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Jennifer Lawrence and husband welcome 2nd child

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The latest member of Jennifer Lawrence and Cooke Maroney’s growing family has arrived.

The Oscar-winning “Silver Linings Playbook” and “Mother!” star welcomed her second baby with the art dealer recently, a source confirmed to People. The magazine reported on Tuesday that Lawrence and Maroney were spotted in New York City on Monday after the arrival of their newest child. Additional details, including the baby’s name and sex, were not disclosed.



Jennifer Lawrence

A representative for Lawrence did not immediately respond to The Times’ request for confirmation.

Lawrence, 34, and Maroney, 40, married in October 2019 in Newport, Rhode Island, and share toddler son Cy. The actor has kept her family life out of the public eye for the most part, but news she was expecting baby No. 2 broke in October.

A representative for Lawrence first confirmed to Vogue at the time that the actor was pregnant. The magazine reported her pregnancy after she was spotted in Los Angeles wearing a T-shirt and sweater “with her baby bump just visible.”

In a November 2023 interview conversation with “Kardashians” reality star and Kylie Cosmetics mogul Kylie Jenner, Lawrence spoke about upping her personal security detail after welcoming Cy in 2022 and adapting to their presence.

Georgetown police face no legal consequences for leaving man who was in distress, later killed

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Georgetown police officers who dropped off a cognitively impaired man at a McDonald’s before he was hit and killed by a car will face no legal repercussions after Kentucky’s highest courts declined to hear the case.

Keith G. Burns, 48, of London, was taken into custody in 2017 for erratic driving, but police later “abandoned” him at a local McDonald’s at night, “dressed in dark clothing” and with “no means of safe transport,” according to court documents.

Burns wandered off and was hit and killed by a van Oct. 3, 2017. His sister, Lisa Williams, filed a lawsuit in 2018 against the police department and claimed they were negligent when they released him despite knowing he was in mental distress.

The case had been appealed several times in recent years and rose through higher courts until the Kentucky Supreme Court declined last week to hear it, ending the lawsuit entirely.

Greg Belzley, Williams’ attorney, said the resolution demonstrated that courts insulate police from accountability.

“People need to know that they cannot count on the police,” Belzley told the Herald-Leader.

Police and county officials initially denied all the claims made by Williams and said official immunity — a legal doctrine that protects government officials, including law enforcement, from lawsuits while they’re undertaking official duties — barred them from being held liable.

Williams said her brother was the type who would do anything to help another person.

“To me, he would’ve done anything for me, and then I wanted to do this for him,” Lisa Williams said in an interview with the Herald-Leader.

“It was all about him to me. It wasn’t nothing else.”

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CASE

Police were called to investigate reports that Burns was driving erratically, and when they pulled him over, he did not know where he was or how he got there.

Tommy Enrico, one of three officers who responded, observed a bleeding scab on Burns’ head that Burns said was from a hard fall earlier in the day. Burns also police he was recently released from a 10-day hospital stay for a neurological disorder.

Enrico and two other senior officers who arrived on the scene did not search Burns’ truck or administer a field sobriety test, according to court documents. Emergency medical services were called, and they tested Burns’ blood sugar after he made claims he was “possibly diabetic” and missed his medication.

Burns refused to be transported by EMS.

Police ultimately dropped Burns off at a nearby

McDonald’s with no way to contact his family or transportation. Williams said in her lawsuit that police had a statutory obligation to transport Burns to his home in London or take him to a hospital to be evaluated.

In 2017, a new state law required that police have guidelines for how to handle individuals with diminished mental capacity. That law has since changed and weakened the former safeguards.

Even if they didn’t transport Burns to a hospital, the officers also had an obligation to arrest Burns and seek charges of wanton endangerment or reckless driving, the lawsuit claims.

However, police stood by their decision to leave Burns and said that taking him to the hospital or transporting him home would have put a strain on local police resources.

When questioned about the decision to drop off a person with a mental health issue, former Georgetown Police Chief Mike Bosse said it was a “common occurrence.” Officers previously dropped a man with Alzheimer’s off at an interstate interchange, he said.

Bosse was fired in January 2023 after nearly 10 years in the position, when newly elected Mayor Burney Jenkins made personnel changes. Bosse now serves as the director of the Department of Criminal Justice Training Center in Richmond.

“We’re not going to have sufficient units to tie up at headquarters just to babysit somebody that’s sitting in the lobby,”

Bosse said of the Burns incident in a deposition. “This guy is lucid enough, and he’s the same kind of citizen as any others, and he can go to the McDonald’s.”

Instead, senior officers called Burns’ brother-in-law, Les Williams, to pick up Burns. Williams arrived in Georgetown around 11 p.m., called police dispatch and was told that Burns had been “dropped off” at a McDonald’s.

Williams searched for his brother-in-law, and around midnight, he called dispatch, provided his phone number and asked them to call if Burns was found.

Williams was called a short time later by a female dispatcher who said to call a number because “they have your brother-in-law.”

Williams called the number only to discover that it was the coroner’s office.

“When I called that number and it was the coroner’s office — you can’t describe the feeling,” Les Williams told the Herald-Leader. “It was just a total shock.”

THE LAWSUIT’S CONCLUSION

Bill Fryer, a longtime Lexington Police officer and trainer at the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond, presented expert testimony on behalf of Burns’ family.

“It is simply not credible to me...that any of the officers at the scene could conclude there was nothing wrong with Burns, that he posed no

risk of harm to himself or others, and that he could be dropped off, unsupervised, at a private business location to await the arrival of someone, at some time, to take him home,” Fryer said in his analysis.

Fryer said what the officers chose to do was not a decision any responsible, competent or reasonable officer would make under the circumstances.

Initially, the federal trial judge, Mike Dean, sided with the Williams, and was willing to send the case before a jury. Before they could do so, attorneys for the police department appealed the decision and sent it to the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Without holding an oral argument to allow both sides to make their case, the court of appeals ruled in favor of police and said officers have discretion to decide whether they should take further action when responding to a mental health situation.

Belzley, in turn, appealed the higher court’s decision and requested that the case be heard by the Kentucky Supreme Court.

They declined to hear the case on March 26.

“It is all done,” Belzley said in an interview with the Herald-Leader.

“There will be no accountability for what happened to Mr. Burns. The cops will regard this as a pat on the back and not as a warning or an indication for a need to change their practices about people with cognitive issues.”

Lafayette High School needs a new building, parents insist

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Eighty-six-year-old Lexington’s Lafayette High School is unsafe for students and should be replaced, not just renovated, parents and staff at a Monday forum told a committee prioritizing future Fayette school projects.

“This place is falling apart,” said parent Joy Clevenger. “Replacing ceiling tiles and HVAC systems, that is not going to remediate the mold, the rot, the damp.”

“We know that the hallways are the narrowest and most dangerous in the district,” she said. “This is not a safe building. We’ve seen rats and cats going in and out of the basement. This building is gross. You need to do more.”

“Lafayette is an old school, and we are reminded of that on a daily basis by quirks and failures in systems throughout the building, quirks that compromise learning in the building,” said Lafayette Principal Anthony Orr.

Parents and staff were at a forum Monday night held by the school board’s Local Planning Committee that develops and oversees the District Facility Plan. The plan prioritizes such projects as school construction and renovation.

The Fayette school board votes on the final decisions.

Orr and parents said the proposed \$72 million-plus renovation of Lafayette on the proposed plan, which they described as a “Band-Aid” won’t be enough.

“It’s time you provide a facility that is adequate for a safe, secure, 21st-century learning environment,” Orr said.

Lafayette High School is high performing academically -- most recently receiving a green rating in the state’s accountability system, which is

next to the highest possible rating.

It is also home to the district’s high school for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCAPA) gifted and talented program and the district’s pre-engineering program. Based on 2019 data, the capacity for the building is about 1,500.

The enrollment projection for next year is 2,377.

The school building was renovated in 1998, according to the school district website.

“Lafayette needs to be rebuilt, not remodeled,” said parent Karen Walker. She said the HVAC is so problematic that kids are sweating in the morning and freezing in the afternoon.

Plumbing problems mean students deal with “grotesque smells” daily and many avoid going to the bathroom all day, Walker said. Ceilings are leaking, and classroom sizes are inadequate, she said.

Parent Ben Allen said

the facilities were “outdated and unsafe.” He asked that Lafayette be rebuilt as a state-of-the-art facility and not just renovated.

“A simple renovation is not going to fix these problems,” Allen said.

Also at the forum, principals of Maxwell Spanish Immersion Elementary and the School for Creative and Performing Arts, grades 4-8, which is in a separate building from Lafayette High School, advocated for construction to move ahead on new school buildings that are currently on the plan.

Projects can be on the plan for years before coming to fruition.

Kevin Payne, principal of Southern Middle School, asked that a renovation of that school move forward.

Community members Richard Gaines and Dany Anthony Everett asked for construction to begin on a new George Washington Carver STEM Elementary School for Boys, which is in the plan.

There will be another public forum on the plan next month, district officials said. No date was announced.

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Pedestrian dies from injuries after being hit by a car on Winchester Road

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A pedestrian has died from injuries after being hit by a car early Wednesday, according to the Lexington Police Department.

The collision happened around 12:30 a.m. in the 2800 block of Winchester Road, near Man O’ War Boulevard. Lexington police Lt. Steven Wiggins said the pedestrian had life-threatening injuries and was transported to a hospital.

Later Wednesday the Fayette County Coroner’s Office confirmed the victim had died. He was

identified as 64-year-old Woodrow Flinchum.

Flinchum was declared dead at 1:14 a.m. from multiple blunt force trauma injuries, according to the coroner’s office. His manner of death was listed as an accident.

The driver was uninjured and remained at the scene after the crash. Wiggins said criminal charges are not expected to be filed.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated the wreck. The road has since been reopened.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Final Four round of the men’s NCAA Basketball Tournament will begin April 5. The date was incorrect in the bracket graphic that has appeared in the Sports pages throughout the tournament.

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