

Circuit Court News



Hon. Brian C. McCloud
Hon. Rhese McKenzie
Commonwealth's
Attorney
July 18, 2025

Commonwealth vs. Corey D. Bertram. Pretrial Conference. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (< 2 GMS heroin). Dismiss. (2) Persistent felony offender, 1st degree. Dismiss.

Commonwealth vs. Corey D. Bertram. Pretrial Conference. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (< 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. Pled Guilty (PG). 5 years. (2) Persistent felony offender, 1st degree. Dismiss.

Commonwealth vs. Anthony Burriss. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Summons. 1-16-26.

Commonwealth vs. Chad A. Clark. Arraignment. Flagrant non support. Reset 8-1-25.

Commonwealth vs. Cydnie Cook. Pretrial Conference. Unlawful imprisonment, 1st degree. Reset 8-15-25.

Commonwealth vs. Joshua Wayne Craft. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Probation violation (for felony offense). Reset 11-21-25.

Commonwealth vs. Joshua Wayne Craft. Show Cause Hearing. Probation violation (for felony offense). Reset 11-21-25.

Commonwealth vs. Ronnie Crawford. Show Cause Hearing. 11-21-25.

Commonwealth vs. Kevin Cropper. Arraignment. (1) Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. (2) Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). (3) Possess

controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. PG. 3 years. Supervised probation 3 years.

Commonwealth vs. Nicholas Tyler Cushard. Pretrial Conference. (1) Sodomy, 1st degree, girl, strong-arm. (5) Sexual abuse, 1st degree, victim under 12 years of age. (7) Sodomy, 1st degree, girl, strong-arm. Reset 10-17-25.

Commonwealth vs. Austin Goine. Pretrial Conference. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. (3) Convicted felon in possession of a handgun. (4) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense, drug unspecified. Reset 8-15-25.

Commonwealth vs. Douglas C. Hampton. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. FTA. Issue BW.

Commonwealth vs. Carroll Harris. Show Cause Hearing. Probation violation (for felony offense). Reset 9-19-25.

Commonwealth vs. Damien Jacob Hebbeler. Pretrial Conference. Murder. Reset 11-7-25.

Commonwealth vs. Michael Henderson. Show Cause Hearing. Summons. Reset 11-21-25.

Commonwealth vs. Robbie A. Jones. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Reset 2-20-26.

Commonwealth vs. Perry Knell. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Summons. FTA. Issue BW.

Commonwealth vs. Perry

Knell. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Child support. Summons. FTA. Issue BW.

Commonwealth vs. Michael J. Kunick. Pretrial Conference. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> or = 2 GMS fentanyl). (2) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. (3) Convicted felon in possession of a hand gun. Reset 8-15-25.

Commonwealth vs. Billy J. Lawhun. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Reset 2-20-26.

Commonwealth vs. Billy Joe Lightner. Pretrial Conference. (1) Incest. Victim under 12 years of age or serious physical injury. (2) Sexual abuse, 3rd degree. Enhanceable. Reset 8-15-25.

Commonwealth vs. Jackie McCann. Pretrial Conference. (1) No tail lamps. (2) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 10 drug unspecified). (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. (4) Possession of marijuana. (5) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (6) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. (7) Persistent felony offender, 1st degree. Reset 8-1-25.

Commonwealth vs. Jackie McCann. Motion Hour. (1) No tail lamps. (2) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 10 drug unspecified). (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. (4) Possession of marijuana. (5)

Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (6) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. (7) Persistent felony offender, 1st degree. Reset 8-1-25.

Commonwealth vs. Todd E. Montieth. Pretrial Conference. (1) 20 counts of Rape, 1st degree. (2) 20 counts of Incest, person less than 18 by person 3 or more years older. Reset 10-3-25.

Commonwealth vs. James N. Moore. Pretrial Conference. Summons. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (< 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. PG. Amend possession. 2 years. (2) Operate motor vehicle under influence controlled substance (189A.010(1D) 4th or >. FTA eligible. PG. 3 years. (3) Drive DUI suspended license, 2nd offense in 5 years, aggravator. FTA eligible. PG. 3 years. (4) Failure to or improper signal. FTA eligible.

Commonwealth vs. Samuel Muse. Suppression Hearing. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. (3) Persistent felony offender, 1st degree. Reset Pretrial 8-1-25.

Commonwealth vs. Obie L. Nickoson. Pretrial Conference. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 10 drug unspecified). PG. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. PG. Dismissed. (3) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st de-

gree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. PG. Set sentencing. 8-15-25.

Commonwealth vs. Brian L. Persley. Pretrial Conference. (1) Speeding 15 mph over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Operate motor vehicle under influence substance (189A.010(1C) 1st. FTA eligible. (3) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense, drug unspecified. (4) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Reset 8-1-25.

Commonwealth vs. Bonnie Reid. Arraignment. Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). Set pretrial 8-1-25.

Commonwealth vs. Nathan A. Reid. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. (4) Failure to wear seat belts. FTA eligible. (5) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 2nd or >. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (6) Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. (7) Persistent felony offender, 1st degree. Reset 10-17-25.

Commonwealth vs. Theodore Rigdon. Arraignment. (1) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. PG. 3 years. (2) Driving on suspended license, 1st offense. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. PG. Merge.

Commonwealth vs. Heather Savoie. Show Cause Hearing. State benefits. Reset 2-20-26.

Commonwealth vs. Amber Skaggs. Pretrial Conference. (1) Traffic in controlled sub-

stance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> or = 2 GMS fentanyl). Reset 8-15-25.

Commonwealth vs. Sandra Hamilton Smith. Motion Hour. Motion to suspend (further execution of sentence). Overruled.

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Commonwealth vs. Christy Stevens. Show Cause Hearing. Child support. Reset 11-21-25.

Commonwealth vs. Ted D. Wells. Pretrial Conference. Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. Pretrial 11-7-25. Pretrial 12-5-25. Trial 12-15-25.

Commonwealth vs. Ted D. Wells. Pretrial Conference. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Operate motor vehicle under influence controlled substance (189A.010(1D) 2nd. FTA eligible. (3) Driving on DUI suspended license, 1st offense. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (4) Possession of marijuana. Pretrial 11-7-25. Pretrial 12-5-25. Trial 12-15-25.

All information contained in the "Court News" is directly taken from the dockets of the Lewis County Circuit and District Court.



District Court News

Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison
County Attorney
July 22, 2025

Dustin E. Cottingham. Arraignment. (1) Burglary, 2nd degree. (2) Theft by unlawful taking, disposition all others \$1,000 < \$10,000. (3) Criminal trespass, 1st degree. \$5,000 cash. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). PH 7-29, 10:00.

Garvis T. Howington. Arraignment. Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. FTA. NF. SC.

Thomas L. Meredith. Arraignment. (1) Burglary, 2nd degree. (2) Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others \$1,000 < \$10,000. (3) Criminal trespass, 1st degree. Appoint PD. PNG. PH. \$5,000 cash.

Luke A. Blazer. Arraignment. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 1st (aggravating circumstances). FTA eligible. (2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (3) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. (4) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Dismiss, SP. (5) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. PNG. PTC 8-19, 10:00.

Jonathan R. Burriss. Status Hearing. BW served for FTA 2-25-25 to show proof of 40 hours for mowing cemetery. FTA. BW.

William Joseph Carver. Arraignment. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others \$500 < \$1,000. Appoint PD. PNG. PTC. 10-21, 10:00. Going to treatment voluntarily.

William Joseph Carver. Arraignment. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others. Appoint PD. See previous. PNG. PTC. 10-21.

Thomas H. Cooper. Arraignment. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Enhanceable. No contact. PNG. PTC 9-16.

Stephanie Fryman. Arraignment. Unlawful transaction with a minor, 3rd degree. PTC 10-7, 1:00.

Joshua Gilliam. Status Hearing. Flagrant non support. Reset 12-9, 10:00.

Shaina Lyons. Arraignment. Unlawful transaction with minor, 3rd degree. No unexcused absences. PNG 10-7, 1:00.

Romero Mejia. Arraignment. (1) Disregarding traffic control device, traffic light. FTA eligible. PG. \$25. (2) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. PG. \$100.

Austin Ray Parsons. Arraignment. (1) Speeding 25 mph over limit. FTA eligible. Pled Guilty (PG). \$50. (2) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. SP. Dismiss. (3) Operating vehicle with expired operators license. FTA eligible. \$150, c/d get license within 60 days.

Kelly Ray Rister. Arraignment. (1) No/expired registration plates. Dismiss, SP. (2) Failure to produce insurance card. Drive Safe. (3) Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. Dismiss, SP. (4) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Dismiss, SP.

Katelyn Irene Thurman. Arraignment. (1) Speeding 5 mph over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. Reset 30 days.

Willie Scott Burns. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. FTA. BW. OR.

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Harley David Carroll. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. 90 days, c/d 18 days WF.

Erica Clark. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Reset.

Misty Louise Cooley. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Reset.

Skyler D. Dawson. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. 1-27.

Skyler David Dawson. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. 1-27.

Kimberly Jo Hall. Show Cause Deferred/Installment

Payment. \$131.69, 90 days.

Terry Knell. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. FTA. BW.

Terry L. Knell. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. FTA. BW.

Terry L. Knell. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. FTA. BW.

Kelly W. Lewis. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Summons. FTA. BW. OR.

James N. Moore. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Summons. Waive fines and costs and BFF.

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Farrell R. Mustard. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. FTA. BW. OR.

Farrell R. Mustard II. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. FTA. BW. OR bond.

Ashley Romine. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Reset.

Ashley N. Romine. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Reset.

Donnie D. Spence. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Reset.

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Lukas Christian Allen. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) No tail lamps. (3) One headlight. (4) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Reset 1-20.

Corey D. Bertram. Revocation Hearing. Show Cause. C/d time extended 2 years. 7-28-26.

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Helen M. Bloomfield. Pretrial Conference. Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). 12 months diversion.

Anthony James Burton. Pretrial Conference. (1) One headlight. Merge. (2) Oper-

ating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. SP, dismiss. (3) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/ security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. Drive Safe. (4) No/expired registration plates. Merge. (5) Possession of marijuana. Diverted 2 years. (6) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Diverted 2 years.

Terry Downey. Preliminary Hearing. Assault, 2nd degree, domestic violence. Court finds probable cause, case bound to Grand Jury for further proceedings.

Adam C. Hall. Motion Hour. Summons. Withdraw Motion.

Adam Crit Hall. Pretrial Conference. (1) Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. PG. (2) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Enhanceable. PG.

Tina Monteith. Motion Hour. 8-5, 11:00.

Joshua Posey. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. WPH.

Joshua K. Posey. Pretrial Conference. (1) Leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance. FTA eligible. (2) Reckless

Notice of the Filing of a Final Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of July 2025, a final settlement was filed by Clifford McGinnis, Administrator of the Estate of Tony Blair McGinnis, deceased.

A hearing will be held on said final settlement at 9:00 a.m. on August 19, 2025. Exceptions to said final settlement must be filed before said hearing.

Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District Courts

driving. FTA eligible. (3) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (4) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (5) No operators/ moped license. FTA eligible. Reset 11-18, 10:00.

Amber N. Gillum. Motion Hour. Motion to revoke probation. Release bond to surety. Withdraw motion.

Amber N. Gillum. Pre-

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Bessie Cooper, whose address was 1341 Rock Camp Branch Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Jason Applegate, whose address is 7739 Poplar Springs Dr., Meridian, MS 39305, was appointed Administrator on July 8, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Jason Applegate, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Jason Applegate.

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Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Gene Cooper, whose address was 1341 Rock Camp Branch Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Jason Applegate, whose address is 7739 Poplar Springs Dr., Meridian, MS 39305, was appointed Administrator on June 17, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Jason Applegate, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Jason Applegate.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS
LEWIS COUNTY FARM BUREAU - Annual meeting and scholarship presentation Sunday, August 3rd at 12:30 p.m. at Ruggles Campground in Tollesboro. Potluck lunch.
LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Health Department on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

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