

PUBLIC RECORD

MARRIAGES



Jeffery Dwight Lyons, 50, Whitley City, self-employed to Melissa Jane Everhart, 44, a Whitley City nurse, in a ceremony performed by Jeff Lockard on November 15, 2025.

LAND TRANSFERS

Trysten Adkins to McKenzie Privett and Tony Privett, Jr. for \$135,000 Pine Knot, vicinity of Clarence Duncan Road.

Irene Worley to Chadric A. Jones, for \$10,000, land on waters of Little South Fork River.

Wanda and Jeremy Ridener to Wanda Ridener, for terms of divorce, property on waters of Bee Creek.

Tamra Marissa Hayes Wilson and Aaron Daniel Wilson to Billy Hayes III and Jaelynn Hayes, for love and affection between kinsmen, a certain tract or parcel of land on Strunk Ridge.

Dustin Lay to Dustin Lay and Cathryn Lay, for love and affection of husband and wife, a parcel of land on Murphy Creek, .262 acres more or less.

Pam Lawson to Gregory Polston and Lynda Polston, for \$375,000, a certain tract on Sand Hill Road.

Gary Wood to TKT Properties LLC, for \$18,000, a certain tract of land, Lot Number 20 of the C. D. Nevels Shady Grove Subdivision, mouth of Turkey Creek.

Jerry Smith to Jerry Smith and Megan Ridener, for love and affection between kinsmen, a certain tract of land at Smithtown near Smithtown School at the intersection of Mary King Road and Hwy 92.



Photo Submitted

Kentucky State Police Trooper Wendell Higginbotham was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant effective September 1st, 2025. Lieutenant Higginbotham is a 21-year veteran with the Kentucky State Police, having graduated KSP cadet class #82 in 2004. Lieutenant Higginbotham has served KSP Post 6 Dry Ridge, Post 15 Columbia, and KSP Post 11 London during his 21 years of service. Lieutenant Higginbotham is a life-long resident of McCreary County. He currently resides in the Parkers Lake community with his wife, Shana, and four children, sons Caleb, Peyton, and Jaxson and his daughter Dallas Higginbotham. Lieutenant Higginbotham stated, "I am looking forward to the challenge of my new position and will continue to serve the citizens of the commonwealth and represent McCreary County in a positive manner."



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff David Sampson notes the possibility of people with the same or similar names exists. All persons listed in the Sheriff's Report are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEEK OF NOV. 17-NOV. 23, 2025

NOVEMBER 17

Deputy Greg Chaney arrested Claude Sumler with execution of a Bench Warrant.

NOVEMBER 20

Deputy Ryan Jones arrested Caleb Dople with execution of a parole violation warrant.

Deputy Ryan Jones arrested Joseph Daryl Jones, charging him with (1) one headlight (2)

improper equipment (3) driving on dui suspended license (4) operating motor vehicle function without interlock device (5) operating motor vehicle under influence controlled sub (6) improperly on left side of road.

Deputy Ryan Jones arrested William Perkins with execution of a complaint warrant.

NOVEMBER 21

Deputy Ryan Jones arrested Caleb Dople with execution of a com-

plaint warrant.

NOVEMBER 22

Deputy Chris Carter arrested Tammy L. Stewart, charging her with (1) operating motor vehicle under influence alc. (2) criminal mischief (3) assault (domestic violence) (4) driving dui suspended license.

Deputy Chris Carter arrested Dillard Thomas with execution of an indictment warrant.

Deputy Greg Chaney served a criminal com-

plaint summons to April Privett with a charge of criminal littering.

NOVEMBER 23

Deputy Chris Carter arrested Charlotte June Baker, charging her with (1) criminal trespass (2) assault (3) resisting arrest.

Deputy Greg Chaney arrested Plass E. Robinson, charging him with assault-4th-domestic violence.



DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Glossary: PG – pled guilty, PNG – pled not guilty, FTA – failure to appear, c/d – conditionally discharged, BW- bench warrant, OUI – operating under influence, PI – public intoxication, TBUT – theft by unlawful taking.

Editor's note: McCreary Journal publishes only the final disposition of district court criminal cases except for those which are waived to a grand jury or dismissed without condition.

The Following cases were heard by Honorable Judge Cathy E. Prewitt in McCreary County District Court on October 9th, 2025

Gibson, Joshua R. - (1) cultivating in marijuana < 5 plants, 1st offense - PG / \$133cc / \$10ksp / 6 months CD-2yrs (2) possession of marijuana - PG / 90 days CD-2yrs.

Helton, Joni Marie - (1) failure to wear seat belts - PG / \$25 fine (2) no/expired registration plates - dismiss proof (3) no/expired kentucky registration receipt - dismiss

with out prejudice. **Owens, Jeffrey R.** - (1) speeding 9mph over the limit - did county attorney program / dismiss with out prejudice.

Poynter, Gary D. - (1) cultivating in marijuana < 5 plants, 1st offense - PG / 6 months CD-2yrs / N.F.V. (2) possession of marijuana - PG / 90 days CD-2yrs / N.F.V. / \$133cc / \$10ksp.

White, Khalil T. - (1) terroristic threatening, 3rd degree - DIV / 12 months @ 1 yr abide by terms / order of DUO stands for 3yrs / \$133cc.

Scott, Dakotta Lee - (1) fleeing or evading police, 3rd degree - PG / 10-16-25 (2) criminal trespass 1st degree - PNG / sent

(3) public intoxication controlled substance excludes alc - PG / 30 days CD-2yrs / N.F.V. (4) false reporting an incident to law enforcement - PG (5) resisting arrest - PG.

The Following cases were heard by

Honorable Judge Cathy E. Prewitt in McCreary County District Court on October 16th, 2025

Allen, Dennis Bruce - (1) speeding 9mph over limit - dismiss with prejudice.

Baird, Justin Aaron - (1) speeding 9mph over limit - drive safe / dismiss with prejudice.

Bryant, Eric Dean - (1) no/expired registration plates - dismiss / proof shown (2) no/expired kentucky registration receipt - dismiss / proof shown.

Byrd, Elijah Shane - (1) speeding 9mph over limit - dismiss with prejudice.

Coffey, April Lynn - (1) speeding over limit - dismiss with out prejudice.

Cornelius, Gabrielle L. - (1) speeding 22mph over limit - drive safe / review 1-8-26.

Garland, Bennie - (1) speeding 9mph over limit - dismiss with prejudice.

Giglo, Kamari Wayne - (2) no operators/moped

license - PG / \$50 fine / \$133cc.

Herbert, Michael A. (1) speeding 9mph over limit - dismiss with prejudice.

Hurd, Deannba Marie - (1) speeding 9mph over limit - dismiss with prejudice.

Lair, Jordan Jason - (1) speeding 19mph limit - dismiss with prejudice.

Lanpheare, Taylor Paul - (1) no/expired reigistration plates - dismiss / proof shown (2) no/ expired kentucky registration receipt - dismiss / proof shown (3) failure to wear seat belts - PG / \$25 fine.

Lensing, James Harty - (1) speeding 23mph over limit - dismiss with prejudice / traffic school.

Phelps, Brooke Eli - (1) speeding 9mph over limit - dismiss with prejudice.

Phillips, Kasey Brianna - (1) speeding 24 mph over limit - dismiss with prejudice (2) operating vehicle with expired operators license - dismiss / proof shown, motion county attorney.

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Our Office will be closed Wednesday, December 24, 2025 thru January 2, 2026 for our employees to celebrate the holidays with their families.

We will reopen January 5, 2026 with our Looking Back issue on January 7, 2026.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Eugenia, Derek & Emily