



MEDICAL ISSUES WERE the cause of an accident Monday afternoon, May 19, just as school was dismissing in Fort Gay, WV. According to first responders on the scene the two sisters were on their way to Louisa to get something to eat when the driver of the truck became disoriented leaving the road and slamming into a parked train car. Both women were transported to Three Rivers Medical Center by ambulance. BSN photo by Roberta Cantrell

15 INDICTMENTS IN GRAND JURY MEETING FOR MAY

The Johnson County Grand Jury met in regular session leading to a total of 15 indictments for the month of May.

*Danny Vanhooose, 42, of Thelma, was charged with first degree bail jumping when on Feb. 28, he committed the offense of unlawfully having been released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that he will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a Johnson County felony charge failed to appear at that time and place as ordered by the court namely a final report hearing.

*Makayla Garner, 21, of Akron, OH, was charged with was charged with first degree bail jumping when on Feb. 28, he committed the offense of unlawfully having been released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that she will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a Johnson County felony charge failed to appear at that time and place as ordered by the court namely a change of plea hearing.

*Violet Trusty, 36, of Hager Hill, was charged with was charged with 1st degree bail jumping when on Feb. 28th he committed the offense of unlawfully having been released from custody by the court,

with or without bail, upon condition that she will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a Johnson County felony charge failed to appear at that time and place as ordered by the court namely an arraignment hearing.

*Jason Goble, 41, of Paintsville, was charged with was charged with 1st degree bail jumping when on Feb. 14, he committed the offense of unlawfully having been released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that he will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a Johnson County felony charge failed to appear at that time and place as ordered by the court namely a change of plea hearing.

-Billy Ward, 38, of Paintsville, was charged with was charged with 1st degree bail jumping when on Jan. 24, he committed the offense of unlawfully having been released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that she will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a Johnson County felony charge failed to appear at that time and place as ordered by the court namely a pretrial conference hearing.

In a separate indictment, Ward was charged with first-degree pos-

CONGRESSMAN ROGERS RECOGNIZES FALLEN OFFICERS DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

WASHINGTON, DC - In recognition of National Police Week, Congressman Rogers visited with police officers from Kentucky who are in Washington, DC to witness the names of 18 fallen officers who have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington.

One of the fallen officers honored was Joseph Wojtowicz who was a sergeant with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, at the time of his passing on Sept. 18, 2021. He was in law enforcement for 30 years.

"Blessed are the peacemakers who serve and protect our communities. This week, we are honoring our brave law enforcement officers who maintain law and order at the federal, state and local levels, including those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. It's humbling to see 18 names from Kentucky added to the National Law Enforcement Officers



Memorial," said Congressman Rogers, Dean of the House. "We are currently voting on several bills that honor and protect the men and women who protect us, and I am proud to support each one."

In addition to ongoing legislation, the 2025 COPS Hiring Program is now open for state and local law enforcement agencies to apply for federal funding to hire more law enforcement officers and increase crime prevention efforts. Up to \$156 million is available for this competitive grant program. Eligible police departments can apply online. Applications are due by June 25, and the grant program closes on July 1.

session of a controlled substance and public intoxication excluding alcohol when on July 23, he was found to unlawfully be in possession of Methamphetamine and manifestly under the influence of a controlled substance to the degree he may endanger himself or other persons or property, or unreasonably annoy persons in his vicinity.

*Eugene Arms, 56, of East Point, was charged with possession of a controlled substance 1st degree and possession/use of drug paraphernalia when on Sept. 12, 2024 he was found to unlawfully be in possession of Methamphetamine along with a glass pipe.

*Cameron Mollett, 24, of Paintsville, was charged with promoting contraband 1st degree and persistent felony offender when on April 18, he committed the offense of unlawfully introducing, obtaining or possessing Buprenorphine into the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

*Tracy Mollette, 52, of Paints-

ville, was charged with was charged with 1st degree bail jumping when on Jan 2, he committed the offense of unlawfully having been released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that she will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a Johnson County felony charge failed to appear at that time and place as ordered by the court namely a sentencing hearing.

*Ronnie Hitchcock, 54, Sitka, was charged with was charged with 1st degree bail jumping when on Feb. 28, he committed the offense of unlawfully having been released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that he will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a Johnson County felony charge failed to appear at that time and place as ordered by the court namely a pre-trial conference hearing.

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AN OLDIE BUT GOODIE — This photo was recently given to The Big Sandy News. Can you identify any of the students. This is the 1950-1951 Junior class of Louisa High School. Submitted photo

