

Ashland man indicted on sex-related charges

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CATLETTSBURG A Boyd County grand jury recently handed up an indictment on an Ashland man for a few sex-related charges.

Jhonatan A. Arredondo, 26, of Ashland, was indicted on charges of video voyeurism, possession/viewing of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor under 12, tampering with physical evidence and promoting a sexual performance by a minor under 18. Arredondo was booked into the Boyd County Detention Center on a \$200,000 cash bond.

An indictment is not necessarily an indication of guilt. A grand jury found enough evidence to continue felony prosecution.

The above and following individuals are innocent unless proven guilty:

- Darrell Lee Smith, 39, of Ashland, was indicted on charges of second-degree escape, tampering with a prisoner monitoring device and theft by unlawful taking/disposition between \$1,000 and \$10,000.
- Thomas Rouse, 49, of Ashland, was indicted on these charges: second-degree escape, tampering with prison monitoring device and theft by unlawful taking/disposition between \$1,000 and \$10,000.
- Laurisha Nelson, 38, of Ashland, was indicted on a meth trafficking charge (greater or equal to 2 grams).

- Richard F. Anderson, 62, of Paintsville, was indicted on charges of trafficking in an unspecified drug and marijuana possession.

- Anthony C. Haney, aka Chuck Haney, 25, of Ashland, was indicted on the following charges: trafficking in cocaine (greater or equal to 4 grams) and two counts of cocaine trafficking (less than 4 grams).

- Chase Brumfield, 27, of Ashland, was indicted on three counts of trafficking in cocaine (less than 4 grams).

- Justin A. Whitacre, 38, of Ashland, was indicted on a charge of first-degree strangulation (domestic violence).

- Ricky A. Scarffol, 33, of Ashland, was indicted on a first-degree strangulation (domestic violence) charge.

- Travis Cline, 32, of Ashland, was indicted on a charge of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

- Haiti Estes, 28, of Ashland, was indicted on charges of second-degree burglary and fourth-degree assault.

- Dwan Miller, 29, of Lexington, was indicted on a charge of third-degree inmate assault on correctional employee.

- Jasmine D. Hale, 24, of Louisa, was indicted on these charges: second-degree escape, tampering with prison monitoring device, two counts of first-degree fentanyl possession, first-degree possession

of an unspecified drug and drug paraphernalia buy/possess.

- Robert Stevenson, 47, of Russell, was indicted on the following charges: first-degree criminal mischief, resisting arrest, third-degree assault of police/probation officers, second-degree disorderly conduct, marijuana possession and drug paraphernalia buy/possess.

- Jason A. Hunt, 45, of Ashland, was indicted on the following charges: marijuana trafficking (less than 8 ounces), first-degree meth possession (third or greater offense) and drug paraphernalia buy/possess.

- William C. Salyers, 42, of Catlettsburg, was indicted on charges of third-degree burglary and second-degree criminal trespassing.

- Dennis R. Rigsby Sr., 65, of Catlettsburg, was indicted on charges of third-degree burglary and second-degree criminal trespassing.

- Thomas Jenkins, 39, of Ironton, was indicted on a charge of first-degree promoting contraband.

- Shawn J. Burdette, 49, of Ironton, was indicted on a charge of theft of motor vehicle registration plate/decal.

- Zachary Fox, 30, of Ironton, was indicted on a first-degree promoting contraband charge.

- Jamie Ray Douglas, 48, of Ironton, was indicted on a first-degree meth possession charge.

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Greenup County deputies make drug arrests

STAFF REPORT

The Greenup County Sheriff’s Office made two drug arrests on Saturday, Aug. 15, according to Sheriff Matt Smith.

Hanford M. Throughman, of Garrison, and Maria Crabtree, of Lucasville, Ohio, were arrested around 10 p.m.

Throughman was charged with first-offense controlled substance trafficking, drug paraphernalia, improper equipment, possession of open alcohol container, no operator’s license, improper registration plate, no registration receipt, and failure to own and maintain insurance.

Crabtree was charged with importing heroin, first-offense controlled substance trafficking, drug paraphernalia and probation violation-bench warrant.

Deputies searched a black Acadia, in which they found an open container, loaded syringe, a large plastic bag with a white crystalized substance, a digital scale with a large quantity of small bags containing a crystalized substance. The substance (suspected meth) weigh a half-pound, according to the sheriff’s office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Boyd County EMS will hold a special board meeting for property on Wednesday August 26th at 2:30pm. This will be held at the downtown bldg. at 2758 Greenup Avenue.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Boyd County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 68.8 cents on real property and 70.5 cents on personal property. The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 70.5 cents on real property and 70.5 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$11,757,026.94. The proposed General Fund tax rate is the compensating tax for 2027 and is expected to produce \$12,780,787.37.
The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year (if 100% collected). The general areas to which revenue of \$1,023,760.43 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$383,423.62 and instruction, \$640,336.81.
The General Assembly has required the publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.
This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.
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PUBLIC NOTICE SOLICITATION FOR SEALED BIDS AND PROPOSALS

The City of Grayson, 302 East Main St, Grayson, KY, 41143, hereby solicits and advertises for bids for the sale to the City one (1) Fire Apparatus, as described and specified in the bid packet entitled City of Grayson Fire Vehicle Bid, copies of which are available at the office of the Grayson City Clerk, 302 East Main, Grayson, KY 41143.
All bids and proposals in response to this advertisement and solicitation must be received by the Grayson City Clerk on or before 10:30 a.m. on September 4th, 2026 on a form provided by the Grayson City Clerk and completed according to the Bid Instructions provided thereby, including all required attachments; and enclosed within a sealed envelope, with the words “City of Grayson Fire Vehicle Bid” written, typed or otherwise indicated on the outside of the envelope.

BID SPECIFICATIONS

One Fire Vehicle
Class A Pumper, Custom Chassis with a 450-horsepower Cummins engine,
1500 Gallon Per min Pump, 1000 Gallon poly water tank, Allison 3000 EVS Transmission.
1900-pound front axle
2700-pound rear axle
Double Frame Rail
Aluminum Wheels
12-volt onboard battery tender/air compressor
PLEASE CONTACT FOR A MORE DETAILED SPECIFICATION LIST
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Catlettsburg, Kentucky on the following item(s):

GENERATOR PROJECT

Funding for this project is provided by the City of Catlettsburg General Fund and Sewer Fund and a Department of Homeland Security Grant through the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management. This is a federally assisted project. Contractors and subcontractors performing work under this advertisement are bound by the requirements of President’s Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Order 11375; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. The Contractor’s attention is called to the “Equal Opportunity Clause” which states: During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows: (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, and the goals and timetables for minority and female participation in each trade and to the fact that not less than minimum wages set forth in the contract documents must be paid.
Specifications may be obtained Monday-Friday, with the exception of holidays, between the hours of 8am and 2pm at the Catlettsburg City Building, 2611 Louisa Street, Catlettsburg, Kentucky. All inquiries should be addressed to Faith Day at 606-739-5223.
Bids will be received by the Catlettsburg City Clerk, 2611 Louisa Street, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, until 12:00PM EST on August 28, 2026. The sealed bids will be opened and publicly read at 12:00PM EST.
The City of Catlettsburg, through its Mayor, reserves the right to accept all or to reject any part of the bid should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Catlettsburg.
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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Ky. 7 turn lane project pattern change

SANDY HOOK

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is advising drivers of a traffic pattern change in Elliott County on Ky. 7, in Sandy Hook on Monday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m.
Motorists should use extra caution when approaching the area due to the traffic shift. Traffic will be switching to the north side of the project. This is to construct the southern part of the widening. Motorists should watch for flagged traffic when necessary. This is the next phase of the road widening and turn

lane addition.
This project, awarded to Frederick and May, will offer enhanced safety for children, staff, buses and commuters who travel in front of the school campus, day and night.
All work and/or closures are scheduled on a tentative basis and are subject to change depending on weather, emergencies and other factors beyond the control of the Department of Highways.

MEETING

- Monday, 5:15 p.m.: Ashland Independent Board of Education, regular session, Hickman Street.

Flatwoods PD makes pair of arrests

STAFF REPORT

FLATWOODS The Flatwoods Police Department announced it made a pair of arrests as a result of a traffic stop early Saturday morning, according to a news release.
Michael Abrams and Britney Wells were charged. Abrams was charged with first-degree trafficking in meth (2 grams or more) and Wells was charged with first-degree possession of meth and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.
According to police, an officer observed a vehicle allegedly crossing a solid yellow line while turning from Bellefonte Road. Flatwoods Police conducted a traffic stop on

Craft Street.
During an investigation, K-9 Max gave a positive alert on the vehicle.
Abrams advised officers that meth was inside a backpack in the vehicle, according to police. Officers then located and seized a large quantity of a crystal-like substance (meth), according to the

release.
Abrams was also taken into custody on an active Greenup County e-warrant, police said.
The investigation led officers to Wells’s residence, where Flatwoods conducted a knock-and-talk. Wells acknowledged to officers that meth was inside the residence, and

she voluntarily produced it from a closet, according to the release.
Wells told officers a friend may have left a bag containing a handgun inside the residence, police said.
Both Abrams and Wells were booked into the Greenup County Detention Center.

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