

Grand Jury News

The Lewis County Grand Jury has returned indictments against eight individuals.

Lisa Ware, 44, of Maysville, was charged with Flagrant Non Support, a Class D Felony. On or about July 31, 2025, Ware allegedly, when having the ability to pay, the Defendant, failed to pay support for a minor children, pursuant to a court order, resulting in an arrearage of more than \$22,946.15, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

Dustin Cottingham, 34, of Vanceburg, was charged with one count of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, on or about July 21, 2025, Cottingham allegedly, when with intent to commit a crime, entered a dwelling; one count of Theft by Unlawful Taking/Disposition, \$1,000 or more, but under \$10,000, a Class D Felony, on or about July 21, 2025, when Defendant took control over moveable property belonging to another person with intent to permanently deprive the same thereof; one count of Criminal Trespassing, First Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, on or about July 21, 2025, when Defendant knowingly entered and remained unlawfully in or upon premises, in Boyd County, Kentucky, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Thomas Meredith, 38, of Vanceburg, was charged with Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, on or about July 21, 2025, Meredith allegedly, when with intent to commit a crime, entered a dwelling; one count of Theft by Unlawful Taking/Disposition, \$1,000 or more, but under \$10,000, a Class D Felony, on or about July 21, 2025, when Defen-

dant took control over moveable property belonging to another person with intent to permanently deprive the same thereof; and Criminal Trespass, First Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, on or about July 21, 2025, when Defendant knowingly entered and remained unlawfully in or upon premises, in Boyd County, Kentucky, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Cody Deemer, 32, of Portsmouth, Ohio, was charged with Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, First degree, First offense, less than 2 gms Methamphetamine, a Class D Felony. On or about June 22, 2025, Deemer allegedly, when he knowingly and unlawfully had in his possession with intent to sell a quantity of Methamphetamine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance; No Operators Moped License, a violation, on or about June 22, 2025, when Defendant was operating a motor vehicle on a public highway with no operator's license as required by law; one count of Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operator's License, a Violation, on or about June 22, 2025, when Defendant, whose operator's license had previously been suspended, was operating a motor vehicle on a public highway; one count of Rear License Not Illuminated, a violation, on or about June 22, 2025, when without reasonable safety, Defendant failed to illuminate his tail lamps; one count of Fleeing or Evading Police, motor vehicle, First Degree,

a Class C Felony, on or about June 22, 2025, when Defendant operated a motor vehicle with intent to elude or flee, knowingly and wantonly disobeying a direction to stop his motor vehicle given by a recognized Police Officer, creating substantial risk of serious physical injury to other persons; one count of Fleeing or Evading Police, Second Degree, on foot, a Class D Felony, on or about June 22, 2025, when Defendant, on foot, with intent to elude or flee, knowingly and wantonly disobeying a direction to stop given by a recognized Police Officer, creating substantial risk of serious physical injury to other persons; one count of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, on or about June 22, 2025, by possessing a quantity of marijuana; one count of Failure of Non-Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security, First offense, a Class B Misdemeanor, on or about June 22, 2025, when Defendant operated a motor vehicle on a public highway without insurance/security covering the vehicle, as required by law; and one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Second Degree, First Offense, drug unspecified, a Class A Misdemeanor, on or about June 22, 2025, by possessing a quantity of an unspecified Schedule III Controlled Substance, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Jade Lampe, 33, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was charged with Assault, Second Degree, Domestic Violence, a Class C Felony. On or about June 27, 2025, Lampe allegedly, when he wantonly caused serious physical injury to another person by means of deadly

weapon or dangerous instrument; one count of Failure to Notify Change of Address to the Department of Transportation, a Violation. On or about June 27, 2025, when Defendant was operating a motor vehicle on a public highway and failed to notify address change to proper agency as required by law, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Larry Bloomfield, 50, of Vanceburg, was charged with one count of Disregarding a Stop Sign, a Violation. On or about May 21, 2025, Bloomfield allegedly, while operating a motor vehicle, did not obey the instructions of the official traffic control sign applicable thereto, a stop sign; one count of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. On or about May 21, 2025, by possessing a quantity of marijuana, a schedule I controlled substance; one count of Possession of Controlled Substance, 1st degree, 1st offense, Methamphetamine. On or about May 21, 2025, by possessing a quantity of methamphetamine; Drug Paraphernalia, Buy/Possess, a Class A Misdemeanor, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Jacob A. Bentley, 43, of Garrison, was charged with one count of Speeding, 26 mph over the limit, a violation. On or about May 31, 2025, Bentley allegedly, operated a motor vehicle on a main highway 26 mph over the posted speed limit at a speed that is greater than is reasonable and prudent, having no regard for the traffic or for the condition and use of the highway; one count of Fleeing or Evading Police, Motor Vehicle, First Degree, a Class C Felony. On or

about May 31, 2025, operated a motor vehicle with intent to elude or flee, knowingly and wantonly disobeying a direction to stop his motor vehicle given by a recognized Police Officer, creating substantial risk of serious physical injury to other persons; one count of Disregarding Stop Sign, a Violation. On or about May 31, 2025, Defendant did not obey the instructions of the official traffic control sign applicable thereto, a stop sign; one count of Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree, a Class D Felony. On or about May 31, 2025, by wantonly engaging in conduct manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life creating a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person; one count of Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor. On or about May 31, 2025, when he intentionally attempted to prevent a peace officer recognized to be acting under color of his official authority, from effecting an arrest of the Defendant by using or threatening to use physical violence against the peace officer or another, or using any other means creating a substantial risk of causing physical injury to the peace officer or another; one count of Operating Motor Vehicle under Influence Alcohol/Substance, 2nd offense, (aggravating circumstances), a Class A Misdemeanor; one count of Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License, a Class B Misdemeanor, on or about May, 31, 2025, when Defendant, whose operator's license had previously been suspended, was operating a motor vehicle on a public highway; three counts of Wanton Endangerment, First Degree, Police Officer, a Class D

Felony, on or about May 31, 2025, by wantonly engaging in conduct manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Justin Adams, 44, of Vanceburg, was charged with one count of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, First Offense, Heroin, a Class C Felony, on or about June 3, 2025, Adams allegedly, when he knowingly and unlawfully sold a quantity of Heroin, a schedule I Controlled Substance; one count of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, First Degree, First Offense, Methamphetamine, > or = 2 grams, a Class C Felony, on or about June 3, 2025; one count of Drug Paraphernalia, Buy/Possess, a Class C Felony, on or about June 3, 2025, when Defendant was found in possession of various items which are intended for use or designed for use in illegal drug activity; one count of No/Expired Registration Plates, a Violation, on or about June 3, 2025, while Defendant was operating a motor vehicle, Defendant failed to display the registration plates conspicuously upon the rear of the motor vehicle as required by law; one count of No/Expired Registration Receipt, a Violation, on or about June 3, 2025, when requested by a Peace Officer, Defendant was unable to produce a copy of the registration receipt issued by the County Clerk and required by law to be in driver's possession at all times while operating a motor vehicle, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

A Grand Jury indictment is a formal accusation of a crime and does not establish guilt.



District Court News

Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison
County Attorney
August 19, 2025

Willie S. Burns. Arraignment. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. OR to 6 months inpatient rehab. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). PTC 9-16, 1:00.

Willie Scott Burns. Other Hearing. Def FTA 7-22-25 for money due \$248. 9-16.

Willie Scott Burns. Other Hearing. Def FTA 7-22-25 for \$613. 9-16.

Cheryl Ann Butler. Arraignment. (1) No/expired registration plates. SP. Dismiss.

(2) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 2nd or >. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. CADP. (3) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. SP. (4) Failure to surrender revoked operators license. FTA eligible. SP. Dismiss. (5) Failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation. SP. Dismiss.

Harry Carrington. Arraignment. Stalking, 2nd degree. Reset 9-9.

Charles Andrew Lawhun. Arraignment. (1) Speeding 21 mph over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Failure to produce insurance card. (3) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (4) Careless driving. FTA eligible. (5) Improper equipment. FTA. NF. SC.

Joseph Allen Mers. Diversion Completion. Drive Safe. 9-16.

Anthony Wayne Montgomery. Arraignment. Crimi-

nal trespassing, 3rd degree. PNG. 9-16.

Joseph Arthur Rieder. Diversion Completion. SB90. Redocketed. SC. 9-9.

Robin D. Thurman. Arraignment. (1) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (2) Careless driving. FTA eligible. 9-30.

Jacob A. Bentley. Pretrial Conference. (1) Speeding 26 mph over/greater. FTA eligible. (2) Reckless driving. FTA eligible. (3) Failure to produce insurance card. (4) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (5) Operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 2nd (aggravating circumstances). FTA eligible. (6) Possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. FTA eligible. (7) Failure to wear seat belts. FTA eligible. PNG. Reset 2 months. 10-21, 10:00.

Sammy Elwood Bertram. Pretrial Conference. Unlawful transaction with a minor, 3rd degree. 9-30.

Luke A. Blazer. Pretrial Conference. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 1st, (aggravating circumstances). FTA eligible. Pled Guilty (PG). (2) Operating on suspended revoked operators license. FTA eligible. \$150. (3) No operators moped license. FTA eligible. (4) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Merge. (5) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eli-

gible. Enhanceable. \$500. Release bond.

Christopher Cooper. Status Hearing. See how doing in rehab. 2-24, unless paid by surety.

Christopher Cooper. Pretrial Conference. (1) Speeding 19 mph over limit. FTA eligible. Dismissed/Diverted 12 months. (2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. Dismissed/Diverted 12 months.

David Earl Grimes. Pretrial Conference. Operating on sus-

pended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. FTA. NF. BW. OR.

Justin W. Hall. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Speeding 15 mph over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METH-BLK. (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. (4) Operate motor vehicle under influence substance (189A. 010(1C) 1st. FTA eligible. Def waives PH. No drugs/alcohol, PT drug test.

Ervin Howard. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Possess controlled

substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/ possess. OR bond, SB90, Def waives PH.

Ervin A. Howard. Arraignment. Criminal mischief, 1st degree. Appoint PD. PNG. PH 8-26, 10:00.

Shaina Lyons. Pretrial Conference. Harassment, no physical contact. 6 months Diversion.

Sara B. Sensabaugh. Pretrial Conference. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Enhanceable.

SB90. 12 month agreement.

Teddy Ray Tackett. Pretrial Conference. Summons. (1) Failure to or improper signal. FTA eligible. (2) Rear license not illuminated. (3) Failure to produce insurance card. (4) Failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation. FTA. BW. OR bond.

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

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SB 181 Communication Notification

To promote a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff, Lewis County Schools utilizes cameras in most public areas such as classrooms, hallways, offices, playgrounds, athletic fields, buses, and board owned vehicles.

Kentucky Law, SB 181, requires district employees and volunteers to use only approved, traceable systems when communicating electronically with students. Currently the Lewis County Board of Education has approved the following traceable platforms to comply with the law (listed below).

Any electronic communication outside of these platforms without securing the proper parental consent is determined as an "unauthorized use of communication" and will require the district to investigate and report every allegation.

Current approved platforms:

- **Blackboard and/or Starfish (for college students)**
- **Clever**
- **District Email**
- **Google Classroom**
- **Go Guardian**
- **OneCall**
- **ParentSquare**
- **SportsYou**

The full Policies and Procedures can be found at <https://policy.ksba.org/Search.aspx?distid=69>

Please "click" SEARCH MANUAL in the upper right corner and look in the drop down menu. You are looking for Policy 8.2324 and Procedure 8.2324 AP.2

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