HARRISON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS

Items published in court news are public record. Juvenile court cases are not published. Crime reports are provided by local law enforcement agencies. Charges or accusations reported to The Democrat do not imply guilt. Cases being heard in circuit court by the Hon. William J. Verax, IV on Oct. 20 were Commonwealth versus:

- Mark Alan Bierman, 1972, arraignment. Enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, more than or equal to two grams methamphetamine) and enhancement drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Not guilty plea entered.

- Mark Alan Bierman, 1972, arraignment. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others ($1,000 but less than $10,000) and criminal mischief (first degree). Not guilty plea entered.

- Paul Dewayne Burgess, 1976, arraignment. Failure to comply with sex offender registration (first offense). Not guilty plea entered.

- Jose Ansara Crooks, 1977, arraignment. Tampering with physical evidence and persistent felony offender (first degree). Not guilty plea entered.

- Juan Carlos Diaz, 1993, arraignment. Wanton endangerment (first degree), disregarding traffic control device (traffic light), reckless driving, improper passing and persistent felony offender (first degree). Not guilty plea entered.

- Kenneth Lee Dunn, Jr., 2004, arraignment. Criminal mischief (first degree), leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance and operating a motor vehicle under the influence (substance). Not guilty plea entered.

- Nicholas Arvin Giles, 2001, arraignment. Fleeing or evading police (second degree, motor vehicle), fleeing or evading police (third degree), possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, reckless driving, two counts disregarding stop sign and two counts failure to or improper signal. Not guilty plea entered.

- Christopher Charles Hampton, 1984, arraignment. Assault (first degree, domestic violence) and wanton endangerment (first degree). Not guilty plea entered. Bond denied.

- Terlandus Kenneth Hopkins, 1992, arraignment. Two cases involving trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, less than four grams cocaine) and persistent felony offender (first degree). Not guilty plea entered.

- Michael Keith King, 1985, arraignment. Possession of a controlled substance (first degree, third or subsequent offense, methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess and public intoxication (controlled substance, excludes alcohol). Not guilty plea entered.

- Stephen Chase King, 1995, arraignment. Two counts wanton endangerment (first degree), three counts criminal mischief (first degree), operating a motor vehicle under the influence, failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation, tampering with physical evidence and reckless driving. Not guilty plea entered.

- Kennarae Lee Lea, 1989, arraignment. Custodial interference and persistent felony offender (first degree). Not guilty plea entered.

- Deborah K. McDonald, 1960, arraignment. Two cases involving trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 & 2) and complicity trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 & 2). Not guilty plea entered.

- Deborah K. McDonald, 1960, arraignment. Two cases trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, 10 or more dosage units, drug unspecified) and complicity trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, 10 or more dosage units, drug unspecified). Not guilty plea entered.

- Larry Ray McDonald, 1959, arraignment. Two cases involving trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 & 2) and complicity trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 & 2). Not guilty plea entered.

- Larry Ray McDonald, 1959, arraignment. Two cases trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, 10 or more dosage units, drug unspecified) and complicity trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, 10 or more dosage units, drug unspecified). Not guilty plea entered.

- Christina Marie Sellars, 1987, arraignment. Three counts wanton endangerment (first degree), three counts endangering the welfare of a minor, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (.08, first, aggravated circumstances), failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation and permit unlicensed minor to operate motor vehicle. Not guilty plea entered.

- Trevor Ray Smith, 2002, arraignment. Kidnapping - adult, rape (first degree), rape (third degree) and two counts sexual abuse (first degree). Not guilty plea entered.

- Jayden Adam Terrell, 2004, arraignment. Criminal possession of a forged instrument (second degree) and persistent felony offender (second degree). Not guilty plea entered.

- Charles Wayne Whitlock, 1985, arraignment. Criminal possession of a forged instrument (second degree), theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others ($1,000 but less than $10,000) and persistent felony offender (second degree). Not guilty plea entered.

- Nicholas Ray Wiglesworth, 1979, arraignment. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than two grams methamphetamine). Not guilty plea entered. Drug testing to include alcohol and fentanyl.

- Tyler Scott Barnett, 2007, status hearing. Rape (first degree) and sodomy (first degree). Agreement on issues; agreement on to be submitted; file statement of what is not agreed upon.

- Rylee Brooks, 2005, status hearing. Fleeing or evading police (first degree, motor vehicle), three counts wanton endangerment (first degree), two counts wanton endangerment (first degree, police officer), speeding 26 m.p.h. over/greater, reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (less than 21 years of age, .02 or more).

- Shannon Christine Carpenter, 1997, sentencing. Possession of a controlled substance (first degree, second offense, methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Continued to Nov. 3.

- Jennifer Lynn Claypool, 1984, probation revocation hearing. Two cases probation violation (for technical violation). Admits absconding, new felony arrest. Sentenced to one year (three years total with other cases).

- Jennifer Lynn Claypool, 1984, status hearing. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others ($1,000 but less than $10,000) and persistent felony offender (second degree).

- William Henry Crawford, 1972, probation revocation hearing. Two cases probation violation (for technical violation).

- William Henry Crawford, 1972, status hearing. Failure to comply with sex offender registration (second or subsequent offense) and persistent felony offender (first degree). Jury trial Feb. 4-5.

- Dustin C. Estes, 1995, status hearing. Burglary (second degree), theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others ($1,000 but less than $10,000), criminal mischief (first degree) and persistent felony offender (second degree).

- Tyler Anthony Fryman, 1994, diversion completion.

- Claire Elizabeth Garner, 2006, status hearing. Five counts sexual crimes against animals.

- Adam Daniel Hamm, 2003, status hearing. Two counts strangulation (first degree, domestic violence related), two counts wanton endangerment (first degree) and assault (fourth degree, domestic violence, minor injury).

- Adam Daniel Hamm, 2003, status hearing. Strangulation (first degree, domestic violence related), wanton endangerment (first degree), assault (fourth degree, domestic violence, minor injury), menacing and violation of condition of release.

- Karen Renee Hatfield, 1975, sentencing. Complicity trafficking in marijuana (first offense, eight ounces but less than five pounds). Sentenced to two years and one day probated five years with substance abuse evaluation.

- Mose Hostetler, 1956, arraignment. Torture of a dog or cat. Not guilty plea entered.

- Hadan Earl Johnson, 2003, preliminary hearing. Probation violation (for technical violation).

- Jeffrey Allen Justice, 1973, status hearing. Recieving stolen property ($1,000 but less than $10,000) and tampering with physical evidence. Agreed, order entered, continued to Dec. 15.

- Jeffrey Allen Justice, 1973, status hearing. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, two or more grams methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess and attempted tampering with physical evidence. Agreed, order entered, continued to Dec. 15.

- Steven Lane, 1965, status hearing. Strangulation (first degree, domestic violence related), wanton endangerment (first degree), assault (fourth degree, domestic violence, minor injury) and persistent felony offender (first degree). Jury trial Feb. 4-5, 2027.

- Steven Lane, 1965, status hearing. Wanton endangerment (first degree) unlawful imprisonment (first degree), terroristic threatening (third degree), menacing, assault (fourth degree, domestic violence, minor injury) and persistent felony offender (first degree). Jury trial Feb. 4-5, 2027.

- Colby Cole Lavergne, 1993, status hearing. Six counts sexual crimes against animals.

- Logan Caine Lusby, 1999, status hearing. Tampering with physical evidence. Guilty plea entered. Sentencing Nov. 17.

- Bobby Ray Lynam III, 1989, status hearing. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, two or more grams methamphetamine), Trafficking in a controlled substance (second degree, second or subsequent offense, 10 or more dosage units hallucinogen), trafficking in marijuana (eight ounces but less than five pounds, second or subsequent offense), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, rear license not illuminated, no rear view mirror and persistent felony offender (first degree). No contact with co-defendant.

- Bobby Ray Lynam III, 1989, status hearing. Convicted felon in possession of a handgun and persistent felony offender (first degree). No contact with co-defendant.

- Bobby Ray Lynam III, 1989, status hearing. Enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, two or more grams methamphetamine), enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance (second degree, second or subsequent offense, 10 or more dosage units hallucinogen), enhancement trafficking in marijuana (eight ounces but less than five pounds, second or subsequent offense), enhancement drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, rear license not illuminated, no rear view mirror and persistent felony offender (first degree). No contact with co-defendant.

- Bobby Ray Lynam III, 1989, status hearing. Tampering with physical evidence, receiving stolen property (firearm) and persistent felony offender (first degree). No contact with co-defendant.

- Shane Lee Maxwell, 1991, probation revocation hearing. Probation violation (for technical violation). Admission to new misdemeanor conviction, use of marijuana and failure to complete community service.

- Kendra Lynn McVey, 1987, review. $50 payments/month; three cases.

- Jonathan Wayne Moore, 1974, status hearing. Burglary (third degree), criminal mischief (first

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HARRISON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT RECORDS

JUDGE GREGORY COULSON PRESIDING NOV. 2, 2026 PROBATE CASES

Estate of Sarah Lillian Magee; order probate.

Estate of Bonnie Bradford Whalen; grant dispense.

Estate of Betty Fern Yoder; order entered.

MISDEMEANOR CASES

Steven H. Hall, 1967, Theft by unlawful taking of disposition all others; not guilty plea, appoint public defender, pretrial 12-14-26.

Kelly Jean Carman, nonresident fishing without a license/permit; dismiss proof.

Jared Wayne Hicks, 1996, regulations necessary to implement KRS 150 purpose (3 counts); not guilty plea, bench trial 12-7-26.

John C. Persinger, 2000, harassment-no physical contact; pretrial 12-7-26, court notice to attorney.

Clarence Ralph Helton, 1953, violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O; Discovery 12-7-26.

Ethan Lewis, 2006, receiving stolen property; entry of appearance Brannon, pretrial 12-7-26.

Dustin N. Sowder, 2004, review 11-9-26.

William E. Bond, 1988, review 11-9-26.

Chad Carney, 19896, review 1-4-27, pay not less than $400 between all cases, apply payments to restitution first.

Brandi R. Caudill, 1977, bench warrant-no bond.

Madison Caudill, 1999, review 11-16-26.

Maxwell S. Ecklar, 2001, show cause by sheriff, 12-7-26.

Anthony Florence, 1977, waive bond filing fee.

Kevin R. Northcutt, review 11-9-26.

Porter W. Smith, 1971, review 3-1-27.

TRAFFIC CASES

Kayla M. Sowder, 1996, failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, operating motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance; not guilty please, appoint public defender, pretrial 12-14-26.

Joshua Chenault, 2005, no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance 1st; show cause by mail, review 12-7-26.

Chad Allen Herrington, 1987, failure to wear seat belts; $25, review 5-3-27.

Stacee Thomas Price, 1992. Speeding 25 mph over the limit; dismiss CATS.

Lydia Bailey Brown, 1999, disregarding stop sign, $25 and no operators/moped license $50 plus court costs, review 5-3-27.

Logan Andrew Courtney, 1997, speeding 11 mph over the limit; dismiss CATS.

Kimberly Leann Creech, 2003, speeding 11 mph over the limit; dismiss CATS.

Alfonzo M. Custard, 1990, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st and no/expired registration plates; continued first appearance for proof 11-16-26.

John Derrek Deboard, 1990, improper equipment and no brake lights; show cause by mail, continued 12-7-26.

Miguel Angel Garcia, 1995, no/expired registration plates; failure to appear.

Jacob Daryl Clay Hensley, 2009, speeding 21 mph over the limit; dismiss CATS.

Chad Allen Herrington, 1987, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, no tail lamps, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle; dismiss proof.

Kristina Rene Hicks, 1991, disregarding stop sign; show cause by mail, review 12-7-26.

Angel M. Iker, 1996, speeding 8 mph over the limit, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transportation, possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle; show cause by sheriff, continued 12-7-26.

Samantha Williams, 1993, no/expired registration plates- dismiss proof, failure to wear seat belts - paid in full, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-dismiss proof, no/expired registration plates - dismiss proof.

Jesse M. Brashear, 1993, operating a motor vehicle under the influence and failure to produce insurance card; pretrial 12-7-26.

Oscar Alexis Lambert Guerra, 2001, 6 months proof provided, suspend operator's license suspension, review 5-3-27, interpreter request please.

Jimmy R. Holmgren, 1972, paid 6 months prepaid insurance - conditionally discharge operator's license suspension, review 4-26-27.

Chad Carney, 1986, review 1-4-27.

Alexis Courtney, 1999, review 12-14-26.

Roger Noble, 1972, show cause by sheriff, review 12-7-26.

FELONY CASES

Kimberly Jenkins, 1966, criminal abuse/neglect 2nd degree; not guilty plea, entry of appearance, Melcher-Beam 12-14-26.

Patricia Guadalupe Perez Ruiz, 1989, criminal mischief 1st degree, not guilty plea, entry of appearance Dan Carman, pretrial 12-14-26.

Jessica Caudell, 1978, assault 3rd-healthcare provider; pretrial 12-7-26.

James A. Gross, 1982, fugitive from another state-warrant required (felony); extradited.

EMPLOYMENT

Kellwell Food Management is now hiring at the Grant County Detention Center for Full-time Kitchen Manager/Supervisor. Must be 21years old and be able to pass a criminal background check and a drug screening. Contact Kim Mann at 859-640-7491 or kmann@kellwell.com

LEGAL NOTICE

MASTER COMMISSIONER SALES

In Order to comply with the orders of the Harrison Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell the property described in the following action(s) on **November 20th, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, at the Harrison County Justice Center, 115 Court Street, Cynthiana, KY 41031. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the (unless otherwise indicated) following terms and conditions: 1) The purchaser shall be required to pay ten percent (10%) of the purchase price on the date of the sale, to apply on the purchase price; 2) The balance of the purchase price shall be due and payable, in cash or certified funds, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale; 3) The purchaser shall be required to execute a bond, with good and sufficient surety thereon for the unpaid balance of the purchase price, said bond to bear interest at the rate of 12% as provided in the Judgment from the date of sale, until paid in Action 26-CI-00084 *[City of Cynthiana, Kentucky, a Municipal Corporation, v. Unknown Defendants, Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Dorothy Ross, et al.]* 4) **Any Purchaser who is not paying the entire purchase price on the sale day must have his/her Surety on the Bond present at the sale and may not thereafter produce the Surety. If you cannot comply with this requirement, please do NOT bid. If prospective bidders do not fully understand this, they must consult with their attorney prior to the Sale to answer any questions.** 5) The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or any part of the purchase price or paying said bond before maturity by paying the balance of the principal, together with all accrued interest thereon; 6) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any and all ad valorem taxes on the subject property for the current year, and all subsequent taxes; 7) The subject property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and claims of any party to this action, except restrictions and easements thereon appearing of record in the Harrison County Clerk's Office, if any; 8) Possession of the subject property shall be given to the purchaser upon confirmation of Commissioner's sale and payment of the purchase price, and the Defendants or any persons claiming through them shall have vacated the premises by that time; 9) The successful bidder at the sale, at bidder's own expense, may carry fire and extended insurance coverage on the improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in an amount at least sufficient to cover a loss to the extent of the Court-appraised value of the improvements on the real property or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, with the loss payable clause to the Special Commissioner. Failure of the Purchaser to effect such insurance coverage shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, any party adjudicated an interest in the real property, after giving notice to the Special Commissioner, to effect said insurance and furnish evidence of the policy to the Special Commissioner. The premium on the insurance policy shall then be charged to the Purchaser as a Purchaser's cost, provided however, that if the purchaser is the Defendant, the City of Cynthiana, Kentucky, the purchaser shall be exempt from this requirement; and 10) Said property shall be sold subject to: a) Assessments for public improvements levied against the subject property; b) Existing zoning ordinances, statutes, laws or regulations; c) Any facts which an accurate survey or inspection of the property may disclose; d) Right of Redemption, if any, of the Primary Defendant and of the United States of America pursuant to 28 USC §2410, where applicable; and e) The property is being sold "AS IS."

The Property is as follows:

1. City of Cynthiana, Kentucky, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, v. Unknown Defendants, Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Dorothy Ross, Unknown Spouse of Dorothy Ross, Unknown Defendants, Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Joe T. Groves, Unknown Spouse of Joe T. Groves, Linda Kay Ross, Unknown Spouse of Linda Kay Ross, Faye Hamilton, Unknown Spouse of Faye Hamilton, Jean Mattox, single, Stock Yards Bank and Trust Company, Unknown Occupants of 212 Third Street, Cynthiana, Kentucky, 41031, and Harrison County, Kentucky, Defendants

PIDN # 089-3014-009-00-000
Address: 212 Third Street
Cynthiana, KY 41031
Harrison Circuit Court Case: 26-CI-00084

Judgment: $4,517.69 plus additional interest accruing at the rate of 12% per annum from February 11, 2026 until paid and additional costs and fees. The property being sold is described in the Judgment Entered on October 21, 2026 in Harrison Circuit Court, Action No. 26-CI-00084 and with a Property Identification Number of 089-3014-009-00-000. Being the same property conveyed to Joe T. Groves, single, and Dorthy Ross, single, by Fred P. Morris, single, by Deed dated September 13, 2000 of record in Deed Book 243, Page 135. Joe T. Groves died intestate on September 4, 2015 leaving his sister, Jean Mattox, single, as his sole heir at law. Dorothy Ross died intestate on March 12, 2011 and is believed to have left her daughters, Linda Kay Ross, and Faye Hamilton, as her sole heirs at law. The Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Joe T. Groves are included and made a part of this action.

All pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale Entered on October 21, 2026.

Announcements on Sale Day control over the provisions set out herein.

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