Former Jessamine County Prosecuter pleads guilty

By Tom Latek
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FRANKFORT – Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman announced on Friday the conviction of a former Assistant Jessamine County Attorney for abusing his position of trust for personal profit.

Eric Wright, 46, pleaded guilty on Thursday to one count of Abuse of Public Trust (a Class D Felony which carries a one-to-five-year prison term) and one count of Official Misconduct, First Degree (Class A Misdemeanor, which has a potential one year in jail).

He had also been indicted on charges of Bribing a Witness (a Class D felony) and Theft by Deception (a Class A misdemeanor), but those two were dropped As part of the plea agreement.


Eric Wright

Wright admitted that he took money from a person who came to Jessamine District Court to pay for a traffic ticket. He offered to dismiss the traffic ticket in exchange for a payment of $300 in cash. At the time of the incident, Wright was an Assistant County Attorney for Jessamine County. He later admitted to pocketing the money.

Based on Wright's guilty plea, the Commonwealth has recommended that Wright serve a two-year sentence, and his Kentucky law license will be suspended immediately.

"Prosecutors are entrusted with immense authority to uphold our laws. A violation of that trust will not be tolerated in our Commonwealth," Coleman said.

The Nicholasville Police Department investigated the case. Deputy Attorney General Rob Duncan and Criminal Chief Rewa Zakharia prosecuted the case on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Sentencing has been scheduled for 9 a.m., January 21, 2027 at Jessamine Circuit Court.

Meeting notice

News release

The Danville-Boyle County Convention and Visitors Bureau will hold its regular meeting at the Hampton Inn in Danville, Kentucky, on Monday, Nov. 16, 2026 at 9 a.m. EST/8 a.m. CST.

If you would like to attend or would like more information, contact executive director Kendall Clinton at kendall@historicdanvilleky.com or call 502-680-3397.

AGENDA:

Call to Order

Approval of Oct. 19 meeting minutes

Approval of October financials

Executive director activities/updates:

1. Model T event
2. 2027 Corvette Cruise-In
3. Brass Band Festival survey
4. Log cabins
5. KTIA annual conference

Marketing updates:

1. Candace updates

Old Business

1. Funding application requirement

New Business

1. Executive director's monthly expenses and Candace's expenses

Motion to adjourn

Ephraim McDowell birth announcements

News release

November 2, male, Weston Tyler Krue Hayes, born to Brooklyn Vaughn and Tyler Hayes of Liberty, KY

November 2, male, Nelson William Cline, born to Casandra Cline and Charles Cline of Parksville, KY

November 3, Male, Kaydon Brian Renner, born to Kansas and Jordan Renner of Harrodsburg,Ky

November 2, a male, Elijah Lee Breckenridge, born to Emily and Markus Breckenridge of McKinney, Ky

November 4, a female, Ava June Johnson, born to Paula and Brandon Johnson of Crab Orchard, KY

November 6, a female, Olive Ember Giles, born to Sarah Catlett and Ethan Giles of Harrodsburg, KY

DEATH NOTICES

Karen Lynn Spaw Allen, 70, of Waynesburg, died on Nov. 8, 2026.

John "JT" Thomas Gooch, 102, of Stanford, died on Nov. 8, 2026.

William "Bill" Murphy, 88, of Harrodsburg, died on Nov. 9, 2026.

Cindy Ann Ragland, 64, of Danville, died on Nov. 6, 2026.

Betty J. Burton Tillett, 92, of Waynesburg, died on Nov. 10, 2026.

Cassandra "Sandy" A. Malott, 49, of Danville, died on Nov. 6, 2026.

STILL WATERS

Veteran's Day: Remembering the sacrifice, trusting the savior


Tiffany Johnson

Veterans Day is more than a date on the calendar. It is an opportunity to pause, reflect, and honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our nation. As we watch the red, white, and blue wave in the wind, we are reminded that freedom has never been free.

For me, the colors of our flag carry a deeper meaning.

The red reminds me of sacrifice. It speaks of the blood that has been shed by brave men and women who answered the call to serve. Their courage, dedication, and willingness to put others before themselves have helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

The white reminds me of Jesus Christ. In a world where none of us are perfect, He alone is pure, holy, and without fault. His love and sacrifice offer hope, forgiveness, and redemption for all who trust in Him.

The blue brings thoughts of peace, unity, and gratitude. Being an American is a gift. While no nation is perfect, we are blessed to live in a country where we can pursue our dreams, worship freely, and enjoy liberties that many around the world can only hope for.

We recognize that the sacrifices of our veterans extend far beyond the battlefield. Many have endured injuries, lost limbs, and carry unseen wounds that others cannot see. The effects of trauma and PTSD are real and often remain long after the uniform is put away. These burdens can be carried for a lifetime.

Yet there is hope.

Jesus Christ is the ultimate source of healing, restoration, and peace. He sees every wounded heart, every sleepless night, and every silent struggle. He understands the pain that often goes unseen by the world, and He offers comfort that only He can provide.

We also honor the families who serve alongside their loved ones. Military spouses, parents, children, and friends know the weight of deployment, uncertainty, and waiting for a phone call or message. Their sacrifices may not always be visible, but they are deeply felt.

Through every challenge, God remains faithful. He reminds us that He loves our loved ones even more than we do. He calls us to place our trust in Him, surrender our fears, and rest in the assurance that He is in control. His plans are good, His purpose is sure, and His guidance never fails.

So today, we say thank you.

Thank you to every veteran.

Thank you to every service member.

Thank you to every military family.

Thank you for your training, your discipline, your commitment, your perseverance, and your sacrifice.

And most of all, thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for being the One who carries us through every season, strengthens us in our weakness, and keeps us afloat in life's storms.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." - Psalm 33:12

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the brave men and women who have served our country. Bless our veterans and their families. Bring healing to those carrying physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds. Strengthen those who continue to serve and remind us all that our ultimate security is found in You. Help us to live with gratitude, humility, and faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

God bless our veterans, God bless our military families, and God bless the United States of America.

Blessings and love always,

Tiffany

Lt. Gov. Coleman hits deer on Bluegrass Parkway

By Tom Latek
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FRANKFORT, Ky – Crashes between vehicles and deer are most common this time of year especially in rural areas, and sometimes they are unavoidable; just ask Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman.

Coleman posted on her Facebook page Wednesday morning, "Last night, while traveling home from Bowling Green, my security detail and I were involved in a car wreck along the Bluegrass Parkway. We are okay. The vehicle and deer are not."

She also saluted the law enforcement agencies that arrived on the scene. "Thank you to the Nelson County Sheriff's Office and other first responders. As always, I am indebted to Kentucky State Police for keeping me safe."

This should serve as a message for everyone to exercise caution on the roads, especially during the last three months of the year.

According to state highway safety officials, crash data shows Kentucky experienced a seven-year high of 3,411 deer collisions in 2025, underscoring the importance of safe driving habits during peak deer movement season along roads statewide.

"With deer active this time of year, especially at dawn and dusk, motorists should stay focused, slow down in areas where deer are present and always wear a seat belt," said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet State Highway Engineer James Ballinger. "A few extra moments of caution can help prevent a serious crash."

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"The most challenging part for me was nerves and having so many people watching me," she said.

Carter said she did not do any special studying or preparation. She relied on what she had learned during five years as a nurse and the techniques she uses on the job.

Her interest in nursing began long before she entered the profession.

Carter lived in Crab Orchard from 1996 until 2023, when she bought a house in Stanford. As a child, she accompanied her mother, a nurse, to the nursing home and got to know the residents.

"My mother was a nurse and I wanted to make her proud," Carter said. "I used to go into the nursing home with her as a kid and that's when I fell in love with the residents."

She has worked as a floor nurse at Stanford Crossing since February and had also worked there previously.

For Carter, long-term care offers relationships she values beyond the daily nursing duties. She said she never really had grandparents, and the people she cares for have become like family.

Her favorite part of the work is being available when residents need someone, whether that means holding a hand, listening or reassuring them they are not alone.

She described arriving at work to find residents waiting for her, smiling, offering hugs and telling her they had missed her.

"That's what makes this kind of work worthwhile," Carter said.

Still, she is candid about how demanding nursing can be and the days when she feels overwhelmed.

"Being a nurse is very difficult," she said. "It weighs on you physically, mentally, emotionally. Especially if you care so much for others."

The recognition has given her encouragement to continue. When she questions why she keeps doing such difficult work, she said, residents' smiles and laughter and hugs from their family members remind her of the difference she can make.

"I may not be able to change the world, but I can be a helping hand to those in need," Carter said. "And that's enough for me."

Her coworkers have shared in the celebration. Carter said some have cried with excitement and sent her pictures of themselves with the sign recognizing her win. Stanford Crossing also shared a photo of Carter standing beside a banner identifying her as the first-place nurse at the 2026 Grand Skills Summit.

She credits Ava, Devin, her family, her administrators and the patients and family members she has known throughout her career for supporting her.

Her parents and daughter are proud, she said. For Ava, Carter hopes the accomplishment will be an example she can carry into her own future.

"She will know that nothing is impossible and she can achieve her aspirations and dreams because she watched her momma do it."

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