



# BIG SANDY Briefs

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The application is posted on the Lawrence County, Kentucky-Government website page under “Public Notices” or you can pick up an application in the County Judge Executive office. You must provide proof of residency.

Any questions can be directed to the Judge Executives office at 606-638-4102 or the Animal Control Officer Jessica Perry at 606-624-5070.

REGIONAL — The Kentucky State Police would like to offer periodic reminders to drivers who travel our roadways. Our agency strives daily to ensure the safety of the motoring public. Some of these proactive measures include various roadside safety checkpoints and saturating known problematic areas in the district through general patrol tactics.

The KSP utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traffic safety checkpoint is to provide high visibility, public safety service, focusing on operator impairment, vehicular equipment deficiencies (confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles) and the valid licensing of drivers. Other violations of law and/or other public safety issues that arise will be addressed.

These checkpoints will allow the Kentucky State Police the opportunity to periodically concentrate its efforts in checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws that will ultimately increase the safety of the citizens within the Commonwealth.

Post 9 serves the following counties: Pike, Floyd, Martin, Magoffin and Johnson. Post 14 serves Lawrence County. Checkpoint locations may be located at <https://www.kentuckystate-police.ky.gov>.

BOYD COUNTY — Rickie Hammond, Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Boyd County Senior Citizens Building in Catlettsburg, Monday through Friday by appointment only. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for Federal and State veteran's benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For an appointment, call 606-585-3833.

REGIONAL — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has announced that their regional driver licenses office will now be open one Saturday a month, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

No driver and permit testing services will be done during Saturday hours.

The KYTC Pop-up staff will be on-site to assist citizens of Martin County at the Martin County Public Library, 387 East Main Street, Inez, on Wednesday, April 16. Registration for this event is open now.

Lawrence County will have a Pop-Up event on Tuesday, May 13, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Lawrence County Community Center, 180 Bulldog Lane, Louisa. Registration will open on Tuesday, April 29.

You will be able to apply for a REAL ID license, renew or replace your license or state ID card or change your address.

Sign up at <https://drive.ky.gov/Frvers/Pages/Popup-Map.aspx>. A member of the Pop-up staff will follow up with you to make sure you arrive with the necessary documents. Payment can be made by debit/credit card, check or money order. The program does not accept cash payments.

Contact Toni Benedict at [Toni.Benedict@ky.gov](mailto:Toni.Benedict@ky.gov) or call 502-782-3732.

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# APRIL GRAND JURY HANDS DOWN 13 INDICTMENTS

By ROBERTA CANTRELL  
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The Martin County Grand Jury met April 3 handing down 13 true bills.

Two of those indictments listed were John Al-len 38, and Josh Scott, 38, both of Debord.

They are charged with receiving stolen prop-erty under \$10,000.

The indictment states that on Feb. 12, they acted in complicity in committing the offense of unlawfully being in possession of AT&T phone/fiber optic wire with a value at approx-imately \$4,680. Scott was additionally charged with first-degree felony offender.

Justin Marcum, 38, of Inez, was charged with two counts of first-degree wanton endan-germent, operating on a suspended/revoked license, two counts of failure to use child re-straint device, careless driving and failure to wear seatbelt.

The indictment states that on Nov. 15, 2024, Marcum engaged in conduct which created substantial danger to two juvenile children and did not use proper child restraints while trans-porting them. Marcum is also accused of driv-ing in a manner with no regard to the safety of others on the roadway on suspended license.

Brandon Parson, 41, of Lovely, was charged with first degree possession of a controlled substance when according to the indictment on Feb. 5, he was found to be in possession of Methamphetamine.

Charles Wallace, 59, of Blacklog, was charged with 2nd degree terroristic threatening when on Jan. 15, he is accused of intentionally threat-ened to commit an act likely to result in death or serious physical injury to any person during a public event.

William Wallace Newsome, 36, of Kermit, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession/use of drug paraphernalia when according to the indictment on Nov. 29, 2024, he was unlawfully in possession of Methamphetamine and a used syringe.

In a second indictmtent Newsome was charged with possession of a handgun by a con-victed felon when on Nov, 29, 2024, he was un-lawfully in possession of a Jennings brand 9mm caliber handgun after having being previously convicted of prior felony offenses out of states of WV and Alabama.

Damien Williams, 63, of Warfield, was charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled sub-stance when on June 6, 2024, he committed the offense of unlawfully being in possession of 1.7 grams of a schedule II narcotic Fentanyl with the intent of trafficking.

Harlan Jude, 54, of Pilgrim, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled sub-stance and resisting arrest.

The indictment states that on Feb. 6, Jude was unlawfully in possession of Methamphetamine and intentionally attempted to prevent Martin Circuit Court Security Officers and Constable Brad Preece from effecting an arrest by using or threatening to use physical force against them.

Samuel Porter, 29, of Debord, was charged with two counts of 1st degree wanton endan-germent, 3rd degree terroristic threatening, persistent felony offender.

The indictment states that on March 9, Porter committed the offense of unlawfully engaging in conduct which created substantial danger of death or serious injury to Deanna Ward of Ker-mit and a juvenile child.

Porter is also accused of threatening the crime of murder or assault against Ward.

Johnny M. Carter, 53, of Warfield, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance when on Oct. 4, 2024, he is accused of unlawfully being in possession of Metham-phetamine.

Charles Edward Speer, 68, of Lovely, was charged with possession of a controlled sub-stance not in a proper container and first-de-gree possession of a controlled substance.

The indictment states that on Dec. 28, 2024, Speer was unlawfully in possession of an un-specified controlled substance that had been removed from its original container.

Paul “Tommy” Mullins, 44, of Tomahawk, was charged with first-degree possession of a con-trolled substance and possession of marijuana.

The indictment states that on March 12, Mul-lins was unlawfully in possession of Metham-phetamine along with being in possession of marijuana.

(Editor’s note: An indictment is not an indica-tion of guilt but a determination by a grand jury that criminal charges warrant further judicial review.)

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