



Harlan County Court News

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Harlan County Detention Center

Randy Mefford, 56, of Evarts, failed to appear — booked April 30; released May 2.

Tamala Howard, 54, of Helton, probation violation (for technical violation) — booked April 30.

Franklin Timothy Price Jr., 46, of Evarts, probation violation (for technical violation) — booked April 30.

Leroy Jones, 27, of Harlan, third-degree terroristic threatening — booked April 30 (bond set at \$1,000 full cash).

Michael D. Creech, 42, of Dayhoit, two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees and fines — booked April 29; released May 1.

James Edward Starrett, 50, of Evarts, first-degree trafficking a controlled substance (first offense, more than 2 grams of methamphetamine), third-degree, possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), illegal possession of Legend drug, controlled substance prescription not in proper container (first offense), buy/possession of drug paraphernalia — booked April 17.

Tadarus A. Jamison, 31, of Richmond, speeding (21 miles per hour over the limit), failure to wear seat belt, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), resisting arrest, trafficking a controlled substance (first offense, more than 4 grams of cocaine), trafficking marijuana (first offense, less than 8 ounces), failure to use child restraint device in a vehicle — booked April 16; released April 19.

Dewayne E. Harris, 39, of Harlan, failure to appear — booked April 16; released April 17.

James Cody Acelinger, 35, of Cumberland, third-degree criminal trespassing, buy/possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with physical evidence — booked April 16; released May 10.

Donnie Kenneth Haynes, 47, of Dalton, Ga., fugitive (warrant not required) — booked April 16; released May 3.

Brody Fleenor, 35, of Rose Hill, Va., two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees and fines, no tail lights, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator’s license, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (first offense, methamphetamine), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), buy/possession of drug paraphernalia — booked April 16; released May 4.

Allen Fultz, 65, of Baxter, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance (first offense) — booked April 15; released May 14.

Billy J. Tackett, 29, of Baxter, failure to produce insurance card, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator’s license, operating a

motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense) — booked April 15; released April 21.

Ronald Williams, 49, of Coldiron, third-degree burglary — booked April 15; released April 16.

Matthew Houston, 31, of Middlesboro, non-payment of court costs, fees and fines — booked April 15; released April 15.

James Day, 45, of Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), possession of marijuana, driving on a DUI-suspended license (first offense), all-terrain vehicle violations — booked April 14; released April 14.

Sarah Shackelford, 32, of Corbin, probation violation (for technical violation) — booked April 14; released April 16.

Charles C. Howard, 59, of Wallins, first-degree trafficking a controlled substance (first offense, less than 2 grams of methamphetamine), persistent felony offender II — booked April 13; released May 15.

Kayla Lynn Helton, 29, of Baxter, failure to appear, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), two counts of contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order — booked April 13.

Logan Cirra Rigney, 31, of Cumberland, failure to appear — booked April 13; released April 14.

Civil Lawsuits

A+ Loans, LLC., vs. Kasondra Carroll — seller plaintiff/services (debt collection).

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Connie Jenkins — contract dispute.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC., vs. Cassandra Saylor — credit card debt collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC., vs. Chanlin King — credit card debt collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC., vs. Wesley Witt — credit card debt collection.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Ca-sandra Short — contract dispute.

LVNV Funding, LLC., vs. Vickie Cross — credit card debt collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC., vs. Bradley Cornett — credit card debt collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC., vs. Brandi Browning — contract dispute.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Foncell Fitzgerald — contract dispute.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Shawn Holman — contract dispute.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Kila Irvin — contract dispute.

James L. Clark, et al., vs. Melvin A. Weaver Jr., et al. — property rights.

Synchrony Bank vs. Gary Callahan — credit card debt collection.

Appleback Properties, LLC., vs. Whitney Gerhald — credit card debt collection.

Recovery Exchange, LLC.,

vs. Michael Stewart — seller plaintiff/services (debt collection).

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Micah Templeton — contract dispute.

CSK Prime Investments, LLC., vs. Tyla I. Daniels — credit card debt collection.

Crown Asset Management, LLC., vs. Karley Estep — contract dispute.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC., vs. Elizabeth Weaver — credit card debt collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC., vs. Chris Massengale — credit card debt collection.

Capital One, N.A., vs. Cas-sandra E. Middleton — credit card debt collection.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC., vs. Vanessa W. Banes — contract dispute.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC., vs. Christina Vanover — credit card debt collection.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Marvin Halcomb — contract dispute.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Lawrence Hughett — contract dispute.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Kenneth Petrey — contract dispute.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. April Richmond — contract dispute.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Di-ana Swanner — contract dispute.

Cash Express, LLC., vs. Briana Taylor — contract dispute.

Jonathan Litton Howard vs. Brittany Paige Pennington — dissolution of marriage.

Tommy Miles vs. Jessica Miles — dissolution of marriage.

LVNV Funding, LLC., vs. Melody R. Banks — credit card debt collection.

District Court

Paul R. Lunsford, 58, of Evarts, speeding (12 miles per hour over the limit), no tail lights — first charge, amended to speeding (five miles per hour over the limit), pleaded guilty, fined \$143; other charge, dismissed on repair.

Andrew Tye Patrick, 29, of Harlan, possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance (first offense) — jury trial scheduled July 15.

Rickie Lynne Bingham, 43, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled Jan. 13, 2026.

Franklin Carter, 45, fourth-degree assault (no visible injury) — jury trial scheduled July 22.

Dominik Gage Davis, 23, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$25.

Harold Franklin Davis, 23, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$138.

Charlie Garrett, 24, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$25.

Belinda Hensley, 41, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$138.

Tammy Creech, Hogue, 61, speeding (25 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$193.

Tina Marie Jones, 42, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (third offense) — pleaded guilty, fined \$1,058, operator’s license suspended 24 months, sentenced to 30 days in jail and driving school.

Thomas Lester, 47, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence with no visible injury) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled Dec. 9.

Billy Lucas, 43, fourth-degree assault (minor injury) — jury trial scheduled July 22.

David Smith, 64, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, registration and title requirements: vehicle not to be operated on highway, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator’s license, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled Jan. 13, 2026.

Kaitlin Simpson, 31, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit) — dismissed on repair

James Starrett, 50, fourth-degree assault (minor injury) — jury trial scheduled July 1.

Donald Weatherall, 50, leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance — jury trial scheduled July 1.

Amie Cherish Wright, 47, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator’s license — pretrial conference scheduled June 30.

Marilyn Monroe Goldberry, theft by unlawful taking (under \$500) — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Mark A. Grimes, 49, confinement and control of dogs at night, dogs to be licensed — pleaded guilty, sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Dustin D. Hardy, 25, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense) — pleaded guilty, fined \$758, operator’s license suspended six months and sentenced to driving school.

Matthew Long, 19, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance (second offense) — amended to operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance, pleaded guilty, fined \$758, operator’s license suspended six months and sentenced to driving school.

Justin Long, 27, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$25.

Bridgett Parrott, 27, third-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), controlled substance prescription not in original container (first offense) — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Kristin Kalyn Parsons, 32, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (first offense) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled Dec. 9.

Nicholas Saylor, 68, creel and size limits for fish — dismissed on warning.

David Smith, 64, theft by unlawful taking (under \$500) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled Jan. 13.

Jodie J. Taylor, 35, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), third-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (first offense, drug unspecified), obstructed vision and/or no windshield — waived to Harlan County Grand Jury.

George Grubbs, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (first offense), possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, improper parking in a firelane/block traveled portion of a highway — jury trial scheduled Oct. 28.

David Ron Shepherd, 71, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), disregarding a traffic control device (traffic light), reckless driving, failure to wear seat belt, failure to produce insurance card, license plate not illuminated — jury trial scheduled Sept. 30.

Kelan DeJuan Belton, 26, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), possession of marijuana, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, no tail lights — jury trial scheduled Sept. 30.

Eric Simpson, 45, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance security (first offense), failure to produce insurance card, registration and title requirements: vehicle not to be used on highway, possession of marijuana — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE

Nally & Hamilton Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 157; Bardstown, Kentucky 40004, Phone: (502) 348-0084, shall conduct blasting on its 1048.88 acre permit #848-0377 located in Harlan County. Said operation is located off of KY 568 approximately 2.65 miles northeast from US 421 junction with KY 568 and located 2.7 miles northeast of Cranks, Kentucky. Latitude 36°47'54.2"; Longitude 83°08'55.1".

Blasting will be conducted each day, Monday through Saturday between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This schedule will be in effect after issuance of the permit and will continue until termination of construction of the mine site. Any major alterations of this blasting schedule will be published. Unscheduled blasting may occur in emergency situations where rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions or the safety of the operator or public requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to any unscheduled blasting the appropriate blast warning signal as discussed below will be given as notification of said unscheduled blasting.

Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking all roads a minimum of 1000 feet from the blast area. Post detonation access to the blasting area will be allowed only after inspection and determination that no hazards exist and the All Clear Signals have sounded.

A pre-detonation warning consisting of: Blast Warning Signal – Shall consist of a one (1) minute series of three (3) long blasts from a siren five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal. Blast Signal – Shall consist of three (3) short blasts from a siren, one (1) minute prior to the blast. All Clear Signal – Shall consist of a prolonged blast from a siren following the blast and inspection of the blast site.

These signals will be audible within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

Each person within the permit area and each person who resides or regularly works within one-half (1/2) mile of the permit area shall be notified of the meaning of the Blast Signals. This will be done at the same time that they are informed of the procedures for obtaining a pre-blast survey.