COURTHOUSE

CIVIL SUITS

INEZ — Martin Circuit Clerk Denise Gauze reported the following civil suits filed in her office through Oct. 4:

Gary Paul Horn vs. Blake Ryan King

Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nations Tar vs. Rosie L.E. Cain

Onemain Financial Group LLC vs. Amanda D. Hale

Capital One, N.A. vs. Danesha S. Muncy

Sammons John P. vs. Zachary Smithers

Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Richard Maynard

LVNV Funding LLC vs. James Presley

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Mark Mills

Crown Asset Management, LLC vs. Steven Jude

LVNV Funding LLC vs. John Reed

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Kenneth Maynard

DEEDS

INEZ — Martin County Clerk Susie Skyles reported the following deeds recorded in her office through Sept. 30:

Sheila Maynard to Richard O'Connor.

Marvin Bryan Walker and Kathy Ellen Walker to Marvin Bryan Walker, Kathy Ellen Walker, and Marvin and Kathy Walker Trust.

Rowean Preece to Preece Family Trust and Amanda Murphy.

Clifford Keener II and Betty Keener to Clifford Keener III.

Elizabeth Marshall and Brian Marshall to Robert A. Brandon and Marah A. Brandon.

MARRIAGES

INEZ — Martin County Clerk Susie Skyles reported the following marriages recorded in her office through Sept. 30:

Amber Denise Blackburn, 36 of Inez, to Joshua Mark Burke, 42 of Inez.

DOCKET

Circuit Court

INEZ – Judge John Kevin Holbrook heard the following cases Oct. 1 in Martin County:

Danese Chaffins (change of plea) – 1. Possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense, opiates; 2. Possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense, opiates; 3. Possession of controlled substance, first degree, fentanyl; 4. Possession of marijuana; 5. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance, first: Pleaded guilty to all charges. 1. Two years; 2. Two years; 3. Two years; 4. Forty-five days; 5. Two days, loss of license, alcohol and drug education, fees/costs. Sentences run concurrently for a total of two years. Sentences diverted for two years, on condition of no further violations of law, and the defendant shall complete substance abuse treatment. She is currently enrolled at Hope in the Mountains. Sentencing: 11/19/26 at 10 a.m.

Roy Kenneth Goble (change of plea) – Possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine): Pretrial Oct. 1; motion and order.

Roy Kenneth Goble (change of plea) – Bail jumping, first degree: Pretrial Oct. 1; motion and order.

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Malyssa Alley (motion to modify restitution payments) – Set for hearing 10/15/26 at 10 a.m.; stay any filings until 10/15/26.

Justin D. Combs (motion to forfeit) – Sustained, order entered.

Robert Drenning Jr. (motion to forfeit) – Sustained, order entered.

Kassandra Hamilton (motion to reduce bond) – Criminal mischief, first degree, tampering with key infrastructure assets; trespass of key infrastructure assets, first offense: $5,000, 10% cash, order entered. Next court date 11/5/26.

Kassandra Hamilton (motion to reduce bond) – Bail jumping, first degree, first degree: $5,000, 10% cash, order entered. Next court date 11/5/26.

Kassandra Hamilton (motion to reduce bond) – Bail jumping, first degree: $5,000, 10% cash, order entered. Next court date 11/5/26.

Kassandra D. Hamilton (motion to reduce bond) – Complicity trafficking in controlled substance, first degree, first offense (over 2 grams of methamphetamine): $10,000, 10% cash, order entered. Next court date 11/5/26.

Brenten R. Allen Johnson (motion to revoke probation) – Bench warrant, no bond.

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Carroll K. Runyon Jr. (motion to forfeit) – Sustained, order entered.

Timothy Stacy (motion to forfeit) – Sustained, order entered.

Ryan Stumbo (motion to forfeit) – Sustained, order entered.

Gabriel J. Cooper (motion to revoke, probation violations) – Agreed graduated sanction, order entered, release to ARIA 10/2/26.

John Pack (motion to withdraw guilty plea) – Importing carfentanil, fentanyl, or fentanyl derivatives; trafficking in controlled substance, first offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives); trafficking in controlled substance, first degree (less than 4 grams cocaine); trafficking in marijuana, less than 8 ounces, first offense; drug paraphernalia-buy/possession: Reset 10/15/26.

Jonathan Pack (motion to withdraw guilty plea) – Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others $1,000-$10,000: Reset 10/15/26.

Charles E. Spillman (other hearing) – Missed sentencing 9/15/22, waived PSI, order entered, judgment/sentence order entered, release from custody.

Tommy L. Bowens (status hearing) – Five counts of rape, second degree, no force; sodomy, second degree: Pending competency, reset 12/3/26.

Ruby M. Chaffins (status hearing) – Complicity receiving stolen property $1,000-$10,000; criminal trespassing, third degree; theft of motor vehicle registration plate/renewal decal/tag; possession of marijuana: Reset 12/3/26 at 10 a.m.

Christina Chapman (status hearing) – Criminal abuse/neglect, first degree, child; manslaughter, second degree: Set for pretrial 11/5/26 at 11 a.m.; only jury trial is moved to Johnson County.

Kathy Collins (status hearing) – Theft of services $1,000-$10,000: Set for pretrial 11/5/26 at 11 a.m.

Andrea Caudill (probation revocation hearing) – Reset to 10/15/26 at 10 a.m.

Danese Chaffins (bond revocation hearing) – Possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense, opiates; possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense, opiates; possession of controlled substance, first degree, fentanyl; possession of marijuana; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substance, first: Moot, on COP docket.

Millard Newsome (bond hearing) – Assault, first degree: Bond $25,000, 10% cash, no contact with victim.

Amos Ray Evans (motion for shock probation) – Set for hearing 10/15/26 at 10 a.m.

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Martin Cline (report-final) – 1. Possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine); 2. Tampering with physical evidence: Pleaded guilty to both charges, one-year sentence on each to run concurrently for a total of one year to serve. Sentences diverted on condition of no violations of law; comply with DPP. Reset 12/3/26 at 10 a.m.

Jordan DeLong (arraignment) – Fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle); three counts of wanton endangerment, first degree; fleeing or evading police, third degree; failure of nonowner operator to maintain required insurance, first; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt; leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance; no/expired registration plates: Pleaded not guilty, pretrial 11/19/26 at 11 a.m.

Christopher Guerrero (arraignment) – Criminal abuse/neglect, first degree, child over age 13: Pleaded not guilty, pretrial 11/19/26 at 11 a.m., bond continues as previously set. Bond reduction hearing 10/15/26 at 10 a.m.

District Court

INEZ – Judge Brett Butcher heard the following cases Sept. 29 in Martin County:

John C. Adkins (arraignment) – Possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine); public intoxication of controlled substance (excludes alcohol): Preliminary hearing 9/29/26 at 11 a.m.

Kaitlyn Grace Dabe (arraignment) – Possession of controlled substance, third degree, drug unspecified; possession of marijuana; prescription controlled substance not in original container first; public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol): Two-year diversion. Defendant to complete treatment with Ohio Valley Physicians and be monitored by CARES program.

Denise Dorothy Endicott (arraignment) – Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substance, first; failure of nonowner operator to maintain required insurance, first: Pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference 1/29/27 at 10 a.m.

David J. Fitch (arraignment) – Failure to wear seat belts; no operator's/moped license: Pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference 11/24/26 at 10 a.m.

Ralph Douglas Mills (arraignment) – Failure to wear seat belts; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt; no/expired registration plates; improper display of registration plates; improper registration plate; improper use of basic registration plate; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first; failure to produce insurance card; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle: Pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference 11/10/26 at 10 a.m.

Logan Ryan Staton (arraignment) – 1. No/expired registration plates; 2. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt; 3. Improper display of registration plates; 4. Improper registration plate; 5. Failure to produce insurance card; 6. Obstructed vision and/or windshield; 7. No brake lights (passenger vehicles); 8. Inadequate silencer (muffler); 9. No operator's/moped license: Dismissed with warning.

Dakota Charles West (arraignment) – 1. No/expired registration plates; 2. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt; 3. Failure to produce insurance; 4. Failure to surrender revoked operator's license; 5. Operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license: 1-2. Dismissed, proof shown; 3. Pleaded guilty, $50 fine and court costs; 4-5. Dismissed, proof shown.

Kathy Jo Williamson (show cause hearing) – No/expired registration plates: Reset 1/19/27 at 9:30 a.m.

Kathy Jo Williamson (show cause hearing) – Leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, first: Reset 1/19/27 at 9:30 a.m.

Angela Marie Oney (pretrial conference) – Cruelty to animals, second degree; cruelty to animals, second degree: Reset 1/19/27 at 10 a.m.

Brianna B. Marcum (pretrial conference) – Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, first: Reset 10/27/26 at 10 a.m.

John C. Adkins (preliminary hearing) – 1. Possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine), amended to possession of controlled substance, second degree; 2. Public intoxication of controlled substance (excludes alcohol): Pleaded guilty to both charges, 86 days to serve, credit time served 86 days on each to run concurrently.

John David Clark (preliminary hearing) – Trafficking in controlled substance, first degree, first offense (over four grams of cocaine); trafficking in controlled substance, second degree, first offense (less than 20 dosage units drug unspecified Schedule 3): Waived to grand jury.

Jayden Maynard (preliminary hearing) – Possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense-cocaine; possession of controlled substance, third degree, drug unspecified; drug paraphernalia-buy/possession; operating motor vehicle under influence of substance, first: Continue treatment, review 1/19/27 at 11 a.m.

Kristi Kadar (motion to revoke probation) – Impersonating a peace officer; terroristic threatening, first degree; terroristic threatening, third degree: Reset 10/27/26 at 11 a.m.

Robert Brayden Moore (preliminary hearing) – Assault, second degree: Grand jury returned no true bill.

Kenneth Alan Rose (review) – Fugitive from another state warrant required: Removed from active docket; defendant picked up.

Alicia Tranette Johnson (preliminary hearing) – Promoting contraband, first degree; trafficking in controlled substance, second degree, first offense (over 10 dosage units amphetamine); drug paraphernalia-deliver/manufacture: Reset 10/13/26 at 11 a.m. Bond remains the same.

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