

# POLICE BLOTTER.....

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A Martin County woman was arrested after she was accused of being caught on video cutting locks off storage units in Inez and stealing more than \$1,000 worth of property.



Rose Johnson

Martin County Sheriff's Deputy Jameson Wall served a warrant on Rose Ellen Johnson, 54, of Inez, at her residence around 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.

According to police, Johnson used bolt cutters to remove locks on several storage units, then removed items from inside Feb. 25 and Feb. 26. She allegedly took a teal-colored gown valued at more than \$1,000 along with a jewelry box, a flat-screen television and other items.

According to the warrant, investigators reviewed video footage allegedly showing Johnson committing the thefts.

Johnson was charged with third-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking or disposition of property valued at \$1,000 to \$10,000, possession of burglary tools and second-degree criminal mischief.

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A Louisa man will have to find another place to charge his cell phone after he was arrested for trespassing on Monday, March 23.

According to a police report by the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Joseph Osborne responded to a complaint that Kelly Robinson, 48, had entered a room in the back of an apartment that housed two water heaters after he had been previously told that he did not have permission to do so.

When the deputy arrived the occupant of the apartment showed him the room that was attached to the two apartments but did not contain an access point to inside the home.

Along with the two water heaters the deputy spotted a blanket and trash littered around the

room. The female who lived in the other apartment said she was aware Robinson was coming there to charge his phone without permission.

When the deputy spoke with Robinson, he was told that Robinson only used the room to charge his phone and that no one had ever told him he couldn't do so.

When Deputy Osborne pointed out all the "No Trespassing" signs including the one at the door of the building, Robinson said those signs were not there earlier.

Robinson was arrested and charged with criminal trespassing 3rd degree and advised to stay out of the room and not to be walking around the curtilage of the home. He was lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

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A Lawrence County woman was arrested after police were called to Stafford Avenue in Paintsville in reference to a woman passed out in her car.

Sandra L. Hinkle-Goble, of Louisa, was arrested by Paintsville Police in front of a daycare where according to the citation, officers found Goble in the driver's seat of the vehicle.

During the investigation, officers reported signs of impairment and later located a loaded syringe and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. The substance in the syringe reportedly tested positive for methamphetamine.

Goble was charged with Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance - 1st Offense, Disorderly Conduct, 2nd Degree, Possession of Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Methamphetamine), Drug Paraphernalia - Buy/Possess and Resisting Arrest

She was lodged in Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.



Sandra Goble

## SOIL NAIL REPAIR PROJECT SCHEDULED ON KY 1409 IN JOHNSON COUNTY

PIKEVILLE — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) advises motorists of an on-going soil nail repair project on KY 1409 in Johnson County at mile point 2.21, on Hargis Creek., weather permitting. Contractor is GSI.

During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane in the work zone. Temporary signals will be in place to control traffic flow throughout the duration of the project. Motorists should expect delays and plan travel accordingly.

The project is expected to last approximately six weeks, barring any unforeseen issues or weather delays.

KYTC urges drivers to use caution when traveling through the area, watch for signage and signals, and be prepared for slowed or stopped traffic.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet appreciates the public's patience as crews work to improve roadway stability and safety.

## THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 ARC MINI GRANTS

SOMERSET — The Center for Rural Development is accepting grant applications for the 2026 Kentucky Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) mini-grant program.

The mini-grant program (sometimes referred to as the Flex-E-Grant program) is open to qualified local units of government and non-profit entities in Lawrence County for capacity building planning and implementation projects.

The mini-grant program provides strategic investments in projects that build community capacity to mobilize local resources, gain leadership experience, and strengthen community institutions and networks.

Grants are subject to approval for up to \$10,000, require a 20 percent match of total project costs, and are to be completed within a six-month timeframe. Mini-grant funds are available on a reimbursement basis only.

For information or to download a request for proposal, visit <https://centertech.com/arc-mini-grant-flex-e-grant/>.

All grant applications and supporting documents must be submitted to The Center for Rural Development by 5 PM (EDT) on April 10, 2026. Digital files are preferred and may be emailed to [arc@centertech.com](mailto:arc@centertech.com).

Counties within The Center for Rural Development's primary service area designated as economically distressed by ARC are eligible to apply for the mini-grant program. Eligible counties include Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin and Martin.

For questions about the application process or program guidelines, please call 606-677-6000 or email [jvanthournout@centertech.com](mailto:jvanthournout@centertech.com).

## MC MAN PLEADS GUILTY FOR STEALING WATER

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A Martin County man has been sentenced after he pled guilty to theft of services on March 5, in Martin County Circuit Court.

John Allen, 39, admitted to stealing water service after authorities said he bypassed a shut-off and restored water at his Debord home.

Allen was sentenced to three years of probation and ordered to pay \$1,505.94 in restitution. Court records show he must make payments of \$25 per month to the Martin County Water District through the Martin Circuit Clerk's Office.

The charge stems from a Feb. 21, 2023, inspection in which employees of Martin County Water contract manager Alliance Water Resources found what court records describe as a theft device in Allen's meter box.

According to the criminal complaint, Alliance dis-

connected Allen's water service Oct. 5, 2021, for non-payment. The meter was then pulled and locked out Jan. 4, 2023.

When utility workers returned to inspect the property Feb. 21, 2023, they found the device being used to obtain water service without paying for it, the complaint states.

The estimated loss totaled \$1,505.94 to the water company.

Allen was indicted through the rocket docket program.



John Allen

## JAIL LISTING

### Big Sandy Regional Detention Center Jail Listings for Lawrence, Johnson and Martin counties from March 16 to March 22.

#### Lawrence County

- Sammy Cooper Jr., 41, of Fort Gay, WV, is charged with improper registration plates, trafficking in a CS 1st degree (methamphetamine).
- Jeffrey M. Copley, 54, of Lavalette, WV, is charged with public intoxication (excludes alcohol).
- Randy Tappet Lee Justice, 47, of Louisa, is charged with failure to appear, fugitive (warrant not required).
- Briana Leigh Marcum, 29, of Louisa, is charged with improper equipment, no registration receipt, no registration plates, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to notify address change to DOT, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance, endangering welfare of a minor, operating motor vehicle under the influence.
- Eric Marcum, 45, of Louisa, was charged with terroristic threatening 3rd degree, resisting arrest, strangulation 1st degree (non-domestic

- violence).
- Alexys Ann Overman, 28, of Malboro, TN, is charged with possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, rear license not illuminated, operating motor vehicle under the influence.
- Angela Rena Sartin, 45, of Genoa, WV, is charged with failure to appear.
- Christopher M. Thompson, 53, of Blaine, is charged with no operator's license, no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper display of reg plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance, failure to wear seatbelts, operating vehicle under the influence.
- Crystal Gail Wheeler, 48, of Louisa, is charged with failure/improper signal, 1st degree possession of a CS (methamphetamine), tampering with physical evidence.

#### Johnson County

- Elmer Eugene Blankenship, 63, of Paintsville, is charged with failure to appear, public intoxication (excludes alcohol), possession of a CS 1st degree (methamphetamine).
- Jimmy Ross Castle Jr., 48, of Lowmansville, is charged with rear license not illu-

- minated, one headlight, operating on suspended license, no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to register transfer of vehicle, failure to produce insurance card, failure to appear, driving on DUI suspended license, operating under the influence of alcohol, drug paraphernalia buy/possess, trafficking in a CS 1st degree (methamphetamine).
- James Michael Castle, 27, of Paintsville, is charged with inadequate silencer (muffler), excessive window tinting, possession of a CS, prescription of a CS not in proper container.
- Ricky Dean Ferguson, 60, of Flat Gap, is charged with possession of an open container in motor vehicle, criminal mischief 2nd degree, alcohol intoxication in a public place, burglary 3rd degree, receiving stolen property.
- Sandra Goble, 52, of Paintsville, is charged with disorderly conduct 2nd degree, resisting arrest, operating motor vehicle under the influence, drug paraphernalia buy/possess, possession of a CS (methamphetamine).
- Sarah Michelle Hensley, 30, of Oil Springs, is charged

- with probation violation (for felony offense), drug paraphernalia buy/possess.
- Buffy Nichole Hunter, 38, of Paintsville, is charged with failure to illuminate head lamps, no registration receipt, no registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, drug paraphernalia buy/possess, possession of a CS 1st degree (heroin), possession of a CS 1st degree (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana.
- Stacy Ann Ison-LeMaster, 40, of Beaver, is charged with failure to appear, no operator's license, no registration plates, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, failure to produce insurance card, non-payment of court costs, fines or fees.
- Kayla Renee Jones, 37, of Wittensville, is charged with public intoxication (excludes alcohol), drug paraphernalia buy/possess).
- Billie Jo Keens, 41, of Sitka, is charged with failure to appear, drug paraphernalia buy/possess, 1st degree possession of a CS (heroin), 1st degree possession of a CS (methamphetamine), possession of

- marijuana.
- Billy Joe Keeton, 38, of Martha, is charged with contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order.
- Erin A. Kugel, 23, of Paintsville, is charged with served with bench warrant for court.
- Deborah F. Meek, 44, of Paintsville, is charged with AI in a public place.
- Jeremy Lee Perry, 43, of Wittensville, is charged with criminal mischief 2nd degree, compounding a crime.
- William C. Rudd, 61, of Flat Gap, is charged with improper equipment, obstructed vision of windshield, operating on revoked license, improper registration plates, no registration receipt, failure to surrender revoked license, no registration plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card.
- Christopher Ross Stewart, 31, of Thealka, is charged with failure to appear assault 2nd degree (domestic violence).
- Donovan Michael Stewart, 22, of Paintsville, is charged with failure to notify address change to DOT, AI in a public place.
- Aaron M. Thompson, 40, of Tutor Key, is charged with disorderly conduct 2nd

- degree, prescription CS not in proper container.
  - Luther Watts Jr., 28, of Sitka, is charged with contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order.
- #### Martin County
- Hayley Brotherton, 24, of West Liberty, is charged with fleeing evading police 1st degree (on foot), fleeing/evading police 1st degree (motor vehicle).
  - Zachary Colton DeLong, 30, of Debord, is charged with probation violation (for felony offense).
  - Jordan William-Randal McGinnis, 26, of Tomahawk, is charged with reckless driving, inadequate silencer (muffler), improper equipment, obstructed vision or windshield, failure to wear seatbelts, failure to produce insurance card, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a CS.
  - John Andrew Slone, 40, of Williamson, WV, is charged with public intoxication (excludes alcohol), wanton endangerment 1st degree, 1st degree bail jumping, possession of handgun by convicted handgun.