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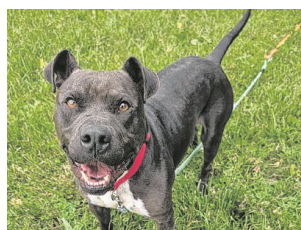
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Arrested Brown County doctor's medical license suspended

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The State Medical Board of Ohio has suspended the medical license of Dr. Ali Ghasemzadeh, a cardiologist in Georgetown, Ohio, who was arrested last week for allegations of rape, sexual battery and gross sexual imposition.

On Monday, July 27, Ghasemzadeh was arrested and lodged at the Brown County Adult Detention Center without bond.

Two adult female patients made complaints to the Brown County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) concerning alleged sexual

assault incidents that allegedly occurred on July 14, 2025, and in June 2025.

Last week, Ghasemzadeh was charged with rape, sexual battery and gross sexual imposition. He made an initial court appearance on Wednesday, July 29, where he was given a total bond amount of \$700,000.

His bond conditions, according to a court document, included having no contact with the alleged victims, being precluded from leaving the state of Ohio "until further order of the court," and that he must surrender his passport.

On Wednesday, July 29,

the State Medical Board of Ohio released a formal action report wherein Ghasemzadeh was listed under pre-hearing suspensions.

"Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice medicine and surgery is summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that massage therapist is in violation of Sections 4731.22(B) (6), and 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 7/31/26," the report stated.

Later in the report, the board explained that the suspension was founded on the two allegations made to the BCSO.

"Based on allegations when the doctor engaged in sexual misconduct with two identified patients, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any statute or any rule promulgated by the Board, to wit: Prohibitions regarding sexual misconduct; which also constitute a departure from, or the failure to

conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 7/31/26," the report said.

Brown County Sheriff Christopher Hodges has asked anyone who may have information relevant to the investigation, or who believes "they may have been subjected to inappropriate conduct by Dr. Ghasemzadeh" to contact the BCSO. Detective Jeff Wolf may be contacted at the BCSO at (937) 378-4435, exten-



Photo courtesy of the Brown County Jail

Dr. Ali Ghasemzadeh.

sion 114.

"The Brown County Sheriff's Office recognizes that reporting an incident of this nature can be difficult. Anyone who contacts investigators will be treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity," Hodges stated.

Mason County Sheriff brings home lessons from FBI leadership course

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Mason County Sheriff Ryan Swolsky recently completed the FBI's National Command Course (NCC) in Quantico, Va.

According to Swolsky, the FBI's NCC is a one-week executive leadership program designed for heads of smaller law enforcement agencies. He noted that this course is highly selective and that individuals are chosen based on nominations only.

Participants in this course gain advanced training in strategic leadership, community relations, officer wellness and modern public safety challenges, which Swolsky stated helps "strengthen interagency cooperation and overall effectiveness."

Swolsky was nominated for the NCC course



Courtesy of Mason County Sheriff Ryan Swolsky
Unit Chief Corey Hudson congratulating Mason County Sheriff Ryan Swolsky on graduating the NCC 9 course.

by the FBI's Covington Field Office and was the only participant from Kentucky in his class, which consisted of chiefs and sheriffs from all across the country.

"I greatly appreciate the nomination to attend this training, and I learned many things to better serve our office and our community," said Swolsky.

According to [fbi.gov](https://www.fbi.gov), the creation of the NCC was inspired by the fact that approximately

86 percent of U.S. law enforcement agencies have fewer than 50 sworn officers who face unique challenges regarding executive training opportunities.

"Gaining admission to these leadership courses is difficult. Officers and executives from small departments may not meet the criteria or get selected to attend," the website noted. "Further, many of these agencies

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Marshalls to leave Tire World after almost 40 years

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After nearly 40 years of serving the Buffalo Trace community, Tire World owners Tom Marshall, Sr. and Tommy Marshall, Jr. are stepping back, having sold the business to its new owners. In an interview with The Ledger Independent, the father and son thanked those who have supported them since 1987.

Marshall, Sr. stated that he entered the industry in 1975, working at a local Firestone dealership. In 1986, he decided to work independently, and, with the help of investors, he successfully opened Tire World in Maysville in September 1987.

Although there were other tire shops in Maysville at that time, Marshall, Sr. expressed that he had no trouble



Peyton Dunaway/The Ledger Independent

Tom Marshall, Sr. and Tommy Marshall, Jr.

"getting off the ground," explaining that he had previously established relationships with individuals through his work with Firestone.

In 1989, he expanded the business, opening a location in Vanceburg, Ky. Nine years later, he opened a third location

in Flemingsburg, Ky.

"To be an independent tire dealer is kind of rare in today's world," Marshall, Jr. stated, noting that they have worked closely with local churches and schools, as well as community and automot-

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Moments That Matter: New Chamber initiative brings joy to community

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The Maysville Area Chamber of Commerce has announced a new initiative, whose goal is to spread joy among local people and businesses.

According to Shea Bisotti, Executive Director of the Maysville Area Chamber of Commerce, Moments that Matter is a way for individuals to recognize and celebrate the businesses, organizations, and individuals who make a difference every day.

"This project has truly been a community collaboration, and it has been exciting to watch it come together through the support of our local partners: Sprinkles of Hope and the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) students," Bisotti expressed.

She then explained that the inspiration for Moments That Matter came from seeing how excited people in the community became about the popular "flocking" fundraiser.

According to fundrais-

ing-ideas.org, flocking occurs when a group or organization chooses which individual in the community will have a "flock" of pink plastic flamingo decorations placed in their yard. A note attached to the flamingos' necks states that, for a \$10 donation, the flamingos will be removed. If the flocked individual donates \$15, the flamingos will be relocated to a home of the individual's choosing.

Bisotti stated that she and her administrative assistant, Susan Barnett,



Submitted by Shea Bisotti
Send a Moments That Matter treat to a local business that deserves a shout-out.

brainstormed how to take that idea and mold

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Glamour meets games at Russell Theatre Purse Bingo event



Submitted by The Russell Theatre

The Russell Theatre benefit, Purse Bingo, was a success and so fun! Total raised \$3504.



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