

Formal hearing set for attempted murder suspect

BY AARON SNYDER
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CATLETTSBURG A woman charged with attempted murder in 2021 in Ashland is now scheduled for a formal responsibility hearing on Jan. 29 at 1 p.m.

Felicia Helton, 40, was in Boyd County Circuit Court via videoconference from the detention center Thursday in front of Judge John Vincent.

Helton is represented by John Thompson, of the county's Department of Public Advocacy.

Helton is accused of pouring gasoline on a gas station clerk and trying to light that person on fire at the Winchester Avenue Sunoco.

The defense has claimed Helton is not responsible for their acts due to mental illness or intellectual disability.

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and fellow teachers admired him. He was respected, warm-hearted and deeply appreciated by those who knew him.

Former Tomcat quarterback Greg Conley, a player from that first 1980 team, remembered him fondly:

"He was a great person, coach, and had a

creative offensive mind. He loved his players and coached with passion. He brought energy to every practice and game. Everyone loved being around coach. Lifting his family up in prayer. Another Tomcat who will be greatly missed."

Amen to that.

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FILE PHOTO
Don McReynolds captured this shot of Ashland Tomcat football fans cheering on their team in 2019.

Parade, tree lighting in Flatwoods

STAFF REPORT

FLATWOODS The Flatwoods Christmas Parade is set for Saturday beginning at 5 p.m. The parade will line up at the city pool and then take place along Powell Lane.

The city will have a tree-lighting ceremony for its new 22-foot Christmas tree following the parade in the park at 2513 Reed Street.

There will be photos with Santa in the Historic Gilley Cabin along with story time with Mrs. Claus. Hot chocolate will be available.

A memorial candle lighting in the park is slated for 7 p.m. Names will be read on stage.

The Christmas parade will be live-streamed on the Flatwoods Parks Board and City of Flatwoods Facebook pages.

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(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 858, Page 323, Boyd County Clerk's Office)

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/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
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State awaiting report in murder case

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ASHLAND A 31-year-old murder suspect is scheduled for trial in March 2026, but the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office has concerns of it can stay on schedule.

Christopher Frederick Charles Hammond appeared for a pretrial conference in

Boyd County Circuit Court Thursday morning.

Hammond is accused of killing Barry "Justin" Burton at the Bluegrass Inn in Ashland in March 2025. Investigators said a verbal altercation between the two led to the shooting.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kierston Rosen said she is still waiting on a report from Kentucky State Police

regarding a charge of using restricted ammo during felony. If that report doesn't come in on time, the trial date will be in question.

Judge John Vincent scheduled another pretrial for Jan. 29.

Hammond remains in Boyd County's jail on no bond.

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