

FBI executing search warrant involving missing woman

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BARDSTOWN — The FBI announced Monday morning they are once again executing a search warrant in the Bardstown area related to the disappearance of Crystal Rogers, the 35-year-old Nelson County woman and mother of five, who has been missing for seven years.

According to an FBI social media post, the location of the search is on a farm located at 345 Paschal Ballard Lane in Bardstown, which is owned by the family of Brooks Houck, her boyfriend and father of two of her children. He is believed to be the last person to see her alive on July 3, 2015, and has been named a suspect, although Houck has never been charged.

Houck has said Rogers was playing a game on her phone when he went to bed, and when he got up the next morning, both she and her car were gone. Her car was found on the shoulder of the Bluegrass Parkway on July 5 with her purse, keys and cell phone inside, the same day Rogers' mother called authorities to report her missing.

In what was thought to possibly be a break in the case, human remains were found on July 24, 2020, near the Nelson and Washington County line, but the FBI announced after extensive forensics work including DNA testing that the remains were not those of the missing mother of five.

In August 2020, the FBI announced they were taking over the investigation into the his-profile disappearance. Since then, they have conducted several searches in Bardstown; the first



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Crystal Rogers of neighboring Nelson County first went missing seven years ago. The FBI are still hard at work tracking down new leads, including a new search warrant.

one that same month and the second, one year later in August 2021. The search announced Monday is now the third.

The 2021 search occurred in a subdivision where Hock's construction company built several homes, after the disappearance. The FBI has never dis-

closed details of that search but did announce while the search was in progress, that what they termed "an item of interest" had been found after digging up a driveway at one of the homes.

The disappearance is not the only unsolved mystery involving Rogers' family. In November

2016, her father, Tommy Ballard, 54, was shot to death while hunting on his property with his 12-year-old grandson, Rogers' oldest son. The boy has been cleared, and authorities ruled out suicide, as Ballards' gun had not been fired. No one has been charged in his death.

The FBI notes that tips continue to be an important part of the investigation, and ask anyone with information on Rogers' disappearance to submit them to crystalrogerstaskforce.com, or call (502) 263-6000.

The search is expected to last several days.

Anderson high schooler starts side business

Kea's Candles lighting up sales

BY KATIE POWELL

Kea Conn, a junior at Anderson County High School, has turned a problem into a profit with the start of her business, Kea's Candles.

It began at the end of her Sophomore year. Conn, like most high-schoolers, was involved in extra-curricular activities, and one of these was the ACHS FFA chapter. As a member of the chapter, you are required to have an SAE (supervised agriculture experience), and often this involves raising animals or livestock.

Looking back, Conn explained that for her, animals or livestock weren't an option because she lives in town. As a result, the FFA chapter at her school pointed her in the direction of home crafts for her project, and with this direction in mind, she chose candle-making.

Once she decided, Conn then had to propose her candle-making venture to FFA to apply for a grant of \$500. Her venture was approved, and she was supplied with a variety of educa-

tional materials on the subject. Her venture proved successful when in February of this year, she officially began her business, and by May, it was fully operational.

Early on, Conn kept it simple. She sold wax melts and candles in 4 sizes. Within a couple of months, however, she had completely sold out of the supplies originally bought with the \$500 grant.

Since then, the business has grown, and she has expanded her product line. She now offers her candles in a variety of glassware, including whiskey bottles. She also offers a variety of scents, including cheesecake (blueberry or strawberry), bourbon, pumpkin, lemongrass, watermelon, and cherry pie.

When asked what she had learned through the business, she brought out several points. She pointed out that the business has helped her make connections in the community that most middle and high schoolers don't have. With the business, she has also had to interact with people for her venues, and she believes this has improved her communication skills.

She also pointed to

money management and time management as skills she has learned through the business. She explained that it teaches her money skills because she has "had to budget and price everything herself." As far as the time management, she feels that it is hard to run a business in high school and that she has had to learn to manage her time. She believes that being forced to manage her time will be good preparation for going to college and having a job.

Overall, her business has not only turned a profit but also given her a chance to be creative. She explained that she has always enjoyed creative pursuits and that this business is just taking it one step further. Growing up, she made bracelets, painted, and enjoyed being creative.

Several unique opportunities have also been presented to her through

the business. She often sells at the farmer's market in Lawrenceburg as well as the 127-yard sale this past summer. She also plans to sell at a Christmas event this coming December. Traveling has also been a unique part of her venture, including the chance to go to Indianapolis and all over Kentucky.

Conn does plan to keep the business at least until she is a senior in high school, but when asked about the future of her business, she said she may keep it running after that if it is doing well.

Reflecting over the last 8 months as a small business owner, she said she would encourage other students in middle and high school to start businesses. She once again emphasized the skills she feels she has learned saying that the business: "Helps me grow...helps me learn a lot."



Kea takes an inventory of her wares, tracking the candles that have sold to make room for more.

Katie Powell



Kea thanks another satisfied customer at the Anderson County Farmer's Market.

Katie Powell

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

In order to comply with the orders of the Anderson Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell the property described in the following actions on **Wednesday, October 26th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.** at the Anderson County Courthouse, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. The property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of this action, and upon the following terms and conditions (unless otherwise indicated):

(1) At the time of the sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to post bond and furnish surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner. The bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate the Judgment bears until paid in full.

(2) PLEASE NOTE: The real estate SHALL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL city, state, county, and school real estate taxes, whether current or delinquent.

(3) Easements, restrictions, stipulations and agreements of record in the Anderson County Clerk's Office. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property, any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose and any and all planning and zoning regulations imposed upon the subject property.

(4) Where the real estate has insurable improvements, the successful bidder shall, at his or her own expense, carry fire and extended coverage insurance on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at a minimum, with a loss clause payable to the Master Commissioner or the appropriate Plaintiff. Failure of the successful bidder to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the successful bidder's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff(s) to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Master Commissioner, if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the property portion thereof shall be charged to the successful bidder as the successful bidder's cost.

(5) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Anderson County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s), and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property.

SALE 1

1024 Bradley Drive
Parcel No.: 42B-1-27

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper VS. Shawn Barnes, et al., 18-CI-00322, to raise \$115,079.56, plus interest, court costs and attorney's fees. Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff (614) 220-5611.

SALE 2

1793 Harrodsburg Road
Parcel No.: 58-24-01

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC VS. Billie Manning, et al., 19-CI-00321, to raise \$109,253.24, plus interest, court costs and attorney's fees. Reimer Law Co., Attorney for Plaintiff (859) 655-7000.

SALE 3

1119 Tara Way
Parcel No.: 50-25-99

BankUnited, N.A. VS. Stephanie Fink, et al., 20-CI-00073, to raise \$158,717.10, plus interest, court costs and attorney's fees. Reisenfeld & Associates LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff (513) 322-7000.

William L. Patrick
Master Commissioner
Anderson Circuit Court
(502)839-4527

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS US 127 TURNING LANE PROJECT ANDERSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT OCTOBER 2022

Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by the Anderson County Fiscal Court at 137 South Main Street, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342 until 4:00 PM (Local Time) on Friday, November 4, 2022, for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work as set forth in this advertisement for Bids, General Conditions and Specifications.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Fiscal Court meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

The project consists of a new turning lanes located on US 127 an entrance and all other items outlined in the construction plans. Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined or obtained at the following locations:

Anderson County Fiscal Court
137 South Main Street
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342

Sealed proposals for the contract shall be clearly marked on the outside of the container as follows:

Sealed proposal for US 127 Turning Lane Project for the Anderson County Fiscal Court Not to be opened until 7:00 PM (Local Time) on Tuesday, November 15, 2022

"The following addenda have been received and considered in the enclosed proposal:"

Time allowed for completion is 120 days. PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1, 2023

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to the Anderson County Fiscal Court, 137 South Main Street, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342 allowing sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address prior to the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Anderson County Fiscal Court in the amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the base bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date the bids are opened. He may, however, withdraw his bid at any time prior to the time and date scheduled for opening of same or any authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the bidder.

The Anderson County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive any formalities and any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected.

Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order Nos. 11246 and 11375, which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must COMPLY WITH Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act, Section 3 Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act.

Bidders must certify that they do not, and will not, maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin. Federal law prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, age, handicap and sex in this project. Minority firms are encouraged to participate. Obrey Gritton, Anderson County Judge-Executive
Anderson County Fiscal Court

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