

Woman gets 10 years for arson, wanton endangerment

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CATLETTSBURG A man accused of inappropriate communication with minors will be on trial beginning Jan. 19, 2027, for two charges of procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means.

Michael Strother, 39, has been in the Boyd County Detention Center on a \$200,000 cash bond since March 5. He appeared in Boyd County Circuit Court via video-conference from the jail Thursday.

Strother is a former youth sports coach and children’s ministry volunteer.

Court records show Strother is accused of committing the crime against one victim between 2021-25. The victim was 14 years old in 2021, according to court documents. He is accused of committing the crime against another victim between Dec. 1, 2025, and Jan. 13, 2026.

Based on previous officer testimony, Strother was a youth soccer coach in the Ashland Independent School District. Online records indicate he assisted the middle school girls soccer team. The officer testified Strother volunteered in children’s ministry at Wildwood Church of

God, however, the timeline of that service was not specified.

Defense attorney Sebastian Joy told Judge John Vincent Thursday he was waiting on additional discovery from the Ashland Police Department.

Another pretrial conference is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 10.

The jury trial is set to start Tuesday, Jan. 19. Typically, trials are slated to begin on Mondays, but Jan. 18 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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Trial date set in procurement case

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CATLETTSBURG A woman initially charged with three counts of attempted murder pleaded guilty to amended, lesser charges on Thursday in Boyd County Circuit Court.

Corina Kouns, 46, pleaded guilty to third-degree arson and three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, resulting in a 10-year sentence.

According to Boyd County assistant Commonwealth’s attorney Kierston Rosen, the reason for amending the charges was there was no evidence indicating Kouns tried to kill the victims involved. There was no proof of intent, she said.

Public defense attorney Allison Day told Judge John Vincent the fire spread to an adjacent building, knocking the first-degree arson charge to third degree. Day said the victims suffered no injuries, resulting in the amendment of attempted

murder to wanton endangerment. Day said Kouns attempted to let victims know to get out of the ablaze building.

When the judge verified with Rosen the involved law enforcement agency (Ashland Police) and the victims were in agreement with the plea deal, Rosen said APD was, but the victims never responded to the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office.

Court records show Kouns’s crimes occurred in early October 2025.

She will serve 10 years of incarceration and must have no contact with the victims.

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123 Four Wheel Dr. Ashland KY

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Sale Date 9/8 at 9:30am
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NOTICE OF APPROVED 2027 SCHOOL TAX RATES	
The Boyd County Board of Education has set the tax rates for fiscal year 2027.	
• Real Estate Property: 68.8¢ per \$100 of assessed value (Down from 70.5¢ last year)	• Personal Property: 70.5¢ per \$100 of assessed value (No change from last year)

Why is revenue increasing if the real estate rate dropped?
Due to rising property values across the county, these rates will bring in an additional \$1.02 million in revenue compared to fiscal year 2026. By law, this additional funding will be strictly allocated to instruction (\$640,336.81) and tax collection (\$383,423.62).

Note: This rate represents the state-calculated “compensating rate” and is not subject to a public recall vote under KRS 132.017.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CLERK’S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING

Under the requirements of the Section 424.130 Kentucky Revised Statutes, the following fiduciaries have been filed with the Boyd District Court Clerk, the settlement or accounting trust as set forth herein:

Settlement Type	Case #	Fiduciary/Estate
Periodic Settlement	13-P-069	Brenda Edmonds, Guardian of Rosalie Lola - Viente Edmonds
Periodic Settlement	13-P-181	Everette Reeves, Exeutor of the Estate of Daisy Marie Reeves
Periodic Settlement	14-P-151	Samuel Tackett, Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Lloyd Tackett
Periodic Settlement	17-P-197	Megan Tice, Guardian of Kaidebnn West
Periodic Settlement	19-P-400	Scott Jenkins, Conservator of Emerson Grant Jenkins
Periodic Settlement	20-P-068	Kevin and Brandon Steele, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Patrick Freeman Steele
Periodic Settlement	20-P-076	Patricia Boyles Somade, Executor of the Estate of Mark Boyles
Periodic Settlement	21-P-175	Deidre James, Executrix of the Estate of Dale Elmer Lewis
Periodic Settlement	21-P-270	Ashley Daniels, Guardian of Emma Bobo
Periodic Settlement	21-P-279	Deborah Bentley, Executrix of the Estate of Gary Richard Lee
Periodic Settlement	22-P-096	Angela Stump, Kimberly Mead & Ruben Kitchen Jr. Co-Executors of the Estate of Nella Kitchen
Periodic Settlement	23-P-049	Pricilla Carter, Guardian of Brentley Anderson
Periodic Settlement	23-P-214	Deborah Bentley, Executrix of the Estate Patricia Ann Lee
Periodic Settlement	23-P-256	Anthony Hendrickson, Administrator of the Estate of Lois Ratliff
Periodic Settlement	24-P-037	Charles Thompson, Administrator of the Estate of James Lee Thompson
Periodic Settlement	24-P-194	Richard Ratliff, Administrator of the Estate of Lois Ratliff
Periodic Settlement	24-P-417	Kaitlyn Marcum, Administratrix of the Estate of Bobby Dale Marcum
Periodic Settlement	25-P-060	John Compton, Executor of the Estate of Mary Jeanette Rush
Periodic Settlement	25-P-067	Michael Conroy, Executor of the Estate of Harry D. Conroy
Periodic Settlement	25-P-124	Susan Black, Executrix of the Estate oof Brenda Sye Hedrick
Periodic Settlement	25-P-127	Bobby Brewer, Administrator of the Estate of Ruth Brewer
Periodic Settlement	25-P-216	Tina Jones, Administratrix of the Estate of Martha Lynn Bluebaum
Periodic Settlement	25-P-222	Sherman Vanhorn, Administrator of the Estate of Martha Jane Vanhorn
Periodic Settlement	25-P-242	Donna Smith, Executrix of the Estate Zella Porter
Periodic Settlement	25-P-260	April Staiti, Executrix of the Estate of Edgar Brown
Periodic Settlement	25-P-278	Gregory Hoschar, Executor of the Estate of Janice Martin
Periodic Settlement	26-P-167	Daniel Arnold Barry, Guardian Blakely Ann Barry
Final Settlement	94-P-044	Clyde Vaughan, Executor of the Estate of Glen Vaughan
Final Settlement	10-P-038	Mark Kazee, Administrator of the Estate of Ora Kazee
Final Settlement	18-P-057	Coleman Johnson, Guardian of James Johnson
Final Settlement	19-P-075	Leneece Huff, Guardian of Chance Aaron Bullion
Final Settlement	23-P-467	Keith Salmon, Administrator of the Estate of Ronald Wilson Salmon
Final Settlement	24-P-087	Darla Ewing, Executrix of the Estate of Charles Botts
Final Settlement	24-P-097	Elizabeth Hughes, Executrix of the Estate of Delbert Hubbard
Final Settlement	24-P-171	Tracie McCall, Executrix of the Estate of Lucille Jackson
Final Settlement	24-P-221	Diamond
Final Settlement	24-P-221	Gary Stephens, Executor of the Estate of Cathy Stephens
Final Settlement	24-P-333	Johnny Messer, Administrator of the Estate of Howard Devoe
Final Settlement	25-P-323	Kelli Armstrong, Executrix of the Estate of Sharon Caskey
Final Settlement	25-P-328	Beth Holmes, Executrix of the Joan Mary Layne
Final Settlement	26-P-021	Samuel Arnett, Executor of the Estate of Betty Arnett

1:30 PM on October 6, 2026 having been set as date of hearing. Exceptions must be filed before date of hearing. No cause for exceptions having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Greenup County Schools is accepting sealed bids for Bus #63. Sealed bids will be accepted until Sept. 3rd at 1:00 PM. Bid will be opened Sept. 3rd and 1:05 PM. Minimum bid is \$1,000. For more information, a full bid packet has been posted on the Greenup County Schools Website.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Sale
September 4, 2026

First National Bank of Grayson will offer for public sale to the highest bidder the following vehicles, **as is**:

2015 Subaru Forester
VIN: JF2SJAMC9EH430961

2015 GMC Terrain
VIN: 2GKFLVEKXF6336459

2018 Chevrolet Malibu
VIN: 1G1ZD5ST4JF193874

2001 Chevrolet Tracker
VIN: 2CNBJ634516918774

2015 Volkswagen Jetta
VIN: 3VWD17AJ5FM427644

2011 Ford F-150
VIN: 1FTFW1EF5BKD21762

2010 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BF3EK7AU510807

2008 Chevrolet Trail Blazer
VIN: 1GNDDT13SX82113974

2012 Jeep Compass
VIN: 1C4NJDCB3CD659775

2007 Kia Sportage
VIN: KNDJF724877434986

2016 Ford F-150
VIN: 1FTFX1EG5GKD34766

2017 Ford F150
VIN: 1FTEW1EP6HFA84303

2012 Ford Escape
VIN: 1FMCU9EG4CKA73601

The sale will be held on **Friday, September 4, 2026, at 3:00 P.M.** at 168 Railroad Street, Olive Hill, KY. Terms of the sale are cash, the Bank reserves the right to bid and the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Announcements on the day of the sale take precedence over printed material. If you have any questions, please contact First National Bank of Grayson at 606-474-2000.

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00030

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
PLAINTIFF,

vs.
ADVERTISEMENT

BRADY J. TWINAM;
BOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY,
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on August 14, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, September 18, 2026, at 11:20 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder’s bond,** a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **5.625% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 6308 Lakeview Drive, Catlettsburg, (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 842, Page 469, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 035-01-00-022.00

NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.
BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
MASTER COMMISSIONER

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00717

PEOPLES BANK,
PLAINTIFF,

vs.
ADVERTISEMENT

SHAWN ALLEN VANHOOSE;
ASHLEY VANHOOSE;
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES,
ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, ASSIGNS
AND ESTATE OF LORI VANHOOSE
JOHN DOE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF
LORI VANHOOSE;
ALL STAR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC;
BOYD COUNTY TREASURER;
BOYD COUNTY CLERK;
BOYD COUNTY PVA;
BOYD COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY;
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY,
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Address of Property: 1013 39th Street, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 674, Page 478, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 038-02-05-003.00

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
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