

Two indicted for fleeing, evading police in Greenup

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GREENUP A Greenup County grand jury recently handed up indictments.

An indictment is a formal accusation and is not necessarily an indication of guilt. Anyone named in an indictment should be presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

The following people were indicted by a Greenup County grand jury:

- Danny Legg, 47, of Franklin Furnace, Ohio, was indicted on charges of fleeing or evading police (first degree), first-degree wanton endangerment (four counts), improperly on left side of road (five counts), improper use of left lane/overtaking and receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more.
- Trent Warner, 34, of Flatwoods, was indicted on these charges: resisting arrest, third-degree assault (two counts) and third-degree terroristic threatening.
- Cody Stevenson, 35, of Garrison, was indicted on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substances (first offense), marijuana possession and first-degree meth possession.
- Andrew McGill, 32, of Franklin Furnace, Ohio, was indicted on charges of fleeing or evading police (first degree), first-degree wanton endangerment (four counts), improperly on left side of road (five counts), improper use of left lane/overtaking and receiving stolen property \$100,00 or more.

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MEETING

• Tuesday, Dec. 2, 4:30 p.m.: Boyd County Extension District Board, at Boyd County Cooperative Extension Service, 2420 Center Street, Catlettsburg.

Staff report

Markers for freedom seekers to be dedicated Wednesday

STAFF REPORT

A valley in Greenup County was the site of a slave revolt nearly 200 years ago. Wednesday a ceremony honoring the fight for freedom all will have a dedication.

Two sites, one of a revolt of slaves and one of an escape by a slave will have their markers dedicated Wednesday. The sites have recently been added to the Appalachian Freedom Heritage Tourism Initiative.

“We’re honored to be part of the National Park Service’s Network to Freedom,” Jaime Bloss, Greenup County Tourism Director, said.

On April 14, 1829, 55 enslaved persons where being marched from Maryland to Mississippi. As the march neared the Tygart Valley, the enslaved persons revolted against their captors. In the conflict, two traffickers where killed and 16 people managed to flee. However, they were recaptured and five men and one woman faced murder charges. The Greenup Slave Revolt garnered national attention and was abolitionist David Walker referenced it in his “Appeal to the Color Citizens of the World.”

“The Greenup Slave Revolt 1829 was, until recently, a mostly forgotten part of Kentucky history,” Marlitta Perkins, Outreach Specials for the Appalachian



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The Bennett’s Mill Covered Bridge is pictured near Lloyd. The Isaac Downey Escape Site will be part of the National Park Service Network to Freedom program.

Freedom Heritage Tourism Initiative, said. “Inclusion in the national Underground Railroad Network to Freedom raises awareness of the event and helps provide a more comprehensive understanding of the various forms of resistance to slavery. It honors the courage and resilience of those who risked their lives for freedom.”

The marker dedication will for site will begin at 11 a.m. near the intersection of Ky. 827 and Ky. 7. Parking is available at the former site of Lynn Elementary.

Also honored its the escape of Issac Downey from the Glove Furnace

ironworks in Greenup County. His enslaver, and owner of the furnace, placed an ad in the Scioto Gazette for the “apprehension and delivery” of Downey and offered a \$75 reward. Stones from the furnace where used in the abutments of Bennett’s Mill Covered Bridge.

The marker dedication will be at noon at the bridge. The bridge will be closed for traffic during the event. Access will be from the Ky. 10 via East Tygarts Creek Road.

“It is exciting to see this federal investment in the historical assets we have in the Tri-State region. Our research is

recovering important lost chapters of local history that will transform our understanding of the past and help draw interest and visitors to the region.”

When completed the Appalachian Freedom Tour will consist of 27 verified sites across the region of Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. It aims to preserve historical locations and promote cultural tourism in the Appalachian region.

The tour was developed with support from the Appalachian Regional Commission POWER Grant and the Lawrence Economic Development Corporation.

Suspect in shooting of National Guard members now facing a first-degree murder charge

WASHINGTON (AP) Charges against the man accused of shooting two National Guard members have been upgraded to first-degree murder after one of the soldiers died, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia announced Friday.

Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, 20, and Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe, 24 were hospitalized in critical condition after the Wednesday afternoon shooting near the White House. Trump announced Thursday evening that Beckstrom had died.

U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro’s office said the charges against Rahmanullah Lakanwal, a 29-year-old Afghan national who worked with the CIA during the Afghanistan War, now include one count of first-degree murder, three counts of posses-

sion of a firearm during a crime of violence and two counts of assault with intent to kill while armed.

Beckstrom and Wolfe were deployed with the West Virginia National Guard as part of President Donald Trump’s crime-fighting mission that federalized the D.C. police force. The president also has deployed or tried to deploy National Guard members to other cities to assist with his mass deportation efforts but has faced court challenges.

Trump called the shooting a “terrorist attack” and criticized the Biden administration for enabling Afghans who worked with U.S. forces during the Afghanistan War to enter the U.S. The president has said he wants to “permanently pause migration” from poorer nations and expel millions of immi-



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A small memorial of flags, flowers, other items are seen in a planter Friday near the site where two National Guard members were shot in Washington.

grants from the country.

In an interview on Fox News, Pirro said there are “many charges to come” beyond the up-graded murder charge. She said her heart goes out to the family of Beckstrom, who volunteered to serve and “ended up being shot ambush-style on the cold streets of Washington, D.C., by an individual who will now be charged with murder in the first degree.”

Pirro declined to dis-

cuss the suspect’s motive, saying officials have been working around the clock on that question. Investigators are continuing to execute warrants in the state of Washington, where Lakanwal lived, and other parts of the country, she said.

Wolfe remains in “very critical condition,” West Virginia Gov. Patrick Morrisey said Friday. He ordered flags to be flown at half-staff in recognition of Beck-

strom’s death

“These two West Virginia heroes were serving our country and protecting our nation’s capital when they were maliciously attacked,” Morrisey said. “Their courage and commitment to duty represent the very best of our state.”

Lakanwal entered the U.S. in 2021

Lakanwal entered the U.S. in 2021 through Operation Allies Welcome,

a Biden administration program that evacuated and resettled tens of thousands of Afghans after the U.S. withdrawal from the country, officials said. Lakanwal applied for asylum during the Biden administration, but his asylum was approved under the Trump administration, #AfghanEvac said in a statement.

Lakanwal has been living in Bellingham, Washington, about 80 miles (130 kilometers) north of Seattle, with his wife and five children, said his former landlord, Kristina Widman.

Lakanwal had briefly worked as an independent contractor for Amazon Flex, which allows people to use their own cars to deliver packages, a company spokesperson shared with The Associated Press. Lakanwal delivered packages from the end of July to the end of August and hadn’t been active since.

Mohammad Sherzad, a neighbor of Lakanwal’s in Bellingham, told the AP in a phone interview Friday that Lakanwal was polite, quiet and spoke very little English.

Sherzad said he attended the same mosque as Lakanwal and had heard from other members that Lakanwal was struggling to find work. Some of his children attended the same school as Lakanwal’s children, Sherzad said.

“He was so quiet and the kids were so polite, they were so playful. But we didn’t see anything bad about him. He was looking OK,”

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12/01/2025
Boyd County Board of Elections
Kevin Johnston, Boyd County Clerk
Regular Meeting
AGENDA

Call to Order
Approval of Minutes - 11/5/2024

General
Discussion of Primary Election

New Business
Next Meeting - TBD

Community Comment
Adjourn

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