

Madding: GCS won't reinstate teacher accused of grooming

BY MESSENGER STAFF
Graves County Schools will not reinstate employment for Sadie Flores — the former middle school teacher accused of grooming a student — Superintendent Matthew Madding confirmed on Thursday.

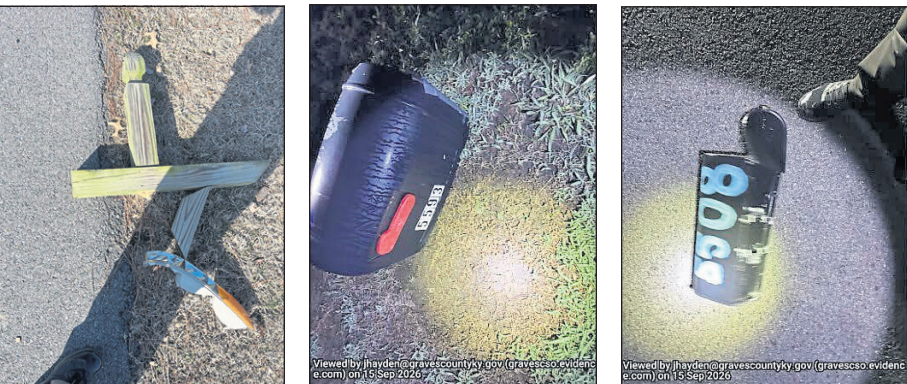
According to Madding, the dismissal of charges against Flores does not change the district's decision to terminate Flores' employment.

Flores, 25, was arrested in August and charged with grooming a minor, a relatively new Kentucky law that took effect on July 15. Graves County Schools confirmed Aug. 11 that Flores was no longer employed with the district.

Judge Scott Robbins dismissed the grooming charge against Flores without prejudice on Wednesday, saying that the current evidence does not fit the legal definition of sexual con-

duct to substantiate the grooming charge.

"I can only go on what I have been presented today, and from what I've been presented today, I've seen no sign that any sexual conduct has occurred — no evidence really whatsoever of that — and that is a requirement to fit the statute," Robbins said on Wednesday. "So, I'm not finding any probable cause for this offense. The charge will be dismissed."



Pictured is some of the damage the deputies discovered.

Sheriff's deputies investigating string of menacing crimes

BY MESSENGER STAFF
The Graves County Sheriff's Office is investigating a string of crimes involving destruction of property.

After 3 a.m. on Sept. 13, a resident of Rozzell Church Road reported a vehicle had run his mailbox down and destroyed it. Upon arrival, deputies "found widespread mailbox damage there, as well as in areas of Old Dublin Road, New Dublin Road, Ky. Hwy. 1748," according to the sheriff's office. The damage appeared to be intentional, according to the office. Parts of the pickup truck that struck the mailboxes were located and seized, including grille parts, paint transfers, and headlamp parts.

A resulting investigation led to surveillance video being obtained of the suspect vehicle. Vehicle parts and video identified the vehicle as being a silver 2008 Dodge Ram, according to deputies.

The investigation also led to interviews with involved parties who identified the driver of the vehicle.

On Monday Sept. 14, the suspect vehicle was located at a residence in southern Graves County on Kingston Road. The vehicle was impounded as evidence in the case, and the vehicles owner refused to provide any information to detectives investigating the incident, according to the office.

Additional criminal mischief was located as a result of interviews with involved parties which included road sign theft and damage in the areas of Kingston Road, Bard Road, and Lawrence Road.

"These senseless acts have



The suspect vehicle has been located and impounded, according to the Graves County Sheriff's Office.

caused financial pains and stress to the many homeowners who have had to deal with mailbox replacements. Luckily no accidents have been reported from intersections where stop signs were run over and knocked down."

The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information about these crimes, are asked to contact the Graves County Sheriff's Office at (270) 247-4501. We along with the countless victims in this case would appreciate it.

Sheriff's Deputy Drew Prusaczyk is leading this investigation.

Schools set tax levy for 2026-27 school year

BY MESSENGER STAFF
The Graves County Board of Education adopted a tax levy that is a bit lower than in the 2026 fiscal year.

For Graves County the 2026 fiscal year ended on June 30, 2026. In Kentucky, a school district's fiscal year runs from July 1 of the previous year — in this case July 1, 2025 — to June 30 of the current year.

The school board announced a general fund tax levy of 44.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value on real property and a 45.2-cent levy on personal property. This represents a slight decrease in the real property levy, which was 45.2 cents, according to the school board, and no change on the levy of personal property.

"The adopted General Fund tax rate of 44.9 cents on real property and 45.2 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$11,270,376.65. Of this amount, \$1,950,837.64 is from new and personal property, the board wrote on social media. "The adopted rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year."

The adopted tax rate is not subject to recall under Kentucky Revised Statute 132.017, according to the school board.

The General Fund tax levied in fis-



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cal year 2026, which was 45.2 cents on both real and personal property, was \$10,894,634.96, the district stated.

Similarly, the Mayfield Independent School District adopted a general fund levy of 72.9 cents on both real and personal property. The 72.1 cents on real and personal property in fiscal year 2026 generated over \$3.4 million, according to the school district.

A more in-depth story with each superintendent will be included in the weekend edition of the Mayfield Messenger.

Mayfield Police Department holds electronics drive until Oct. 15

Donations benefit domestic violence survivors

BY MESSENGER STAFF
The Mayfield Police Department will hold a Community Cell Phone and Electronics Drive from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, benefitting the 911 Cell Phone Bank.

The 911 Cell Phone Bank is a nonprofit that provides emergency cell phones and other personal electronic devices to meet the needs of participating law enforcement and victim services agencies. According to the group, over 250,000 phones have been repurposed as emergency devices to assist victims nationwide since 2004.

Mayfield PD's drive will accept working or broken smartphones and cellphones, tablets and iPads, smartwatches, digital media players and accessories, including chargers, power cords and headphones. All donations are 501(c)(3) tax-deductible.

The drive will not accept household batteries, computers or television monitors.

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- **Mayfield Police Department** | 228 Andrea Drive
- **CFSB** | 100 Dick Castleman Bypass
- **His House Ministries** | 1250 KY-303

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will undergo rigorous, military-grade data clearing, according to the police department.

"Your personal information is completely and securely erased before the device is transformed into a free emergency lifeline for local domestic violence survivors, human trafficking victims and elderly residents in crisis," the Mayfield Police Department stated.

Devices that cannot be refurbished will be responsibly recycled, according to the department, with the goal of keeping e-waste out of landfills.

Community members can drop off their devices at the Mayfield Police Department at 228 Andrea Drive, CFSB at 100 Dick Castleman Bypass or His House Ministries at 1250 KY-303.

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