

JUVENILE

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to the therapy records of an alleged victim.”

The counseling notes were not collected as part of the prosecution’s case. “To date, the Commonwealth has not seen, nor does it have access to these (counseling) records,” Riccio wrote.

Meyer’s order would only provide the victim’s records to the defense, Riccio wrote, and requested, if the notes are provided to the defense, that they also be provided to prosecutors.

Meyer issued a trial order June 24 requiring both the prosecution and defense to file a witness list within 21 days of the juvenile’s adjudication hearing. The order said failing to comply could result in evidence being excluded at trial, and in sanctions being issued against the noncomplying attorney.

In a July 16 hearing, Riccio said the defense had all of the prosecution’s evidence, but said there was no witness list. According to a partial

transcript in Riccio’s petition to the Circuit Court, Meyer said: “Well, then you won’t have any witnesses, I don’t suppose. Is that what I’m hearing? Okay.”

Riccio’s petition cites several prior court decisions that say a defendant is not “generally entitled to a list of witnesses from the opposing party,” and “a party to a criminal proceeding may not be compelled to provide a witness list to the opposing party.”

Riccio’s petition says the Circuit Court, in an appeal from another juvenile case presided over by Meyer, ruled “a trial court may not order an exchange of a list of witnesses a party intends to call in a criminal case.”

Meyer said Thursday she could not comment on any of the issues, because court ethics rules prohibit discussion of a pending case. Meyer referred questions about issues in Riccio’s petition of the Administrative Office of the Court’s legal department.

In an email, Jim Hannah, communications director for the Administrative Office of

the Courts said judges are prohibited from commenting on cases by the state Code of Judicial Conduct.

Questions were sent to the AOC, regarding whether the rules of criminal procedure required prosecutors to provide a witness list for the defense, and if witness lists were required in addition to the evidence and statements both prosecutors and defense exchange during pretrial discovery. The AOC was also sent a question as to whether the Barroso Standard or some other standard had to be followed by judges when considering whether to release notes from a party’s psychological counseling to attorneys.

In a written statement, Hannah said: “(T)he questions you’ve posed require a legal analysis of criminal procedure and evidentiary law. The AOC provides information related to the administrative operations and services of the Judicial Branch but does not offer legal interpretations. We recommend consulting an attorney for guidance on those matters.”

A call to Bennett for comment at his office was not returned Thursday.

Burlew said the juvenile case is currently on hold until Circuit Judge Bryce Caldwell rules on Riccio’s petition.

Burlew said the order to provide the alleged victim’s counseling records to the defense was the main issue for prosecutors.

“The county attorney’s office takes victims’ rights very seriously” and said the office believes the “Barroso Standard” should be utilized before the records are turned over to the defense.


“The Barroso standard protects the victims of sexual assault and protects their privacy,” Burlew said. Later, Burlew said, “We felt it was a serious enough issue that we filed those writs.”

“We didn’t taken this lightly,” Burlew said. “It wasn’t made on a whim. I respect Judge Meyer.

“It’s an interesting case, and I think we are on solid legal ground,” Burlew said. “We’ll have to wait and see.”

Burlew said he did not have a timeline for when Caldwell would rule on the petition.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that **Pollard Management Group of Kentucky, LLC**, 483 Lamb Road, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431 has applied for **Phase I bond release on Increment 2 of Permit No. 875-8003**, which was last issued on 30 January 2025 (Permit No. 875-8003 MA-10). The application covers a total area of 41.1 acres located approximately three miles north of Sacramento in McLean County.

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The bond now in effect for Increment 2 is Bond #SUR0067562 in the amount of \$234,000. Approximately 52.2% (\$122,100) of the original bond amount of \$234,000 is included in the application for release.

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Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by **Monday, 15 September 2025**.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for **Tuesday, 16 September 2025 at 9:00 A.M.** at the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources (KDNR), Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431-1683. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Monday, **15 September 2025**.

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