News Courthouse

Information Provided

The following information is provided to the Garrard Central Record from the Garrard County Court Clerk, Garrard County Circuit Clerk, the Garrard County Police Department, the Garrard County Sheriff's Office and the Lancaster Police Department.

DEEDS

• Quitclaim Deed. Commonwealth of Kentucky, by Holly M. Johnson, Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, 5th Floor, Frankfort, KY, on behalf of the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY to the Garrard County Fiscal Court, 15 Public Square #5, Lancaster, KY. Whereas, pursuant to Transportation Cabinet Official Order No. 112831, this Quitclaim Deed will relinquish all rights, responsibilities liabilities and title to the herein described property. Property is tracts on Old Kentucky 52 and being various transfer of roadbeds and association right of way. No monetary consideration.

• Michael Critchfield and Julie Critchfield, husband and wife, 301 Nelson Park Drive, Nicholasville, KY to Jeffery Caleb Watts and Kenzie Watts, husband and wife, 111 Dickerson Court, Lancaster, KY. Tract No. 1 and Tract 2 on Dickerson Court. $182,000.

DISTRICT COURT
JUDGE BOOTH
OCTOBER 5, 2026

Lucas Juan Edward Behnen, speeding 15 mph over. Traffic School Program - continue to November 2, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Justin Adams, (1) speeding 22 mph over limit; (2) failure to produce insurance card; (3) failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st; (4) operating on suspended/revoked operators license; (5) license to be in possession. Plea of not guilty - Pretrial Conference - continue to November 2, 2026 at 9 a.m. Recall failure to appear.

Brandi W. Bramblett, (1) speeding 23 mph over limit - County Attorney dismissed as merged; (2) operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 1st - plea of guilty - $200 fine, $425 standard fee, court costs, alcohol/drug education, notify Department of Transportation; (3) possession of a open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle - County Attorney dismissed as merged. To pay by October 14, 2027.

Destiny Rayne Burchett, (1) speeding 17 mph over limit - County Attorney dismissed as merged; (2) improper lane usage/vehicles keep to right except to pass - County Attorney dismissed as merged; (3) failure of non- owner operator to maintain required insurance 2nd or > - plea of guilty - $2,500 fine ($2,000 suspended) - 12 months plus court costs; (4) failure to produce insurance card - County Attorney dismissed as merged.

James D. Carroll, (1) speeding 15 mph over limit - plea of guilty - $30 fine and court costs; (2) no/expired KY registration receipt - County Attorney dismissed as merged. To pay by October 14, 2027.

Jeremy S. Coleman, (1A) all other traffic offenses not listed; (2) PT 396, Fed Safety regs inspection/repair/maintenance. County Attorney dismissed both counts on proof with prejudice. Failed to appear - recalled.

Timothy Scott Coontz, speeding 10 mph over limit - plea of guilty - $20 fine and court costs. To pay by October 14, 2027.

Travis Lee Crews, failure to wear seatbelts. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Troy Todd, assault, 4th degree dating violence (no visible injury). County Attorney dismissed without prejudice.

Tyler Vincent Madison Dunn, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt; (2) no/expired registration plates; (3) operating on suspended/revoked operators license; (4) display/possession of cancelled/fictitious operators license; (5) failure to produce insurance card; (6) failure to wear seatbelts. Plea of not guilty - Pretrial Conference on December 3, 2026 at 1 p.m.

James A. Estes, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt - dismissed as merged; (2) no/expired registration plates - dismissed as merged; (3) failure to produce insurance card - County Attorney amended to no insurance 2nd offense - plea of not guilty - Pretrial Conference on November 30, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Rebecca Charles Evans, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt; (2) no/expired registration plates; (3) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; (4) failure to produce insurance card; (5) disregarding compulsory turn lane. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Jacob Scott Fields, (1) booster seat violations; (2) failure to use child restraint device in vehicle. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Matthew L. Frye, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt; (2) no operators/moped license; (3) failure to produce insurance card; (4) no/expired registration plates. Plea of not guilty - continue to December 3, 2026 at 1 p.m. for Pretrial Conference.

Travis Franklin Hall, disregarding traffic control device, traffic light. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Dustin Tyler Hartman, speeding 10 mph over limit. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Ryan Allen Hilmers, failure to wear seatbelts. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Lauren Elizabeth Howard, passing loading/unloading school/church bus - 1st offense. Plea of not guilty - Pretrial Conference on October 19, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Kevin Phillip Lasley, speeding 18 mph over limit - Continue to November 5, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Wendy L. Milla Rivera, (1) speeding 10 mph over limit - County Attorney dismissed; (2) license to be in possession - County Attorney dismissed; (3) no operators/moped license - Pretrial Diversion - continue to April 5, 2027 at 9 a.m.; (4) failure to wear seatbelts - County Attorney dismissed.

Peyton Anthony Norman, (1) failure to wear seatbelts; (2) operating on suspended/revoked operators license; (3) failure to produce insurance card - County Attorney amended to no insurance 1st; (4) license to be in possession. Pretrial Conference on October 22, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Damon Alfonso Norris, (1) failure to wear seatbelts; (2) no/expired registration plates; (3) no/expired KY registration receipt; (4) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st - County Attorney amended to no insurance 2nd offense. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

David T. Norvell, (1) speeding 10 mph over limit - Traffic School Program - continue to November 2, 2026 at 9 a.m.; (2) failure to produce insurance card - County Attorney dismissed on proof with prejudice; (3) no/expired KY registration receipt - County Attorney dismissed on proof with prejudice.

Bridget Nicole Ohair, speeding 17 mph over limit. Plea of not guilty - continue to October 4, 2027 at 9 a.m.

Stanley Roger Pike, failure to wear seatbelts. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Rodney N. Rudd, (1) no tail lamps; (2) failure to produce insurance card; (3) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; (4) operating on suspended/revoked operators license. Plea of not guilty - Pretrial Conference on October 19, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Shelby Nicole Slusher, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt; (2) no/expired registration plates. County Attorney dismissed on proof with prejudice.

Jacoby Smith, (1) speeding 15 mph over speed limit; (2) no operators/moped license; (3) no/expired registration plates; (4) no/expired KY registration receipt. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Christian Isai Solis Rico, (1) failure to wear seatbelt - plea of guilty - $25 fine and court costs; (2) no operators/moped license - plea of guilty - $50 fine. To pay by October 14, 2027.

Chamarae Caprice Harlen Trusty, (1) speeding 15 mph over limit - County Attorney dismissed; (2) no/expired registration plates - County Attorney dismissed; (3) no/expired KY registration receipt - County Attorney dismissed; (4) improper display of registration plates - County Attorney dismissed; (5) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st - plea of not guilty - Pretrial Diversion - continue to April 5, 2027 at 9 a.m.

Angela Winchester, assault, 4th degree dating violence (no visible injury). County Attorney dismissed without prejudice.

William Beer, assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. Plea of not guilty - Pretrial Conference on October 19, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Brandon Estes, (1) alcohol intoxication in a public place - 1st & 2nd offense; (2) menacing; (3) resisting arrest; (4) fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); (5-7) wanton endangerment - 2nd degree - police officer. Waive formal arraignment. Plea of not guilty - Preliminary Hearing on October 15, 2026 at 2 p.m.

Michael Travis Taylor, (1) strangulation 1st degree (domestic violence related); (2) assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. Probable cause established - refer to Grand Jury.

DISTRICT COURT
JUDGE BOOTH
OCTOBER 8, 2026

Daniel Brezeale, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol - 1st. County Attorney amended.

• Jackson Brockman, (1) operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 1st; (2) no/expired KY registration receipt; (3) no/expired registration plates. Pretrial Conference - continue to November 12, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Charles C. Bugg, (1) failure to or improper signal; (2) no/expired registration plates; (3) no/expired KY registration receipt; (4) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; (5) possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. Pretrial Conference - continue to October 22, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Destiny Jordan Duemmel, (1) speeding 10 mph over limit - plea of guilty - $20 fine and court costs; (2) improper passing - dismissed as merged. Recall failure to appear. To pay by October 14, 2027.

Dustin Tyler Hartman, speeding 10 mph over limit. Traffic School Program - continue to November 5, 2026 at 1 p.m. Failed to appear - recalled.

Alizabeth Chenault Huguley, (1) rear license not illuminated - dismissed as merged; (2) operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 1st - plea of guilty - $200 fine, $425 standard fee, court costs, alcohol/drug education - notify Department of Transportation. To pay by October 14, 2027.

Darren Kelly, (1) failure to wear seatbelts; (2) operating on suspended/revoked operators license. Continue to December 17, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Eric Michael - Eugene Moore, assault 4th degree no visible injury. County Attorney dismissed without prejudice - no contact.

Frank Ashley Moss, cattle not to run at large. Plea of guilty - $25 fine and court costs. To pay by October 14, 2027.

Gary D. Napier, alcohol intoxication in a public place 1st & 2nd offense. County Attorney dismissed without prejudice.

Charles A. Richards, review restitution balance. Failed to pay - issue Bench Warrant for $213.75 and arrest fee.

Aaron Jordan Sleet, speeding 21 mph over limit. Pretrial Conference on November 5, 2026 at 1 p.m. Failed to appear - recalled.

Jacoby Smith, (1) speeding 15 mph over limit; (2) no operators/moped license; (3) no/expired registration plates; (4) no/expired KY registration receipt. Plea of not guilty - Pretrial Conference on January 14, 2027 at 1 p.m. Failed to appear - recalled.

Brandi G. Bramblett, review restitution owed. Plea of not guilty to contempt - continue to October 22, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Isodoro Escobedo, (1) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); (2) license to be in possession; (3) careless driving; (4) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Continue first appearance to October 12, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Jorge Escobedo, (1) possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle; (2) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine). Continue first appearance to October 12, 2026 at 10 a.m.

DISTRICT COURT
JUDGE OLIVER
OCTOBER 12, 2026

Amy Bailey, criminal trespassing - 1st degree. Failed to appear - issue Bench Warrant for $2,500 cash only.

Jerry Harold Dotson, speeding 26 mph over/greater. Plea of guilty - $100 fine and costs. To pay by October 14, 2027.

Anna Christine Goggin, speeding 26 mph over/greater. Amended to 10 mph over - County Attorney Diversion Program - to pay by November 12, 2026 at 1 p.m. Failed to appear - dismissed.

Anees Yousef Hamad, speeding 26 mph over/greater. Failed to an appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Samantha Leann Houston, (1) no tail lamps (2) operating on suspended/revoked operators license. Plea of not guilty - Pretrial Conference on October 29, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Emma A. Kneisley, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol < 21 years of age .02 or more. Plea of guilty - $100 fine and costs and zero tolerance closed. To pay by October 14, 2027.

Zachary A. Koon, (1) PT 396, Fed Safety Regs inspect/repair/maintenance; (2) no/exterior ID / improper display; (3) no trailer plate. All three counts dismissed on proof.

Larry Lyndon Leath, (1) speeding 22 mph over limit; (2) failure to wear seatbelts. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Daniel Lirette, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt; (2) no/expired registration plates; (3) no operators/moped license; (4) failure to produce insurance card - amended to no insurance 2nd. Failed to appear - notify Department of Transportation.

Ronald B. Maples,(1) assault - 3rd degree - police/probation officer - identi - amended to attempt; (2)

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Search Warrant

From Front

aging of illegal narcotics.

According to arrest citations issued by the Garrard County Sheriff's Department, Tristan Middleton, 29, and Haylie Neal, 27, were taken into custody following the search of a residence at 2621 Rogers Road in Lancaster.

Court documents indicate that deputies executed the search warrant at approximately 3 p.m. During the search, investigators reportedly located a quantity of suspected methamphetamine, two glass smoking pipes containing suspected methamphetamine residue and numerous small plastic baggies commonly associated with the packaging of illegal drugs.

Both Middleton and Neal were charged with second-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance involving less than two grams of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Middleton faces an additional charge of tampering with physical evidence following an encounter with deputies inside the residence.

According to the citation, deputies conducting the search discovered Middleton seated on a toilet in the bathroom. Investigators reported that Middleton was fully clothed, with his pants still on, and that water appeared to be dripping inside the toilet.

Deputies noted that the toilet appeared to have been recently flushed. Based on Middleton's positioning, his clothing and the circumstances observed inside the bathroom, investigators believed his actions were inconsistent with normal bathroom use.

The arrest citation states that these circumstances raised suspicion that Middleton may have been attempting to dispose of evidence before deputies entered the bathroom.

Middleton was subsequently charged with tampering with physical evidence in addition to the three drug-related and endangerment charges.

Neal's citation lists the same initial three charges but does not include an allegation of evidence tampering. Her arrest was recorded at approximately 4:40 p.m., while Middleton's arrest was recorded at 4:22 p.m.

Both citations were issued by Deputy J. Parsons of the Garrard County Sheriff's Department.

The trafficking charges involve an alleged quantity of less than two grams of methamphetamine. Although investigators reported discovering suspected narcotics and packaging materials, the citations do not specify the exact amount recovered or provide laboratory confirmation of the substance.

The documents also do not detail the circumstances underlying the second-degree wanton endangerment charges or identify any alleged victims.

The arrests followed a search authorized by a warrant, but the citations do not explain what prompted the investigation or what evidence was presented to obtain the warrant.

Both individuals were listed as arrested, with their cases designated for Garrard County court proceedings. The citations do not provide scheduled court appearances, bond amounts or subsequent case dispositions.

The allegations contained in the citations represent law enforcement's account of the incident and have not been established as facts in court.

Middleton and Neal are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Meth Arrest

From Front

by the Garrard County Sheriff's Department, Jorge Escobedo, 31, and Isodoro Escobedo, 28, were taken into custody following an investigation that began with a report of a vehicle traveling erratically in the Cartersville and Copper Creek area.

Deputy J. Murphy reported receiving a BOLO, or "Be On the Lookout," notification concerning a newer yellow Chevrolet Camaro. A caller had reportedly observed the vehicle traveling at inconsistent speeds and using its turn signal without completing turns.

Murphy subsequently located the vehicle on Cartersville Road and began observing its movements as it traveled westbound on U.S. 52.

According to the citations, the deputy paced the Camaro traveling between 43 and 45 mph in a posted 55 mph zone. Murphy also reported observing the vehicle failing to maintain its lane, crossing both the centerline and fog line.

The deputy further alleged that the driver abruptly applied the brakes on two separate occasions.

Based on those observations, Murphy initiated a traffic stop near Paint Lick Elementary School, approximately four miles east of Lancaster.

During the stop, the deputy determined that the driver, identified as Isodoro Escobedo, did not have a driver's license, according to the citation.

Murphy also reported observing an open alcoholic beverage container on the passenger-side floorboard as he approached the vehicle.

The deputy conducted standardized field sobriety tests, according to the citations. The documents do not specify the results of those tests or indicate that either occupant was charged with driving under the influence.

The citations state that consent was obtained to search the vehicle.

During the search, Murphy reportedly discovered a glass pipe in the rear portion of the Camaro, along with multiple additional pipes inside a bookbag located toward the rear of the vehicle.

The deputy also reported discovering a baggie containing suspected methamphetamine in the vehicle's center console.

According to the arrest narratives, both the driver and passenger denied ownership of the suspected methamphetamine.

Following the discovery, both men were arrested, and the vehicle was impounded.

Isodoro Escobedo faces four charges, including first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, involving methamphetamine; operating a motor vehicle without a license; careless driving; and buying or possessing drug paraphernalia.

Jorge Escobedo, identified in the citation as the passenger, faces two charges: first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, involving methamphetamine, and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

The citations indicate that both men were transported to the Jessamine County Detention Center for booking.

The arrest records list the incident location as U.S. 52 near Paint Lick Elementary School in Garrard County. The citations also indicate that body-worn camera footage was activated during the investigation.

The cases are listed for Garrard County court, with both citations identifying the offenses as requiring a court appearance rather than allowing prepayment of fines. No court dates are provided on the documents.

The citations do not specify the quantity of suspected methamphetamine recovered or whether laboratory testing had confirmed the substance's identity.

All charges are allegations, and both defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

City / County Police Reports

Citations are provided by the Lancaster City Police Department and Garrard County Sheriff's Office.

Garrard County Sheriff's Department (GCSD)
Citations

October 8, 2026
• Townsend, William ....28 ..... 92 Leaden Cir., Nicholasville
No registration receipt; No registration plate; Failure of owner to maintain required insurance
• Burge, Fred .....51 ..... 3321 High Hope Rd., Lexington
No registration plate

October 11, 2026
• Gililan, Joshua.....32 .....1536 Nelson Valley rd., Science Hill
Rear license not illuminated; No brake lights (passenger vehicle); One headlight; Failure to produce insurance card
• Day, Zachary J .....36 ..... 797 Tuggle Rd., Lancaster
No registration receipt; No registration plate

Arrests

October 5, 2026
• Flynn, Zachary S .....28 ..... 454 Angela Way, Lancaster
Assault, 4th degree

October 6, 2026
• Escobedo, Jorge .....31 .....NA
Possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle; Possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree (methamphetamine)
• Escobedo, Isodoro ....28 .....NA
Possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree (methamphetamine); License to be in possession; Careless driving; Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess

October 8, 2026
• Middleton, Tristin .....29 .....2621 Rogers Rd., Lancaster
Wanton endangerment, 2nd degree; Trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree (methamphetamine); Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; Tampering with physical evidence
• Neal, Haylie.....27 .....2621 Rogers Rd., Lancaster
Wanton endangerment, 2nd degree; Trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree (methamphetamine); Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess

October 10, 2026
• Brown, Chelsea.....32 .....201 Sycamore Dr., Lancaster
Assault, 4th degree (minor injury)

Criminal Summons

October 11, 2026
• Saylor, Justin.....32 .....107 Hillcrest Ave., Lancaster
Strangulation, 2nd degree; Assault, 4th degree

Lancaster City Police Department (LPD)
Arrests

October 9, 2026
• Jacob, Amy .....51 ..... 340 Colonel Dr., Burnside
Alcohol intoxication in a public place; Terroristic threatening, 2nd degree

October 12, 2026
• Lane, Dillon H.....32 .....122 Hillcrest Ave., Lancaster
Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; Leaving the scene of an accident/Failure to render aid or assistance; Operating on a suspended or revoked license; Wanton endangerment, 2nd degree