

News of Record

JAIL LOG

Bookings at The LaRue County Detention Center from Monday, Sept. 28 to Monday, Oct. 5.

- **Lester Miller**, 41, Execution of a LaRue Co. complaint warrant for violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO.
- **Michael J. Raine**, 43 of Radcliff. Execution of a Trimble Co. bench warrant for failure to appear.
- **Jacob A. Abbott**, 36 of Georgetown. Execution of a Simpson Co. bench warrant for probation violation (for felony offense) and a Scott Co. bench warrant for probation violation (for misdemeanor offense).
- **Tyler Ray Evans**, 19 of Buffalo. First-degree assault.
- **David Andrew Hood**, 33 of Lexington. Execution of a Scott. Co. indictment warrant for failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license, reckless driving, second-degree wanton

endangerment, receiving stolen property valued \$10,000 or more, possession of marijuana, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (first offense; methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia – buy/possess.

- **Raymond Howard Scott Pierce Jr.**, 26 of Vine Grove. Execution of a LaRue Co. complaint warrant for complicity to third-degree burglary and complicity to theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others valued more than \$500 but less than \$1,000, execution of a Bullitt Co. bench warrant for nonpayment of court costs, fees or fines, execution of a Hardin Co. bench warrant for nonpayment of court costs, fees or fines, execution of a Hardin Co. bench warrant for failure to appear and execution of a Taylor Co. bench warrant for failure to appear.
- **William Trevor Sidebottom**, 30 of Hodgenville. Execution of a LaRue Co. complaint warrant

for complicity to third-degree burglary and complicity to theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others valued more than \$500 but less than \$1,000.

- **Canyon L. Rains**, 28 of Lexington. Execution of a LaRue Co. bench warrant for contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order.
- **Laura Rae Ritchey**, 51 of Louisville. Execution of a Shelby Co. bench warrant for failure to appear.
- **Rebecca A. Bevington**, 52 of Stamping Ground. Alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Note: The above information includes a weekly list of bookings into the LaRue County Detention Center. The individuals listed in the log have been arrested and charged with a crime. All individuals arrested are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

LARUE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

JUDGE TERESA MCMAHAN-MILLER Sept. 30

Robert Kyle Norris, DOB 1990. Fugitive – warrant not required. Waive hearing. (2026)

Raymond Howard Scott Pierce Jr., DOB 2000. Third-degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others valued more than \$500 but less than \$1,000. Waive preliminary hearing. Bond is \$9,500 cash with conditions of no drugs or alcohol, no new violations and no contact with victim or victim’s property. (2026)

William Travor Sidebottom, DOB 1996. Third-degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others valued more than \$500 but less than \$1,000. Waive preliminary hearing. Bond is \$9,500 cash with conditions of no drugs or alcohol, no new violations and no contact with victim or victim’s property. (2026)

Nathan Cole Thompson, DOB 1985. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), vehicle headlamp/tail light color violations, careless driving, possession of marijuana (enhanced), two counts of drug paraphernalia – buy/possess and second-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified; enhanced). Plea of not guilty entered. Preliminary hearing Nov. 18. Bond is 10%. (2026)

Arthetta Lynn Hodge, DOB 1970. Second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument. Plea of not guilty entered. Preliminary hearing Oct. 28. (2026)

Arthetta Lynn Hodge, DOB 1970. Theft by failure to make required disposition of property. Plea of not guilty entered. Preliminary hearing Oct. 28. (2026)

Arthetta Lynn Hodge, DOB 1970. Theft by deception include cold checks under \$500. Plea of not guilty entered. Pretrial conference Oct. 28. (2026)

Melvin Joel Argulio Castillo, DOB 1980. Alcohol intoxication in a public place (third or more offense within 12 months). \$250 cash bench warrant issued. (2026)

Zachary Tyler Barrett, DOB 1988. Speeding 24 mph over limit and reckless driving. Plea of guilty entered for both counts. (2026)

Angela M. Coates, DOB 1980. Fourth-degree assault – dating violence (minor injury) and alcohol intoxication in a public place (first and second offense). Case dismissed with conditions. (2026)

Keanna Decius, DOB 2001. Speeding 25 mph over limit,

driving on DUI suspended license (first offense) and failure to surrender revoked operator’s license. Case dismissed per LaRue County Attorney’s Office. (2026)

Stephanie L. Dixon, DOB 1980. Fourth-degree assault – domestic violence (minor injury). Plea of not guilty entered. Pretrial conference Oct. 2. (2026)

Logan Randall Hardin, DOB 2007. No/expired registration plates, rear license not illuminated and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Case dismissed based on proof. (2026)

Katrina Marie Harmon, DOB 1986. Two counts of distribute obscene material to minors (first offense). Plea of not guilty entered. Pretrial conference Nov. 24. (2026)

Ja’vian Omarian Johnson, DOB 2005. Speeding 25 mph over (limited access). Failure to produce insurance card and operating on suspended/revoked operator’s license. Failure to appear. \$500 cash bench warrant issued. (2026)

Cole Matthew Vance, DOB 2002. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt and no/expired registration plates. Case dismissed based on proof. (2026)

Angelo Donte Watkins, DOB 1990. Drug paraphernalia – buy/possess and possession of marijuana. Plea of guilty entered. (2026)

Kevin D. Day LLL, DOB 2000. Fourth-degree assault – domestic violence (minor injury). Plea of guilty entered. (2026)

Joshua Blake Hicks, DOB 1994. Speeding 17 mph over limit, driving on DUI suspended license (first offense) and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Failure to appear. \$500 cash bench warrant issued. (2023)

Eric D. Peacock, DOB 1958. Local county ordinance. Faretta hearing Nov. 24. (2025)

Jared L. Weddle, DOB 1996. Alcohol intoxication in a public place (first and second offense). Case dismissed without prejudice per LaRue County Attorney’s Office. (2026)

Kristina E. Alvarez, DOB 1981. False report an incident to law enforcement and harassing communications. Trial by jury Feb. 16, 2027. (2026)

Jeffrey A. Barr, DOB 1987. Rear license not illuminated, license to be in possession and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance (first offense). Trial by jury Feb. 16, 2027. (2025)

Tyrin Leundrae Blanson, DOB 2005. Fourth-degree assault – domestic violence (minor injury). Case dismissed with conditions.

(2026)

Christopher Lee Brown, DOB 1976. Careless driving, failure to dim headlights, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (second offense, aggravating circumstances) and possession of marijuana. Failure to appear. \$1,000 cash bench warrant issued. (2026)

Walter R. Dixon, DOB 1973. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition auto valued more than \$500 but less than \$1,000. Bench trial Feb. 9, 2027. (2025)

Jimmy Joe Jenkins, DOB 2003. Fourth-degree assault (no visible injury) and second-degree criminal mischief. Case dismissed with conditions. (2026)

Akira Napier, DOB 2007. Fourth-degree assault – dating violence (minor injury) and second-degree unlawful imprisonment. Case dismissed with conditions. (2026)

Marisa Lea Powers, DOB 1967. Passing loading/unloading school/church bus (first offense). Case dismissed with conditions. (2026)

Ryan Keith Skaggs, DOB 1991. Fourth-degree assault (minor injury). \$250 cash bench warrant issued. (2026)

Jason Simon, DOB 1978. License to be in possession, no operator’s/moped license, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt and no/expired registration plates. Recall failure to appear. Continue to Dec. 30. (2026)

Dequin Lyadell Ward, DOB 1988. Financial obligations. Failure to appear. (2025)

Note: The above information includes a weekly listing of cases heard by the LaRue County District Court. Individuals are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Man indicted in KSP trooper's murder

A Kentucky State Police trooper was shot and killed during a traffic stop on Interstate 65 in Warren County on Monday, Sept. 28, sparking a statewide law enforcement hunt that ended with the suspect's arrest in Louisville.

Trooper Hayden Phillips, 30, was patrolling I-65 near Bowling Green when he pulled over 51-year-old **Emonnie Branch** of Portland, Tenn. According to state police, Branch shot Phillips during the stop and fled the scene.

A statewide Blue Alert was issued following the shooting to aid in the search for the suspect. The alert was canceled later Monday after officers with the Louisville Metro Police Department took Branch into custody. He was on active supervision related to fraud that dates back four years ago at the time of the shooting and also had an active warrant out for his arrest, alleging that he had violated his parole.

Branch was indicted just three days after the fatal

shooting, charged with murder of a peace officer, tampering with physical evidence and convicted felon in possession of a firearm, according to court records. Citing the severity of the offense and an extensive criminal history, including fraudulent acts, domestic assault, robbery and drug trafficking, prosecutors requested a high bond for Branch; however, Judge Kimberly Geoghegan denied bail for Branch due to being a flight risk.

The death drew immediate condolences from state lawmakers, including Kentucky state Sens. Mike Wilson, R-Bowling Green; David Givens, R-Greensburg; and Max Wise, R-Campbellsville. The senators issued a joint statement Monday on behalf of the Senate Majority Leadership and Caucus honoring Phillips, who was assigned to KSP Post 3 in Bowling Green.

“Today is a heartbreaking reminder of the risks law enforcement officers

face simply by showing up to do their jobs,” the lawmakers said in the statement. “We are devastated by the loss of Kentucky State Police Trooper Hayden Phillips. He went to work today to protect the people of this commonwealth and did not make it home.”

The statement also recognized the multi-agency response following the shooting, expressing gratitude for the local, state and federal officers who assisted in the search and investigation.

Phillips was a three-year veteran of KSP and leaves behind a wife and three young boys, according to state police. People wanting to support Phillips’ family can donate to the Kentucky State Police Foundation, a nonprofit that supports troopers, their families and state police programs. Donations can be made to the foundation’s PayPal or Zeffy accounts.

Branch is scheduled to be arraigned in circuit court Oct. 12. He remains in custody at the Warren County Detention Center.



Trooper Hayden

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers are listed on deeds filed at the LaRue County Clerk’s Office in Hodgenville. FMV means fair market value and is typically based upon assessed taxable value.

Quitclaim deed. Darrell R. Dobson and Sheila Dobson to Hillary A. Logsdon.

Glendale Road, Hodgenville. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$300,000.

Quitclaim deed. Darrell R. Dobson and Sheila Dobson to Dennis L. Dobson.

Glendale Road, Hodgenville. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$680,000.

Quitclaim deed. Darrell R.

Dobson and Sheila Dobson to Robert E. Dobson. Big Spring Church Road, Hodgenville. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$120,000.

Crable Properties LLC to Ruth Marie Parker. Indian Trail, Hodgenville. \$215,000.

Right of Way deed. Estate of Carl Howell Jr. to City of Hodgenville. Eagle Lane, Hodgenville. No monetary consideration.

Estate of Carl Howell Jr., by and through Co-Executrixes Sharon A. Howell and Cara Paige Howell, to Tractor Supply Company. Lincoln Parkway, Hodgenville. \$777,500.

Carl Wayne Creekmore, aka Wayne Creekmore, and Melanie Creekmore to Samra Benningfield. Heying Lane, Hodgenville. \$15,000.

W.B. Smith LLC to Edward D. Lane and Nancy S. Lane. Old Dixie Loop, Upton. \$150,000.

Janice Diane Haycraft to Joshua R. Wathen and Caleigh N. Wathen. Greensburg Road, Hodgenville. \$210,000.

Lincoln National Bank to Rolling Fork Real Estate LLC. LaFollette Road, Hodgenville. \$150,000.

CITY

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which is approximately \$11,000 more than last year.

The 2026 compensating rate – the rate which would provide no new revenue over the previous year – is 10.7 cents per \$100 in assessed value. It would produce a revenue of \$247,043.

Per the city’s advertisement – which can be found on page B5 of today’s edition – any additional tax dollars received from growth in assessment values will be proportionately spent within all city departments and programs which utilize local

tax dollars in order to meet the operational costs associated with providing basic level of service to the community.

Per state law, government agencies wishing to levy a tax that exceeds the compensating rate are required to publish intent of such and also host a public hearing before the tax rate’s approval. The Hodgenville City Council previously held a special-called meeting on Monday, Sept. 21, where it approved its 2026 tax rate. Although the meeting was informally thought of as a public hearing, as officials waited the 30 minutes required by statute, the agency did not advertise notice of the hearing prior to

the meeting. *The LaRue County Herald News* made the agency aware of its non-compliance with the law the following week, which has resulted in the city admitting its mistake, reversing its previous tax rate approval and hosting the upcoming public hearing. Hodgenville Mayor Jim Phelps said the error was likely because the agency was trying to get its tax bills out as early as possible.

Questions regarding the city’s proposed tax rate may be submitted to City Clerk Beth Sadler by email at bsadler@cityofhodgenville.com or by mail at Attention: Beth Sadler, City Clerk, 200 S. Lincoln Blvd., Hodgenville, Ky 42748.

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