

Lexington school crossing guard dies after being hit by SUV

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A school crossing guard who was hit by a car Tuesday has since died at the hospital, according to the Fayette County Coroner's Office.

The coroner identified the victim as James Holland, 73, of Lexington. He was declared dead at 10:23 p.m. Wednesday at UK Chandler Hospital.

"Today is a very said day for the Lexington Police Department," Lt. Chris Van Brackel from the Lexington Police Department said Thursday.

Lexington police said Holland had been a school crossing guard

since April 2021.

"Mr. Holland was a beloved member of the Lexington Police Department family," police said in a news release. "He came to work every day with a smile on his face to ensure the safety of the youngest members of our community. We want to offer our condolences to his friends, family, and the students and staff of Garrett Morgan Elementary, whom he served daily.

"He will be greatly missed by all that knew him."

Fayette County Schools officials said they were "deeply saddened" by the death.

Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) released a statement on

Holland's death, asking people to join him in praying for Holland's family.

Mayor Linda Gorton said she is saddened by Holland's death and that crossing guards are an essential part of the city's public safety team.

"Holland was an important part of the daily routine for many families at Garrett Morgan Elementary School," Gorton said in a Facebook post.

Councilmember Kathy Plomin, who represents the district where the collision happened, said she was heartbroken to hear the news and emphasized the importance of school crossing guards.

"Please join me in keeping the family and

loved ones of Mr. Holland, as well as our Lexington Police Department School Crossing Guards and Garrett Morgan Elementary School community, in your thoughts and prayers," Plomin said in a Facebook post.

Gov. Andy Beshear said he and his wife, Britanny, are praying for Holland's family.

"James not only kept Lexington families safe, he also offered a smile each day for students and their loved ones," Beshear said in a tweet. "He made a difference daily and will be missed."

The crash happened shortly before 8 a.m. at the intersection of Polo Club Boulevard and Passage Mound Way, accord-

ing to Lt. Dan Truex with the Lexington Police Department. The intersection is near Garrett Morgan Elementary School. Holland was directing traffic when he was struck by a crossover SUV.

Holland's injuries were described as serious but non-life-threatening initially after the collision, according to Truex.

A GoFundMe page had been created to raise money for Holland. As of Thursday morning, \$365 had been raised.

The driver involved in the crash was cooperative and called police to report the incident, Truex said. No charges were expected to be filed.

Police confirmed again Thursday that charges weren't expected to be filed. The department said speeding, impairment and failure to follow traffic control devices were not believed to be

factors in the collision. Environmental factors were believed to have caused the collision, police said.

On Thursday, Van Brackel said the driver wound up being cited for not having insurance, expired registration and not having a driver's license with them.

"We have been in contact James' family, and preparations for his funeral are still being finalized," Van Brackel said.

The cause of the crash remained under investigation Tuesday morning. The collision reconstruction unit was called out to the scene.

The intersection was blocked off while officials investigated but the scene was reopened around 10 a.m., according to the Lexington Traffic Management Center.

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Second employee lawsuit says abuse covered up at KY Department of Juvenile Justice

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A former employee of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice sued the state on Wednesday, saying that he was wrongfully fired for reporting the physical abuse of a boy held in custody.

It's at least the second lawsuit this year filed by DJJ employees who claim they lost their jobs because they tried to expose the mistreatment of youths in the state's chaotic juvenile detention centers. Two nurses, Nina Burton and Joanne Alvarado, sued Jan. 31 and alleged they were effectively forced out in "a toxic cocktail where violence was not only predictable, but inevitable."

During the 2023 General Assembly that recently ended, lawmakers made a number of changes to state law to address problems of chronic abuse and neglect of youths in juvenile detention centers. Lawmakers also called for DJJ Commissioner Vicki Reed to step down, although Gov. Andy Beshear said he still supports Reed.

In the newest suit against the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, which oversees DJJ, David Richardson said he worked from January to March as a social service worker at the Adair Youth Development Center in Adair County.

On March 6, Richardson said, he helped colleagues to physically restrain a youth at the facility without difficulty. Richardson said he was a high school wrestling champion and is currently a professional mixed martial artist, and when he asked the youth if he was finished resisting the staff, the youth agreed that he was.

"However, Assistant Superintendent Christopher Rakes shouted at David, 'I need him in compli-



Vicki Reed

ance,' indicating to David to bend the youth's arm back more," the suit alleges.

Richardson said he refused to bend the youth's arm further because there was no need for it, according to the suit.

"David pleaded with Rakes, telling Rakes, 'He is in compliance, he is in compliance' and that there was no reason to bend the youth's arm any farther," the suit alleges.

"Another staff worker then pushed David to the side, grabbed the youth's arm and cranked it back until the youth yelled out in pain," the suit alleges. "Rakes roared to David and everyone else, 'Now THAT'S compliance.'"

That night, Richardson emailed the facility superintendent, Tonya Burton, to report the abuse, the suit alleges. He was fired days later, on March 14, as an act of retaliation, the suit alleges. There was no legitimate reason to fire him, the suit alleges.

Richardson's attorney, Thomas Coffey of Louisville, did not respond to a request for comment on Thursday.

In a prepared statement, the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet said Richardson was "released from probation for several instances of misconduct," without further elaboration on that point.

"The video of the incident referenced ... was reviewed by facility leadership and the restraint was determined to be appropriate," said cabinet spokeswoman Morgan Hall.

"DJJ does not retaliate against staff or youth for reporting misconduct," Hall said. "Facilities routinely encourage contacting the facility's superintendent and/or the Internal Investigations

Branch of the cabinet when misconduct is witnessed, which allows corrective action to be taken as needed ensuring safety and security is upheld."

The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Thursday.

In the previous suit filed by the nurses, in Franklin Circuit Court, Burton and Alvarado said they tried to provide compassionate medical care for youths held at the same juvenile detention facility in Adair County, and especially for a 17-year-old girl with

worsening mental health who was locked in isolation for extended periods.

However, the facility administration and some of its security staff harassed the medical staff for wanting to give proper health care and safe living conditions to the youths. Medical staff were bullied, belittled and cursed at by adult colleagues once they reported mistreatment of youths up the chain of command, the nurses said.

The Justice Cabinet has filed a motion to dismiss the nurses' lawsuit. Among its reasons, the cabinet says the nurses waited too long to sue, and it cites the state's legal liability shield under sovereign immunity. Also, the cabinet says, the girl referenced in the nurses' suit was an unusually difficult case for whom the state made its best

efforts.

"In fact, DJJ referred (the girl) D.B. several times for outside treatment, but she has been denied by every DJJ-contracted provider because of her criminal charges, extreme aggressive behavior, assaults on staff and peers, and property damage," the cabinet wrote in its motion to dismiss last month.

"This has impeded DJJ's ability to find a consistent placement for D.B. either in-state or out-of-state, despite its repeated efforts," the cabinet wrote.

"In total, D.B. has been placed in 20 therapeutic foster homes, 14 psychiatric hospitals, six acute hospitals, eight detention centers and four residential treatment facilities."

When the girl turned 18 in January, the state

moved her to Western State Psychiatric Hospital in Hopkinsville, where she remains, the cabinet wrote.

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Obituaries

Jim Tutt March 15, 1959 - April 10, 2023

Louisville, Kentucky - Jim Tutt, 64, of Louisville, Kentucky, passed away Monday, April 10th, 2023. He was born on March 15th, 1959 in Frankfort, Kentucky.

He is preceded in death by his sister Elizabeth "Beth" Tutt.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Karen Tutt; Mother, Rachel Daniels (Jim Daniels); Father, James A Tutt Sr (Janet Tutt); Sisters, Kim Semones (Herb), Stephen Daniels (Karen), Stephen Pittman (Lori), Cathy Cyboron (Noah); Children, Aaron Tutt (Brittanni), Karissa Dear Pitcock (Jake), Andrew Tutt (Kathryn), Kariana Mansfield (Zach); grandchildren, Harlow Tutt, Sloan Tutt; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends to cherish his loving memory forever.

Visitation will be on Sunday, April 16th, 2023 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a service to follow at 5:30 p.m. at Southeast Christian Church Chapel in the Woods, 1407 Moser Rd, Louisville KY, 40299.

The family requests that contributions in Jim's memory be made to Convoy of Hope and/or GO Ministries.

Online condolences may be left by visiting www.NewcomerKentuckiana.com

Jewel Ann Salyers Johnson November 14, 1941 - April 5, 2023



Lexington, Kentucky - Jewel Ann Salyers Johnson, 81, passed peacefully in the presence of her dear friends after a short illness at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington, KY. Family and friends are welcome to attend funeral services at Crestwood Christian Church, 1882 Bellefonte Dr, Lexington, KY on Monday, April 17th. Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m., with a Celebration of Life service at 11:00 a.m. A graveside service will take place at Lexington Cemetery, 833 W. Main St., Lexington, KY, immediately following the Celebration of Life. Jewel expressed her wishes that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to Woodford Animal Hospital, Lexington Hospital for Cats or the Lexington Humane Society. To share a remembrance of Jewel or to offer condolences to her family, please sign the online guest book at milwardfuneral.com.

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William Finley Bowles February 17, 1940 - April 10, 2023

Lexington, Kentucky - William Finley Bowles, 83, husband of 46 years to Carmen Rader Bowles, died Monday April 10, 2023. Bill was born in Owsley County KY on February 17, 1940, the son of Eli and Rachel Taylor Bowles. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers Jimmy Joe and Junie; sisters May, Anne and Belle. Additional survivors include one sister, Frances; one daughter, Angela Bowles Meyer-McLeroy (John); one grandson, Matthew Daniel Meyer; one granddaughter, Cassie Meyers-Burns; two sister-in-laws, Debora Rader Buckner and Patsy Rader and several nieces and nephews. Bill was an avid sportsman belonging to the Bluegrass Sportsman League of Lexington KY and the Anderson County Sportsmen's Club in Wilmore KY. Bill was a lover of books and could often be found on the back porch with a glass of tea reading for hours. He was an aspiring gourmet cook of all cuisines and you never left his house hungry. For a time even helping his sister Belle with a restaurant in Richmond KY. Bill served in the Air Force from 1957 to 1967 where he was stationed in Germany for part of that time. He also lived in Alaska, Texas, California, and Arkansas before moving home to KY. Private memorial services will be held Friday.

Kerr Brothers Funeral Home

Louis Burgio May 16, 1954 - August 20, 2022

Lexington, Kentucky - Louis Donald Burgio, PhD (5/16/1954-8/20/2022), died suddenly on August 20, 2022. Please visit Kerr Brothers website at kerrbrothers.com for full obituary and service details. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Louis D. Burgio Endowment for Training in Aging at The University of Alabama is available on the giving website here:
<https://give.ua.edu/?d=E639B7DC-CB1E-405B-8034-F37C-C234B3E6>

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Early forecasts hint at quieter hurricane season

After back-to-back years of grueling and devastating hurricane seasons, early forecasts suggest that 2023 may offer a bit of a break - at last.

The pre-season forecast from Colorado State University, released Thursday, calls for a below-average hurricane season, thanks to the development of an atmospheric phenomenon called El Niño that dampens storm activity in the Atlantic.

CSU predicts this season

will include 13 named storms, six of which will become hurricanes and two will become major hurricanes, which is category 3 or higher. An average season includes 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

Hurricane season in the Atlantic starts June 1.

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