



District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison
County Attorney
October 8, 2024**

Darrell Everett Edwards. Arraignment. (1) Criminal trespassing, 3rd degree. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. (3) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). PH 10-15, 10:00.

Amber N. Gillum. Arraignment. Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 1st. FTA eligible. No drugs or alcohol. PNG. PTC 10-29, 10:00.

David A. Johnson. Arraignment. (1) Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Appoint PD. PNG. PTC 10-29, 10:00.

Darren Martin. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA 8-27-24 for money due \$238. FTA. BW. \$238 cash bond.

Brittany R. Remy. Other Hearing. Def FTA 8-27-24 for money due \$603. FTA. BW. \$603 cash bond.

Darrell Owen Smith. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA 2-27-24 for money due \$328. 90 days outpatient, c/d, serve 13 days WF.

Darrell Owen Smith. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA 2-27-24 for money due \$298. 90 days, c/d 2 years, 13 days WF.

James L. Carver. Diversion Completion. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. Diverted/dissmised.

Kaitlyn Noelle Downey. Arraignment. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence substance (189A.010(1C) 1st.

FTA eligible. (2) No/expired registration plates. (3) No tail lamps. Stip to contempt. 90 days, c/d 2 years. Complete outpatient program. PNG. PTC 11-19, 10:00. PT drug testing.

Joshua Gilliam. Status Hearing. Flagrant non-support. 3-11, 10:00.

Misty Holt. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/Diverted.

Kenny Joseph Howard. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/Diverted.

Brittany Moore. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Has completed 6 months in house rehab, was told to bring in certificate. Reset 10-15.

Charles F. Roberts. Arraignment. (1) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. SP, dismissed. (2) Failure to surrender revoked operators license. FTA eligible. SP, dismissed.

Jeffery D. Thacker. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. 90 days outpatient, c/d 2 years, 8 days WF.

Aidan P. Anderson. Pretrial Conference. (1) Reckless driving. FTA eligible. (2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (3) Operate motor vehicle under influence substance (189A.010(1C) 1st. FTA eligible. (4) Failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation. 10-15, 10:00.

Tiffany Ann Arvin. Pretrial Conference. Drive Safe not completed charge, redocketed. Speeding 18 mph over limit. FTA eligible. FTA. NF.

Willie Scott Burns. Pretrial Conference. Assault, 4th degree, child abuse. Enhanceable. 10-29, 1:00.

Dana M. Carroll. Motion Hour. Motion to void pretrial diversion. (1) Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). (2) Possession of marijuana. FTA. BW. \$1,500 cash.

Dana M. Carroll. Pretrial Conference. Def did not comply with SB 90. (1) Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). (2) Possession of marijuana. FTA. BW. \$1,500 cash.

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

Robert Victor Daniels. Pretrial Conference. Sched date 9-17-24. (1) Failure to wear seat belts. FTA eligible. (2) Failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation. Reset 10-15.

Robert Victor Daniels. Pretrial Conference. Sched date 9-17-24. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 1st. FTA eligible. (2) Obstructed vision and/or windshield. 10-22.

Anita Hessler. Pretrial Conference. Conspiracy knowingly report child abuse falsely. 11-26.

Dylan Kennedy. Preliminary Hearing. Flagrant non support. Pled Guilty (PG). Amend to non support. 12 months, c/d 2 years. Make payment each week. Violate no laws.

Dylan Kennedy. Pretrial Conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. PG. 12 months, serve 30 days, balance c/d 2 years. Violate no laws, credit 26 days.

Billy J. Lawhun. Pretrial

Conference. Criminal mischief, 2nd degree. Diverted 2 years. Violate no laws. No unlawful contact.

Russell Martin. Revocation Hearing. Reset 1-14, 10:00.

Russell S. Martin. Revocation Hearing. 1-14.

Russell Stuart Martin. Revocation Hearing. 1-14.

Ronald Meddles. Pretrial Conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. PG. 12 months, serve 60 days, balance c/d 2 years, no contact. Violate no laws. Drug and alcohol free.

Ronald T. Meddles. Pretrial Conference. (1) Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. Merge. (2) Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. 12 months, serve 30 consecutive, (total 90), balance c/d 2 years, violate no laws. No contact. Drug and alcohol free.

Ronald T. Meddles. Revocation Hearing. (1) Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. Merge. (2) Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. Resolved/withdrawn.

Harold Potter. Revocation Hearing. Stip to revoke 40 days. Credit 30, balance 10 days, 10 serve. 11-12, 10:00.

Harold Potter III. Revocation Hearing. See previous.

Darrin S. Prather. Preliminary Hearing. Summons. Assault, 2nd degree. CW amend Assault 4. 12 months, serve 30 days. No contact with victim.

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. Amend possession 3rd. (4) No/expired Kentucky

registration receipt. (5) No/expired registration plates. Reset 3-18, 10:00.

Laura S. Ringler. Pretrial Conference. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. Appoint PD. 12-3. Amend bond, to attend couples counseling.

Vincent Everett Smith. Preliminary Hearing. Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 4th or >. FTA eligible. Def waives Preliminary Hearing. \$5,000 signature bond. No drugs or alcohol. Pretrial drug testing.

Michael Anthony Taylor. Motion Hour. Motion to void pretrial diversion. Criminal mischief, 3rd. Criminal trespassing, 3rd degree. Merge. (3) Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). 90, balance c/d. Violate no laws. (4) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. 12 months, serve 120 days. Balance c/d 2 years, violate no laws.

Billy R. Teegarden Jr. Pretrial Conference. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. 12-3. Amend bond, allowed couples counseling. Appoint PD.

Chance C. Thompson. Pretrial Conference. Non support. Enhanceable. Reset 12-3.

Chance C. Thompson. Pretrial Conference. Failure to

register transfer of motor vehicle. 12-3.

Ronald Thomsberry. Preliminary Hearing. Burglary, 2nd degree. Amend criminal trespass, 1st degree. 10-7-25.

Ronald Thomsberry. Pretrial Conference. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Enhanceable. 10-7-25.

Misty R. Thurman. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Def waives time. 11-12.

Misty R. Thurman. Preliminary Hearing. Flagrant non support. Def waives time. 11-12.

Robert Walker. Pretrial Conference. Local County Ordinance. CW divert on condition. DOS remain out of Lewis County. Pay fee of \$250.

Matthew David Willis. Revocation Hearing. Revoke 60 c/d. Stip to revocation. Attend 6 months. Drug and alcohol free. Violate no laws.

Matthew David Willis. Revocation Hearing. Revoke 11 months, c/d 2 years. Stip to revocation, 6 months inpatient. Complete 6 months, drug and alcohol free and violate no laws.

Michael Thomas Yates. Preliminary Hearing. Willfully removed/damaged boundary marker. Amend to willfully remove without felonious intent. PNG. PTC. 11-12, 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



Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Cybersecurity Awareness Month serves as a timely reminder that, as technology advances, cyber threats grow more sophisticated, targeting individuals, businesses, and governments alike. From identity theft to ransomware attacks, the risks posed by cybercriminals can have devastating effects, both financially and personally.

Over the last few years, you may have seen more and more of our fellow Kentuckians talking about cybersecurity and artificial intelligence (AI). Cybersecurity is a way to protect digital data against theft and loss. The data at risk is personal information about you and your life, such as: protected health information, intellectual property, financial information, or personally identifiable information. Taking cybersecurity seriously can help to mitigate the risk of this information being obtained by hackers and other bad actors. The need for protecting our assets has increased as technology has developed and become so wide spread.

One key reason cybersecurity is so important is the increasing amount of sensitive data stored online. Personal information, financial records, and confidential business data are all vulnerable to cyberattacks if not adequately protected. A single breach can compromise millions of records, causing significant damage to an organization's reputation and leading to legal and financial repercussions.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is America's Cyber Defense Agency and the National Coordinator for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience and urges citizens to protect through cyber space and gives tips to help. The complex nature of cybersecurity leads to vulnerabilities in your cyber networks, but there are ways to decrease your risk and protect your information. By exercising what CISA calls "cyber hygiene" you can drastically improve your safety. Cyber hygiene and other practices that can help reduce risk include:

Use Strong Passwords: Allowing a password generator

to create a unique password can reduce risk.

Think Twice Before You Click: Avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments without verifying the source. Most successful cyberattacks start with a phishing email.

Protect Your Password: Do not respond to unsolicited emails with your passwords, personal or financial information.

Be Careful Where You Shop: Before making online purchases ensure that you understand the website's privacy policy.

Use Credit Over Debit: Shop online with a credit card rather than a debit card to limit your liability for fraudulent charges. Check you statements frequently and notify your bank or financial institution of any fraudulent charges.

Multi-Factor Authentication: Implementing multi-factor authentication on your online accounts can make it less vulnerable to hacking.

Update Your Software: Frequently updating your software can make your devices more secure.

Report scams: Suspicious emails that organizations think may be phishing scams can be reported to CISA at report@cisa.gov.

As technology like AI continues to advance, more oversight and accountability may be needed. Members of the Special Committee

Artificial Intelligence Task Force are working to better understand how AI can be an asset to state government, but also the potential threats of the developing technology. The taskforce is committed to studying and monitoring the expansion and progress of artificial intelligence as it pertains to the welfare and interests to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Statutory Committee for Investments in IT Improvement & Modernization Projects Oversight Board oversees cybersecurity projects and technology development in the Commonwealth. Members of this committee work to understand and address the impact technological advancements have on Kentuckians.

In addition to the task force and committee, earlier this year the legislature passed the Kentucky Consumer Data Protection Act. This measure, HB 15, creates a set of data privacy protections, including the right to access the information a company has on them; correct any errors in the data; receive a copy of the data; delete the data; and tell a company, website or social media platform that they do not want their personal information sold. The bill's provisions also set guidelines for enforcement by the Attorney General's office. HB 15 is the first major step in protecting consumer

rights and privacy and a balanced approach that will give Kentuckians protections and rights regarding the data that is being collected on them, rather than a false sense of security.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov/.

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Betty Kathleen McCoy, whose address was 13971 KY 344, Wallingford, KY 41093, and James Allen McCoy, whose address is 13981 KY 344, Wallingford, KY 41093, was appointed Executor on October 8, 2024.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said James Allen McCoy, 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 James Allen McCoy.

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

VFW Post 5438

Clarksburg Road, Vanceburg

Canteen open

Friday and Saturday

5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

• Electronic Gaming and Pull Tabs •

• Pool Table •

NO membership required at this time.

Must be 21 or over to enter

ORDINANCE NO. 4201-2024

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE SALE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS AND THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN KRS 218B.090 AND 218B.130; AND OTHER MATTERS.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above caption and Ordinance is titled as set forth above and has been reviewed by the undersigned, who is an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

HON. R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS
 PHONE: (606) 473-7303
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ADOPTED ON THE 7th day of October, 2024 by the Common Council of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky.

MAYOR, CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK-TREASURER

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WHEREAS, on April 15, 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly adopted House Bill 829, which was signed into law by the Governor on April 17, 2024, amending KRS 218B, the Kentucky law permitting medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the medical cannabis statutes provide that local governments have the option of allowing or not allowing the sale of medical cannabis and operation of medical cannabis businesses within their jurisdictions, or submitting the question to voters; and

WHEREAS, City of Vanceburg, Kentucky enacted an ordinance prohibiting the sale of medical cannabis and operation of medical cannabis businesses within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, KRS 218B.130(3)(a) authorizes local governments to permit the sale of medical cannabis and operation of medical cannabis businesses within their territories through the passage of an ordinance what the county that local government is located within prohibits all medical cannabis sales and operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vanceburg has decided to utilize the authority of KRS 218B.090 and 218B.130 to allow the sale of medical cannabis and operation of medical cannabis businesses within the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF CITY OF VANCEBURG, LEWIS COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. MEDICAL CANNABIS.

The definitions within KRS 218B.010 are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully rewritten herein.

SECTION 2. SALE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS AND OPERATION OF ALL MEDICAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES PERMITTED.

The sale of medical cannabis to a registered qualified patient and the operation of all medical cannabis businesses permitted by Kentucky law are permitted within the city limits of Vanceburg, Kentucky.

The zoning districts where the operation of a dispensary offering for sale of medical cannabis directly to registered qualified patients is a permitted use under the Vanceburg Zoning Ordinance such shall be highway commercial, highway commercial inclusive, and central commercial.

The operation of a medical cannabis cultivator business is permitted in highway commercial, highway commercial inclusive, and central commercial.

The operation of a medical cannabis processor business is permitted in highway commercial, highway commercial inclusive, and central commercial.

The operation of a medical cannabis safety compliance facility business is permitted in highway commercial, highway commercial inclusive, and central commercial.

The operation of a medical cannabis producer business is permitted in highway commercial, highway commercial inclusive, and central commercial.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance may be published in summary pursuant to KRS 183A.060(9).

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect when passed and published according to law.

DANE BLANKENSHIP, MAYOR
 CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK-TREASURER

FIRST READING: 8/5/24

SECOND READING: 10/12/24

PREPARED BY:
 CITY ATTORNEY, R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS