

Bardstown man pleads guilty to 2023 vehicular homicide

Prosecutors claim an intoxicated Mayen caused crash that killed man from Elizabethtown

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A Bardstown man who was indicted on murder has pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide.

Marvin Mayen, 21, originally charged with murder in death of Christopher Doss, 28, of Elizabethtown, appeared last week in Hardin Circuit Court for a suppression hearing but decided to enter a guilty plea instead.

Mayen also pleaded guilty to one count of no licensed operator with person holding instruction permit and one count first offense operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicants, aggravated

ed circumstance.

In exchange for Mayen's plea, the murder charge was amended to vehicular homicide and the sentence was recommended at 15 years.

Mayen was driving a 2006 Ford F-150 westbound May 9, 2023, on Ky. 313, when a Kentucky State Police report said he crossed the centerline, veering into the path of a 2013 KIA Optima driven by Christopher Doss, 28, of Elizabethtown.

A statement from KSP said the two-vehicle crash occurred near the five-mile marker of Ky. 313, or Joe Prather Highway.

According to the Hardin



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Marvin Mayen, 21, who was originally charged with murder, took a plea deal last week in exchange for a lesser charge in Hardin Circuit Court.

County Coroner's Office, County EMS to University of Doss died at the scene. Louisville Hospital for what Mayen was taken by Hardin KSP classified at the time as

non-life-threatening injuries.

Hardin Circuit Court Judge John Simcoe, who presided over the case, said he would accept the agreement made between the defendant and the prosecution.

"The recommendation on a guilty plea is 15 years and (Mayen) would be eligible for parole after serving 85%," Simcoe said. "This will run consecutive with any other sentence (Mayen) received from any other court proceeding."

Mayen is lodged at the Hardin County Detention Center. He returns to court at 1:15 p.m. July 8 for formal sentencing.

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Give 270 Raffle on May 28 benefits Stephen Foster Drama Association

Raffle proceeds from May 22-28 go to 'Stephen Foster Story'

ELIZABETHTOWN — Tickets are now on sale for Round 15 of the weekly Whiskey Wednesdays charity raffle series, hosted by Elizabethtown-based nonprofit Give 270. Set to take place each Wednesday from April 9 through June 25, the Whiskey Wednesdays Round 15 — Odd or Even raffle series features a valuable lineup of 12 weekly prizes hidden behind 12 locker doors, plus two grand prizes at the end of the round.

The Stephen Foster Drama Association is the recipient of all proceeds from raffle sales from May 22 through the drawing on May 28.

Prizes hidden behind the 12 locker doors include a six-bottle Weller "Rainbow" Vertical; a two-bottle George T. Staggs and Staggs Jr. Batch 1 set; a two-bottle Van Winkle Lot "B" 12 year and Old Rip Van Winkle 10 year set;

four bottles of Van Winkle Lot "B" 12 year; four bottles of Old Rip Van Winkle 10 year; and a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle 15 year. Plus, each ticket gives participants five chances to win each week, as four bonus prizes are also given away, including two Willet 8 year Rye MANABOUTTOWN Give 270 Single Barrels, a Luca Mariano Give 270 Pick and a Buffalo Trace Give 270 Pick.

In addition, each week of Round 15, the five winners drawn will advance for a one-in-30 chance to win one of the round's two ultimate prizes: Buffalo Trace O.F.C. Vintage 2005 or Double Eagle Very Rare. Winners from weeks when an odd locker door is opened advance for a chance to win the 2005 O.F.C., while winners from weeks when an even locker door is opened advance for a chance to win the Double Eagle Very Rare.

All proceeds from the raffle series will support local organizations and initiatives, with weekly proceeds allocated to a different cause. Benefitting organizations will include the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College

Foundation, Greenspace, the Stephen Foster Drama Association, Shelby County Special Olympics and the Kosair for Kids NICU at Baptist Health Hardin.

"Whiskey Wednesdays has become a staple here at Give 270, and Round 15 promises to be bigger and better than ever," said Eric Clemens, Board Chair of Give 270. "With incredible prizes and the chance to support incredible local causes, every ticket purchased makes a difference. We are grateful for the generosity of our participants, and we're excited to continue making an impact through this raffle series."

Whiskey Wednesdays Round 15 raffles are set to take place live each Wednesday from April 9 through June 25 at 8 p.m. on Give 270's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Priced at \$5 each, there is no limit to the amount of tickets purchased per individual each week.

To purchase tickets, see the full list of prizes and stay up-to-date on raffles and events hosted by Give 270, visit give270.org.

JAIL LOGS

Randall Lee Curtsinger, 59, menacing, alcohol intoxication in a public place, second-degree disorderly conduct.

Brian Christopher Downing, 42, reckless driving, driving motor vehicle using hand-held mobile telephone, no registration receipt, possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle prohibited, failure to produce insurance card, operating motor vehicle under the influence of controlled substance.

Mark Wayne Duvall, 52, rear license not illuminated, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transportation, failure to produce insurance card, no motorcycle operator's license, possessing license when privileges are revoked.

George William Dye, 80, menacing, terroristic threatening, third-degree, assault third-degree-healthcare provider.

Cory Hamilton Hood, 39, probation violation (for felony offense) 4 counts, possession of a controlled substance, first-degree (meth), promoting contraband, first-degree.

Ryan Jacob Jefferson, 37, failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) no visible injury, menacing.

Daniel Craig Johnson, 52, failure to or improper signal, disregarding stop sign, careless driving, fleeing or evading police, first-degree (motor vehicle), operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, wanton endangerment, first-degree-police officer.

William Gerald Morris, 47, menacing, fleeing or evading police, third-degree, resisting arrest, probation violation (for felony offense).

Harriet Jane Norvell, 33, criminal trespass, first-degree, possession of marijuana.

Johnson Paul Owens, 28, hindering prosecution or apprehension-second-degree.

Adonis Figueredo Tornos, 44, speeding 18 mph over speed limit, no registration receipt, no registration plates (2 counts), license to be in possession, failure of owner to maintain required insurance (2 counts), theft of motor vehicle registration plate, possession of marijuana.

Patrick Wayne Werner, 31, failure to appear.

Note: The information above is a compiled list of daily booking logs from the Nelson County Jail. These are only a record of arrests. All individuals arrested are presumed innocent unless proven otherwise in a court of law. The bookings state the persons arrested and the charges against them. This information is public record.

Man executed for 2000 police killing in Indiana's second execution in 15 years

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MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — An Indiana man convicted in the fatal shooting of a police officer in 2000 was executed Tuesday by lethal injection in the state's second execution in 15 years.

Benjamin Ritchie, 45, had been on Indiana's death row since 2002, when he was convicted of killing Beech Grove Police Officer Bill Toney during a chase on foot.

Ritchie was executed at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, according to Indiana Department of Correction officials. IDOC said in a statement that the process started shortly after midnight and Ritchie was pronounced dead at 12:46 a.m.

Ritchie's last meal was from the Olive Garden and he expressed love, support and peace for his friends and family, according to the statement.

Under state law, he was allowed five witnesses at his execution, which included his attorney Steve Schutte, who told reporters he had a limited view of the process.

"I couldn't see his face. He was lying flat by that time," Schutte said. "He sat up, twitched, laid back down."

The process was carried out hours after the U.S.

Supreme Court declined to take the case, exhausting all of Ritchie's legal options to fight the death sentence.

Dozens of people, both anti-death penalty advocates and supporters of Toney, stood outside the prison until early Tuesday.

Indiana resumed executions in December after a yearslong hiatus due to a scarcity of lethal injection drugs nationwide. Prison officials provided photos of the execution chamber before Joseph Corcoran's execution, showing a space that looks like an operating room with a gurney, fluorescent lighting and an adjacent viewing room. They've since offered few other details.

Among 27 states with death penalty laws, Indiana is one of two that bars media witnesses. The other, Wyoming, has conducted one execution in the last half-century.

The Associated Press and other media organizations filed a federal lawsuit in Indiana seeking media access, but a federal judge denied a preliminary injunction last week that would have allowed journalists to witness Ritchie's execution and future ones. The judge found that barring the news media doesn't violate the First Amendment nor does it single out the news media for unequal treatment.

The execution in Indiana was among 12 scheduled in eight states this year. Texas and Tennessee also plan to execute prisoners this week.

THE 2000 FATAL SHOOTING OF A POLICE OFFICER

Ritchie was 20 when he and others stole a van in Beech Grove, near Indianapolis. He then fired at Toney during a foot chase, killing him.

At the time Ritchie was on probation from a 1998 burglary conviction.

Toney, 31, had worked at the Beech Grove Police Department for two years. The married father of two was the first officer of the small department to be killed by gunfire in the line of duty.

Relatives spoke at a clemency hearing last week in support of the execution.

"It's time. We're all tired," said Dee Dee Horen, who was Toney's wife. "It is time for this chapter of my story, our story, to be closed. It's time for us to remember Bill, to remember Bill's life, and not his death."

APPEALING A DEATH SENTENCE

Ritchie's attorneys fought the death sentence, arguing his legal counsel at trial was ineffective because his lawyers failed to fully investigate and present evidence on his fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and childhood lead exposure.

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