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# HOMERUN HITTERS

**Bell County's Joseph Brigmon and Jackson Walters both homer during the Bobcats' 14-0 win over Williamsburg**



## Intoxicated man arrested for discharging a shotgun



On Sunday evening March 30, 2025, at approximately 6:00 pm, Bell County Deputy Samson Churchwell responded to a call about a male discharging a shotgun at the Ferndale Apartment Complex.

Once on scene at the residence, Deputy Churchwell identified 63-year-old Michael Cooper as the person responsible for the discharge. After attempting unsuccessfully to have Cooper exit the apartment with his loudspeaker, the deputy made contact with an individual that knew Cooper and he called him telling the man to come out of his apartment. Once outside, Cooper was taken into custody, also found to be intoxicated.

Video of the incident was obtained by Deputy Samson showing that Cooper had the firearm pointing at the building across from his residence prior to the discharge in the air. Michael Cooper was lodged in the Bell County Detention Center charged with wanton endangerment - 1st degree - discharge of a firearm.

Assisisting on scene was Sgt. Austin Poin-dexter.



## DNA links man to 2024 collision

**Charles Partin of Gray, charged with multiple offenses in hit-and-run**

A Bell County man is now facing multiple charges after DNA evidence linked him

to a 2024 collision. Charles Partin of Gray, Kentucky, has been charged with receiving stolen property valued at \$10,000 or more, leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid, and driving without a license/negligence in connection

with the incident. On June 13, 2024, Middlesboro Police responded to a collision at the intersection of Ashbury Avenue and North 19th Street. Witnesses reported that one vehicle struck another, causing significant damage, before

the driver fled the scene. Detective Cowan located the abandoned vehicle in the vicinity shortly after the crash. Officer Morgan Justice investigated the scene and discovered blood in the driver's area, believed to have

come from the driver's injuries during the crash. The blood sample was sent to the Kentucky State Police (KSP) forensic lab in an effort to identify the suspect. In a recent development, the KSP lab confirmed that the DNA

matched Charles Partin of Gray, Kentucky. On Thursday, March 27, 2025, Officer Justice formally charged Partin with the aforementioned offenses. Partin was already in custody on unrelated charges at the time of the arrest.

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