



District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison
County Attorney
April 9, 2024**

Calvin Brooks. Other Hearing. BW served for defendant left rehab. \$869 same fine and costs. \$50. 17 days to serve. Credit any time.

Calvin Brooks. Arraignment. Fugitive from another state, warrant required. Defendant waives extradition.

Calvin R. Brooks. Other Hearing. BW served for defendant left rehab. Serve out.

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Chad Clark. Arraignment. (1) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Enhanceable. (2) Strangulation, 2nd degree. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). PH 4-16, 10:00.

Randall Frazee. Arraignment. Summons. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st offense, (heroin). (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Appoint PD. PNG. PH 4-16, 10:00.

James All Goodwin. Arraignment. Cruelty to animals, 2nd degree. Stip to PC. CW motion to dismiss, sustained. Dismiss. Released bond.

Terry Knell. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA 11-7-23 for money due \$2,546.72. 4-16.

Terry L. Knell. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA 11-7-23 for money due \$943. 4-16.

Terry L. Knell. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA 11-14-23 for PC. (1) No operators /moped license. FTA eligible. (2) Operate motor vehicle under influence substance (189A.010(1C), 2nd. FTA eligible. (3) Failure

of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (4) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. (5) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Appoint PD. 4-16.

Terry E. Rankins. Arraignment. (1) Driving DUI suspended license, 2nd offense. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. 12 months, serve 14 days consecutive. Balance c/d 2 years. Violate no law. (2) Failure to or improper signal. FTA eligible. Dismiss. Appoint PD.

Tina Waughtel. Arraignment. (1) Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others. (2) Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others. (3) Escape, 2nd degree. Identify facility. Appoint. PNG. 4-16, 10:00.

Tina M. Waughtel. Other Hearing. Active BW for FTA defendant FTA 4-2-24 for PC was not served on this case, was arrested for another offense. Warrant. Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). PNG. PTC 4-16, 10:00.

Nathan Keith Adamson. Arraignment. Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A), 1st. FTA eligible. PNG. PTC 5-7, 10:00.

Eric Brown. Arraignment. (1) Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. PG. \$50 concurrent. (2) Criminal trespassing, 3rd degree. PG. \$50 concurrent.

Bradley Shayne Cooper. Arraignment. (1) Disregarding traffic control device, traffic light. FTA eligible. Drive Safe. (2) Failure to produce insurance card. CW motion to dismiss, sustained. Dismiss.

Joseph Corns. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. Reset 5-14.

Charles Hall I. Arraignment. (1) Failure to or improper signal. FTA eligible. PG. \$25. (2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. PG. \$150. (3) Failure to produce insurance card. PG. \$25.

Kenneth Howard Hamilton. Diversion Completion. Needs to show proof of couples counseling. Dismiss/Diverted. Waive bond and filing fee.

Jaunte L. Jenkins. Diversion Completion. Drive Safe must be completed. Redocketed.

Nathan Lumpkins. Diversion Completion. Drive Safe for no insurance. No insurance days. PG. \$500.

Morgan Elexis Mason. Arraignment. Speeding 5 MPH over limit. FTA eligible. Reset 5-7.

Cassie Lee Morgan. Motion Hour. Motion to revoke probation. Show Cause. 4-16, 10:00.

James Franklin Stevens. Arraignment. (1) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (2) No/expired registration plates. (3) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 2nd or >. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (4) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (5) Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. Reset 4-30, 9:30.

Lorie Thurman. Other Hearing. Defendant FTA 1-23-24 for money due \$923. BW served on 3-17-24. Appoint PD. 4-16. Show Cause.

Stanley Bess. Pretrial Conference. Final. (1) Criminal trespassing, 3rd degree. (2) Menacing. 8-13, FPT. 8-15, trial.

Joseph T. Blevins. Pretrial Conference. See if child support is being paid. Non sup-

port. Enhanceable. Reset 5-14.

Dana K. Bond. Pretrial Conference. Must show proof of couples counseling. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. CW dismiss.

Herman Lee Bond. Pretrial Conference. Must show proof of couples counseling. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Enhanceable. CW dismiss.

Joshua D. Brown. Preliminary Hearing. Summons. (1) Possession of marijuana. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. (3) Possess controlled substance, 3rd degree, drug unspecified. (4) 1st degree possession of CS/drug unspecified, 1st offense. Reset 5-7.

Joshua Douglas Brown. Show Cause Deferred/Installation Payment. 5-7.

Nicholas Cushard. Pretrial Conference. (1) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. (2) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. 10-8.

Katlynn S. Hogston. Pretrial Conference. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence substance (189A.010(1C), 1st. FTA eligible. PG. 30 days, serve 2. Balance cd 2 years. Violate no law. Drug and alcohol free. Credit 2 days. (2) Possession of marijuana. PG. 100 concurrent. (3) Controlled substance prescription not in original container, 1st. Enhanceable. Merge.

Paul Nolen. Motion Hour. Motion for Bill of Particulars. Summons. (1) Possession of marijuana. (2) Assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. (3) Resisting arrest. (4) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. Sustained. Reset 4-30.

Paul Nolen. Pretrial Conference. Summons. (1) Possession of marijuana. (2) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. (3) Resisting arrest. (4) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. 4-30.

Natasha Alice Orin. Motion Hour. Motion for review. Regarding the 7 days to serve in jail. Report date 4-19, 6:00. Montgomery County. Defendant may serve weekends if jail allows.

Erin Shae Pitts. Pretrial Conference. Drive Safe not completed, charges redocketed. (1) Improper registration plate. (2) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. Redocketed. FTA. WF.

Jarrod Pollitt. Pretrial Conference. Local county ordinance. CW motion to 12 months diversion.

Rodney L. Ramey. Show Cause Deferred/Installation Payment. Must be making \$100 monthly payments. FTA. BW.

Rodney L. Ramey. Pretrial Conference. (1) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (2) No/expired registration plates. (3) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (4) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. FTA. BW.

Terry E. Rankins. Pretrial Conference. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence controlled substance (189 A.010(1D), 2nd. FTA eligible. CW dismiss, no evidence of intoxication. (2) Driving on DUI suspended license, 1st offense. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. 90 days, serve 7.

Balance cd 2 years, violate no law. (3) Failure to produce insurance card. Dismiss.

Leonard Lee Rice. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Speeding 15 MPH over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Controlled substance prescription not in original container, 1st. Enhanceable. (3) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense, hydrocodone. (4) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (5) No/expired registration plates. Defendant waives time. 5-7, 10:00.

Joel Sweet. Pretrial Conference. Criminal Littering. Reset 4-16.

Ronald Thornsberry. Burglary, 2nd degree. No contact. Reset 4-30.

Ronald Thornsberry. Pretrial Conference. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Enhanceable. 4-30.

Wade Allen Ward. Pretrial Conference. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Diversion, see agreement.

Jeremy D. Wilson. Status Hearing. Defendant did not complete Drive Safe, charge was redocketed. Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. Reset.

Jeremy Dean Wilson. Status Hearing. Money due. Reset.

Judith Young. Pretrial Conference. (1) Harassment, (physical contact), no injury. (2) Endangering the welfare of a minor. Reset 5-7, 10:00.

All information contained in the "Court News" is directly taken from the dockets of the Lewis County Circuit and District Court.

Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



Lawmakers send budget, investment bill to governor

After almost two years of work to craft a responsible spending plan that balances the state's current needs and its long-term well-being, the Kentucky General Assembly is sending a two-year, \$128.4 billion spending plan and a \$2.7 billion one-time investment bill to Governor Andy Beshear. The budget continues our commitment to education, infrastructure, public safety, and human services. The two-year spending plan includes record funding for K-12 public schools, and strategic investments in public safety, infrastructure, and health services. HB 6 also includes major investments in mental health and substance abuse recovery, and programs serving our most vulnerable.

Education: Education represents the largest portion of our budget and we made every attempt to get funding to the level closest to students. The education investments included in HB 6 represent the largest increase in funding since the passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA). The final version of the bill includes a provision that encourages school districts to utilize additional SEEK resources to provide raises for certified and classified staff.

o An increase in SEEK funding by 3% in the first fiscal year, and 6% in the next fiscal year for a total of \$612 more per pupil over the two-year period.

o Funding to cover 90% of transportation costs in FY 25, and fully fund the costs in FY 26.

o Increased General Fund monies by \$4.8 million in each fiscal year for a Pilot Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Program.

o An additional \$2.6 million over the biennium for the Teacher Scholarship Programs.

o \$7.3 million in additional funds in each fiscal year for a new Student

Teacher Stipend Program.

Child Care: Kentuckians need access to safe, quality, and reliable child care and we have been working for several years to address the state's shortage in child care providers. The budget we passed includes a heavy focus on the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), a proven program that subsidizes child care costs for parents and guardians who are working and/or in school and meet other eligibility criteria:

o \$2 million in each fiscal year for the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership.

o An additional \$56 million funding over the biennium to maintain CCAP reimbursements to child care providers for families at the 80th percentile of the market rate survey.

o \$17.8 million more in FY 25 and \$19.8 in FY 26 to support CCAP initiatives, including an income exclusion for eligibility determinations for child care providers; a six-month transition for families no longer eligible for CCAP, background check fees; and the establishment of an Innovations in Early Childhood Education Delivery Grant Program.

o An additional \$2.5 million in fiscal year to support the Early Childhood Development Scholarship Program.

Health and Human Services: A substantial portion of our budget goes to providing for the state's most vulnerable citizens. It was a critical priority for us to fund additional social worker positions, as well as to increase foster care per diem rates and maintain the increase in child care assistance funds. Health Services – which includes Medicaid funding – represents another big portion of our budget. With more than a third of Kentuckians receiving Medicaid, the state must commit billions to draw down federal funding. The budget includes:

• An additional \$1.1 billion in funding for Medicaid

benefits growth in FY 24, \$1.2 billion in FY 25, and \$2.1 billion in FY 26.

• An additional \$726.8 million in FY 25 and \$767.8 million in FY 26 for the continuation of KCHIP benefits and services.

• Increases for nursing home facility reimbursement rates with an additional investment of \$455 million over the biennium.

• Funding for additional slots for the Michelle P. Supports for Community Living; and Home and Community Based waiver programs.

o Includes funding for a waiver for those with serious mental illness.

Public Safety: We're investing in those who protect and serve our citizens. HB 6 includes significant resources for the Kentucky State Police (KSP), forensic crime laboratories, and the

body armor grant program administered by the Attorney General's Office. The budget we passed includes the following:

• \$22.5 million in additional funds over the biennium to the KSP for pay increases for 1,013 troopers and commercial vehicle enforcement officers.

• Increases funding by \$6 million in FY 25 and \$16.6 million in FY 26 to support classes of 75 Trooper cadets in each fiscal year.

• Provides \$2.6 million in FY 26 towards the purchase of a total of 50 marked and 50 unmarked KSP cruisers.

• Increases KSP funding by \$6 million in FY 25 and \$16.6 million in FY 26 to fund Trooper cadet classes of 75 in each year.

State Employees, Public Pensions, and Retiree Benefits: Decades of neglect have left the state's person-

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Patricia Gail Thompson, whose address was 93 Ruckel Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and David Allen Thompson, whose address is 179 Wilderness Trail, Greenup, KY 41144, was appointed Executor. Dated April 9, 2024.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said David Allen Thompson, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said David Allen Thompson.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District
Courts**

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of John Andrew Knapp, whose address was 952 Birchwood Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Kimberly Ann Prater, whose address is 25 Robinson Ave., Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Administratrix. Dated April 9, 2024.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Kimberly Ann Prater, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Kimberly Ann Prater.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Lewis Circuit Court
Civil Action No. 23-CI-00172

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF
v. UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVEISEES OF RUFFICE GORDON BROWN, et al. DEFENDANTS

AMENDED NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on March 15, 2024, to raise the sum of \$7,319.93, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 2198 Briary Road, Quincy, KY 41166 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 130-00-00-020.00. The land is more particularly described in the record of this action located in the office of the Lewis Circuit Court Clerk, where it can be reviewed upon request.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 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, said bidder shall post bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner and pre-approved by the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two (2) business days before the sale date, as security for the unpaid purchase price, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale. The surety must be present at the sale and must own real estate in Kentucky, but may not be the successful bidder's spouse. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) 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 Lewis County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

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