

# Several indicted by Pike grand jury

**A News-Express Staff Report**

A Pike County grand jury returned true bills against 15 people with 12 felony indictments and one misdemeanor indictment after convening on March 31. Those indicted included:

- Kamron Anderson, 26, Claire Lane, Pikeville; first-degree strangulation and fourth-degree assault.
- Adam Bentley, 39, Chloe Road, Pikeville; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (two counts), DUI and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- David Childers, 61, Elkhorn Creek Road, Ashcamp; resisting arrest and giving a peace officer a false name.
- Nicholas Coleman, 56, Right Fork of Little Beaver, Elkhorn City, and Fatima Bennett, 29, Beaver Creek, Elkhorn City; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, theft of identity, possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic violations.
- Jaron Grubb, 22, Big Card Road, Mouthcard; third-degree burglary, theft and first-degree criminal mischief.
- Jarrad Hicks, 41, Left Fork of Island Creek, Pikeville; first-degree wanton endangerment, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (two counts), first-degree criminal mischief, leaving the scene of an accident and traffic violations.

- Teresa Rena Holbrook, 51, Ratliff Creek, Pikeville; third-degree burglary, theft and second-degree persistent felony offender.
- Buffy Kender, 53, Kender Road, Mouthcard, and Staci Watson, 44, Fedscreek Road, Fedscreek; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic violations.
- Teonna McNutt, 23, Village Lane, Lick Creek; second-degree assault, first-degree promoting contraband and first-degree possession of a controlled substance.
- Andy Osborne, 41, Long Fork Road, Virgie; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, second-degree persistent felony offender and traffic violations.
- Keegan Schoeff, 22, Division Street, Pikeville; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two counts), possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.
- Curtis Wallace, 57, Big Branch Road, Elkhorn City, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
- Staci Watson, 43, Fedscreek Road, Fedscreek, first-degree criminal mischief, first-degree wanton endangerment and second-degree persistent felony offender.

*Editor's note: An indictment is not an assertion of guilt; it is a finding by a grand jury that there exists enough evidence to formally charge an individual with a crime. All individuals listed are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

# Several lodged in Pike County Detention Center

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Several individuals were recently arrested and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. Those arrested, according to the booking log at the jail, included:

**Monday, March 30**

- Leighta A. Roberts, 50, Map Drive, Pikeville, failure to appear.
- Charlie Jo Baldes, 33, Louisville, failure to appear and bail jumping.
- Shawn Paul Belcher, 58, Adams Branch, Elkhorn City, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense), DUI (first offense) and traffic violations.

**Tuesday, March 31**

- Madison L. Balo, 32, Virgie High Street, Virgie, DUI (first offense), possession of marijuana and a traffic violation.
- Arnold R. Carte, 60, Camp Creek Road, Stopover, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence, minor injury).
- Michael T. Anderson, 26, Barrenshea Creek, Freeburn, probation violation.
- Gabriel Jessie Cooper, 32, Ky. 1056, McCarr, DUI (first offense) and a traffic violation.
- Joshua B. Worex, 48, Jenkins, theft.
- James A. Chaney, 50, Keel Street, Pikeville, DUI (third offense) and traffic violations.

**Wednesday, April 1**

- David W. Helsel, 51, Taylor Fork, Belfry, failure to appear.
- Monica Hall, 49, Red Morg Branch, Teaberry, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (cocaine, first offense), first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense), aggravated trafficking in a controlled sub-

stance (fentanyl), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (LSD, first offense), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified, first offense), second-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree bail jumping, second-degree bail jumping and failure to appear.

- Gretchen L. Bevins, 46, Open Fork Road, David, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense), aggravated trafficking in a controlled substance (fentanyl), first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (cocaine), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (LSD, first offense), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified, first offense), second-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Zachery Hill, 35, East Shalbiana Road, Pikeville, using a computer or communications systems for the purpose of procuring or promoting the use of a minor for unlawful sexual activity and one count of tampering with physical evidence.
- Marc P. Perry, 48, Third Street, Pikeville, contempt of court.
- Samuel L. Anderson, 39, Scotty Hamilton Way, Pikeville, contempt of court.
- Jeremy R. Mullins, 45, Bear Fork Road, Virgie, contempt of court.
- Evan C. Roberts, 44, Frogtown Road, Pikeville, DUI (first offense) and traffic violations.
- Zachary Elijah Spurlock, 29, address unavailable, DUI (first offense).

*Editor's note: The above list reflects people lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until, if and when, they are proven guilty or enter a guilty plea.*

# Sec. Adams warns of business filing scams

**Special to Appalachian Newspapers**

Secretary of State Michael Adams, in a statement March 27, warned business owners to avoid being hustled, as letters notifying them to file their annual reports hit mailboxes across the commonwealth.

Annual reports must be filed between Jan. 1 and June 30 each year and can be submitted online or by mail for \$15.

However, some business owners are being charged upwards of \$160 in addition to the actual \$15 filing fee by unofficial parties sending solicitation letters to file reports on their behalf. To make matters more confusing, the total \$175 charge is the same amount most business owners pay annually for the limited liability entity tax ("the LLET") with their tax return filed with the Department of Revenue, the statement said.

"Don't get hustled. File your

annual business report directly with the Secretary of State, and pay only \$15," Adams said.

It's unclear whether these third parties even file the reports for the fees they charge, the statement said. Business owners can search their business online to confirm whether their annual report has been filed. If they have paid for services they did not receive, they may file a dispute with their bank and report the incident to local law enforcement.

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center," Scott said. "We have people working diligently to get both the city hall and the community center reopened."

The water line break occurred during a week-

end while both areas were closed.

"City Hall employees have been answering phone calls and conducting business off-site, so there has been no disruption in city business being

conducted," Scott said. "However, several events that had been booked for the community center had to be either cancelled or moved to another location."

"Our staff has been

reaching out to those who had booked the community center to make them aware of the situation," Scott continued. "While I can't give a definitive reopen date, it will be as soon as possible."

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communicated with ..., a minor, by means of a computer or communications system for the purpose of procuring or promoting certain prohibited sexual activity." The charges, according to the indictment, relate to two different children.

Hill was a teacher, softball coach, bus driver and ACT proctor at Shelby Valley High School during these time periods, according to court records. Pike County

Schools Superintendent Freddie Bowling said Hill resigned from the school system several years ago.

According to a citation written by Pike County Sheriff's Deputy Keith Gillispie, the indictment warrant was served on Hill on April 1 when Hill showed up at the Pike County Judicial Center to pay a fine in an unrelated case.

As of presstime, Hill remained in custody at the Pike County Detention Center.

## KENTUCKY STATE POLICE POST 9 TRAFFIC SAFETY CHECKPOINT ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Kentucky State Police offer periodic reminders to drivers who travel the roadways.

According to a statement from the agency, KSP strives daily to ensure the safety of the motoring public. Some of these proactive measures include various roadside safety checkpoints and saturating known problematic areas in the district through general patrol tactics, the statement said. The Kentucky State Police utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traffic safety checkpoint, the statement said, is to provide high visibility, public safety service, focusing on operator impairment, vehicular equipment deficiencies (confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles) and the valid licensing of drivers. Other violations of law and/or other public safety issues that arise will be addressed. These checkpoints will allow the Kentucky State Police the opportunity to periodically concentrate its efforts in checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws that will ultimately increase the safety of the citizens within the commonwealth, the statement said.

Post 9 serves the following counties: Pike, Floyd, Martin, Magoffin and Johnson.

Traffic Safety checkpoint locations in the Post 9 District may be located at the agency's website,

<https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/post9checkpoints>.

## ANSWERS

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