts - plea of guilty - \$25 fine - to pay by January 14, 2027; (3) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st - dismissed on proof; (4) failure to produce insurance card - dismissed on proof; (5) failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation - dismissed with leave to reinstate.

Charles Corp, flagrant non-support. Discharged.

Anna Marie Criswell Bensman, (1) driving motor vehicle texting viol

392 Fed Safety Reg; (2) no/expired KY registration receipt. Plea of not guilty - Pretrial Conference on January 22, 2026 at 1 p.m. Failed to appear - dismissed.

Alyssa Cheyenne Croft, speeding 10 mph over the speed limit. Plea of not guilty - Traffic School Program. Continue to February 5, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Travis Eckert, (1) operating on suspended/revoked operators license; (2) failure to produce insurance card. Failed to appear - dismissed with leave to reinstate - refer to County Attorney.

Jarred L. Estep, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Failed to appear - issue Bench Warrant for \$1,000 cash.

Tracy Marie Ferguson, (1) no/expired registration plates; (2) no/expired KY registration receipt; (3) failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. All counts dismissed on proof.

Elbert Joshawa Gilbert, insufficient head lamps. Dismissed on proof.

Jacob Glen Hager, (1) careless driving - dismissed with leave to reinstate; (2) failure to or improper signal - dismissed with leave to reinstate; (3) speeding 26 mph over/greater - plea of guilty - \$100 fine and costs. To pay by January 14, 2027.

Dominique Lawayne Hardin, speeding 25 mph over the speed limit. Continue to January 8, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Erin Hayes, (1) rear license not illuminated; (2) operating vehicle with expired operators license. Both counts dismissed on proof.

Troy Allen Hellard, failure to wear seatbelts. Plea of guilty - \$25. To pay by January 14, 2027.

Ashton Lee Henderson, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt; (2) no/expired registration plates. Both counts dismissed on proof.

Irena McKenz Holland, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt; (2) no/expired registration plates; (3) failure to produce insurance card. All three counts dismissed on proof.

Christopher Savion Jones, (1) failure to wear seatbelts - plea of guilty - \$25 fine - paid today; (2) no brake lights (passenger vehicles) - dismissed with leave to reinstate; (3) no tail lamps - dismissed with leave to reinstate.

Chance Lane, (1) failure to wear seatbelts - plea of guilty - \$25 - paid today; (2) operating vehicle with expired operators license - dismissed on proof. Failed to appear - dismissed.

Sebastian Landon Lewis, (1) speeding 18 mph over the speed

limit; (2) failure to wear seatbelts. Plea of not guilty - Traffic School Program - paid. Continue to February 5, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Daniel Lirette, (1) operating on suspended/revoked operators license; (2) improper equipment. Failed to appear - issue Bench Warrant for \$1,000 cash.

Desmon Marcum, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. Plea of not guilty - Pre-trial Conference on February 5, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Whitney H. Marcum, failure to wear seatbelts. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

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Tori Denise Masters, (1) obstructed vision and/or windshield; (2) no/expired KY registration receipt; (3) rim or frame obscuring lettering or decal on plate. All three counts dismissed on proof.

Peyton A. McKnight, (1) no/expired registration plates; (2) no/expired KY registration receipt; (3) failure to produce insurance card. All three counts dismissed on proof.

Blake S.D. Ryan, failure to wear seatbelts. Dismissed as warning.

Holly Delaina Singleton, (1) rear license not illuminated; (2) failure to produce insurance card; (3) failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation; (4) no/expired KY registration receipt; (5) possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle; (6) operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 1st. Failed to appear - issue Bench Warrant with no bond.

Shannon D. Snapp, (1) speeding 10 mph over the speed limit - standard fee and costs - paid today; (2) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st - dismissed on proof; (3) failure to produce insurance card - dismissed on proof; (4) no/expired KY registration receipt - dismissed on proof.

Hannah Tipton, (1) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; (2) license to be in possession; (3) criminal possession forged instrument - 2nd degree; (4) failure to produce insurance card. Plea of not guilty - Public Defender appointed - Preliminary Hearing on January 26, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Cody Taylor Tudor, (1) failure to wear seatbelts - dismissed with leave to reinstate; (2) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/

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## Assault From Front

night of January 18 and involved Todd Anthony Lesniak, 42, of Lancaster, and Travion Steuart, 20, of Lexington.

Lesniak faces three charges: obstructing governmental operations, disorderly conduct in the second degree, and third-degree terroristic threatening. Deputies responded to a complaint regarding an assault at 346 N Homestead Lane in Lancaster, where Lesniak was found outside the residence. The citation states that Lesniak was "quiet and dismissive" when initially questioned. However, the situation reportedly escalated when his sister and niece exited the home and began shouting. Deputies instructed Lesniak to remain outside while they interviewed others inside.

Deputy Sizemore, who filed the report, noted that Lesniak ignored repeated commands to stay seated and became increasingly belligerent, yelling profanities and claiming he had purchased the government and that deputies had no authority over him. Lesniak also allegedly threatened officers, stating he was going to beat them and that they would "get our asses." While being placed under arrest, he reportedly attempted to kick another deputy, though no contact was made. The incident

## Drugs From Front

operator of the vehicle. Officers noted a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle upon initiating the stop. Ridge was placed under arrest after officers confirmed there were at least two active warrants for her arrest.

A search of the vehicle revealed several items of concern. Officers located a bag attached to the center console containing a metal tin. Inside the tin was a clear plastic baggie with suspected marijuana. Additional marijuana roaches were found in the glove box. A purse in the vehicle, containing identification cards belonging to Ridge, held a glass pipe and a single gabapentin tablet. The charges filed against her include possession of a controlled substance in the third degree, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. She was also cited for non-payment of court costs, fees or fines, and failure to appear in court.

Two active bench warrants from Lincoln County Circuit Court were executed against Ridge. These included charges related to failure to pay child

support and failure to appear on a previous possession of a controlled substance charge.

A second occupant of the vehicle, Catherine Herles, 58, also of Stanford, Kentucky, was arrested during the same stop. According to the citation, Herles was observed attempting to conceal an item as officers approached the vehicle. A search revealed a green plastic case on her person containing a glass pipe with methamphetamine residue and approximately 1.8 grams of a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine. Suspected marijuana was also found inside the vehicle. Herles was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana.

Both Ridge and Herles were transported to the appropriate detention facilities. All charges filed were marked as not prepayable, indicating court appearances are mandatory. The cases are scheduled for court proceedings in Garrard and Lincoln counties respectively. Officer Smith and Officer Tudor of the Lancaster Police Department are listed as the arresting officers.

## Meth From Front

neighbor of James Lewis reported that Lewis was allegedly in possession of narcotics and had just left his residence at 60 Bishop Lane in Lancaster. Law enforcement quickly located a red 2004 Dodge Ram pickup truck parked in a creek bed on Dripping Springs Road, approximately 17 miles east of Lancaster. Inside the vehicle were James Lewis, 60, and Rebecca Akers, 52.

Upon contact, Lewis identified himself and was found to have no active warrants. Akers also provided identification and her social security number, which revealed one outstanding warrant out of Madison County. When asked whether she had anything illegal in her possession, Akers denied carrying contraband. However, a search of the truck uncovered a pink pouch in Akers' purse containing a crystal-like substance suspected to be methamphetamine. Additionally, a small black bag in the passenger side area contained a similar substance. A backpack also found in the truck held Lewis' operator's license.

Both individuals were taken into custody and transported for

processing. Lewis, a resident of Lancaster, was charged with possession of a controlled substance in the first degree (first offense, methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Akers, a resident of Paint Lick, faced a broader array of charges including possession of a controlled substance in the first degree (first offense, methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to produce an insurance card, no registration receipt, no registration plates, and failure to appear on the outstanding Madison County warrant.

The citations indicate the traffic and drug-related violations were not prepayable, requiring a court appearance in Garrard County. The vehicle involved, a red Dodge Ram registered in Kentucky under plate number PIM857, was central to the search that yielded the suspected narcotics.

No statements from the suspects or legal representation were included in the citations, and the sheriff's department has not released further comment regarding the ongoing investigation.

Both Akers and Lewis are expected to appear in Garrard District Court to respond to the charges.

## City / County Police Reports

Citations are provided by the Lancaster City Police Department and Garrard County Sheriff's Office.

### Lancaster City Police Department (LPD)

#### Citations

January 12, 2026

• Coffey, Anthony ..... 53 ..... 251 Tanner Cir, Lancaster  
Failure of owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense; Failure to produce insurance card; No registration receipt; No registration plates; Operating on suspended or revoked operator license

January 14, 2026

• Barron, Yolanda ..... 53 ..... 107 Whitley, Lancaster  
Possession of controlled substance, 3rd degree - drug unspecified; Possession of marijuana

#### Arrests

January 14, 2026

• Ridge, Amanda G ..... 36 ..... 169 Ridge View Rd, Stanford  
Possession of controlled substance, 3rd degree - drug unspecified; Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; Possession of marijuana; Executed Lincoln County warrant for non-payment of court costs, fees or fines and failure to appear  
• Herles, Catherine 58 900 E Main, #8, Stanford  
Possession of controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; Possession of marijuana

January 17, 2026

• Stratton, Shawna L ..... 35 ..... 122 Miles Dr, Lancaster  
Executed Boyle County warrant for non-payment of court costs, fees or fines

### Garrard County Sheriff's Department (GCSO)

#### Citations

January 12, 2026

• Henson, Frank ..... 51 ..... 20 Tommy Murphy, Lancaster  
No registration receipt; No registration plates; Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle; Operating on suspended or revoked operator license; Failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st offense

January 13, 2026

• Tarter, Mae ..... 64 ..... 471 New Haven Rd, Lancaster  
False report an incident to law enforcement

January 18, 2026

• Steuart, Travion ..... 20 ..... 1101 Claridge Dr, Lexington  
Assault, 4th degree (minor injury)

#### Arrests

January 12, 2026

• Herring, Donald ..... 34 ..... 331 Turkey Foot Ridge Rd, Lancaster  
Assault, 4th degree (domestic violence) minor injury; Executed Garrard County warrant for failure to appear  
• Daugherty, Jamie ..... 39 ..... 205 Bass Pond Glenn Rd, Nicholasville

Executed Garrard County warrant for non-payment of court costs, fees or fines

• Hernandez, Julio ..... 41 ..... 1153 Old Richmond Rd, Lancaster  
Executed Garrard County warrant for (Improper registration plate; No operators-moped license; Criminal possession of forged instrument, 2nd degree (identify); Possession of marijuana)  
• Hoskins, Willie G ..... 57 ..... 111 Bryants Camp Rd, Lancaster  
Executed Boyle County warrant for failure to appear

January 15, 2026

• Stayton, Tyler ..... 25 ... 470 Expressway Apt 201, Missoula MT  
Executed Mercer County warrant for custodial interference

January 18, 2026

• Akers, Rebecca ..... 52 ..... 2692 Gwynn Rd, Paint Lick  
Possession of controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; No registration receipt; No registration plates; Failure to produce insurance card; Executed Garrard County warrant for failure to appear  
• Lewis, James E ..... 60 ..... 60 Bishop Ln, Lancaster  
Possession of controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess

January 18, 2026

• Lesniak, Todd A ..... 42 ..... 346 N Homestead Ln, Lancaster  
Obstructing governmental operations; Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree  
• Salvador, Lazador ..... 44 ..... 1972 Cartersville Rd, Lancaster  
Executed Garrard County warrant for non-payment of court costs, fees or fines