

## TRIMBLE COUNTY COURT NEWS

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The following cases were heard Jan. 20.

## ARRAIGNMENTS

Christopher Lee Ashcraft, 2005. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). Next appearance Feb. 3.

Develyn Shae Blackburn, 2000. Speeding 16 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (CATS), no/expired registration plates, no/expired KY registration. Next appearance Feb. 3.

Cora C. Gilliam, 2000. Speeding 17 mph over limit (FTA eligible). FTA. DOT.

Robert Henry Ferrell Lenear, 1989. Speeding 20 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (pleaded not guilty). Next appearance Feb. 3.

Amanda Lewis, 1980. Theft of identity of another without consent, fraud use credit card after report

lost/stolen more than \$500 but less than \$1,000, \$5,000/10%. Next appearance Jan. 27.

Jimmie Logsdon, 1979. Theft of identity of another without consent (amend), fraud use credit card after report lost/stolen more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 (amend). Next appearance Jan. 27.

Katrina McWhorter, 1982. Speeding 15 mph over limit (FTA eligible), operating vehicle with expired operator's license (FTA eligible), no/expired KY registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance first (FTA eligible), license to be in possession (FTA eligible).

Kyrah Meadows, 2000. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). Next appearance Feb. 3.

Kelsey Miller, 1997. Amount due 425. Violation of KY emergency protective order/domestic violence order. Next appearance Feb. 17.

Robert P. Newberry. Operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible). Defendant has license.

Jon Todd Pellowe, 1981. No/expired KY registration receipt (DM), no/expired registration plates (DM).

Jennifer J. Phillips, 1972. No/expired KY registration receipt, no/expired registration plates. Next appearance Feb. 3.

James Robert Reed, 1982. Operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible), failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). Next appearance Feb. 17.

Michael Runo, 1973. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). Next appearance Feb. 3.

Jeremy C. Slocum, 1981. Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury. FTA. Bench warrant \$2,000.

William Cody Small, 1989. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). FTA. DOT.

## FTA REVIEWS

Shawn David Hemingway, 1992. Careless driving (FTA eligible) (FTV), no/expired registration plates (FTV), failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance first (FTA eligible), no operator's/moped license (FTA eligible). Dismissed without prejudice. FTA to remain.

## PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

Christopher Coulter, 1977. Amount due \$25. Leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or

assistance (FTA eligible), driving DUI suspended/license first offense (FTA eligible), no/expired KY registration receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance first (FTA eligible), criminal mischief first degree, wanton endangerment second degree. Next appearance Jan. 27.

Justin Hall, 1986. Flagrant nonsupport. Amount due \$25. Next appearance March 31.

## PRETRIAL CONFERENCES

Marshall L. Banks, 1980. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible), failure to produce insurance card (amend), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible). FTA. Bench warrant \$1,500.

Courtney Shane Compton, 1989. Amount due \$25. Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury (amend). Next appearance Feb. 17.

Kaiston J. Huff, 2002. Theft by deception – include cold checks. Next appearance Feb. 17.

Ethian I. McClellan, 1997. Assault fourth degree domestic violence no visible injury, criminal mischief second degree, endangering the wel-

fare of a minor, no operator's/moped license (FTA eligible). Next appearance Feb. 17.

Jackie Lee Orangie Sanders, 1971. Speeding 15 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (DIV), failure to produce insurance card (DMV).

Richard E. King III, 1996. Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury, terroristic threatening third degree, menacing. Next appearance March 3.

## SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

Breanna Dawn Duncan, 2001. Amount due \$188. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible) (guilty), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible) (guilty). Next appearance March 17.

Ashley M. Webb, 1990. Amount due \$175. Reckless driving (FTA eligible) (dismissed), no/expired registration plates (dismissed), no/expired KY registration receipt (dismissed), failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first (FTA eligible), fleeing or evading police first degree (FTA eligible) (amend), fleeing or evading police second degree (FTA eligible) (guilty), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible) (guilty). Apply bond. Remand.

## New statewide carbon monoxide safety inspection initiative launched

BY MELISSA PATRICK  
KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

Kentucky has launched a new statewide initiative focused on carbon monoxide (CO) safety, including proactive inspections of aging buildings. These inspections will begin with schools, followed by daycares and senior living facilities.

"Everyone deserves a healthy environment to live, learn and work in," Gov. Andy Beshear said in a news release. "When a student walks into a school, they should be focused on learning, not the safety of their classroom. With aging infrastructure at many of our schools, we are taking proactive steps to keep students and teachers safe from the invisible threat of carbon monoxide."

The initiative partners the state with local building personnel and the Kentucky Department of Education to visit schools throughout the state to conduct a visual inspection of heating and ventilation systems. The inspections will check furnace rooms, HVAC systems, kitchen equipment and emergency monitoring devices to ensure systems and ventilation meet current safety standards.

"In the winter months, increased usage of heating systems elevates carbon monoxide risk if systems are malfunctioning or not properly

ventilated," Public Protection Cabinet Secretary Ray Perry said in the release. "These safety checks will help ensure systems are well-maintained and create more awareness of carbon monoxide dangers."

Additionally, all Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction inspectors will carry carbon monoxide detection devices, and all inspections conducted by HBC officials will include a visual check of mechanical rooms and a CO reading.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas produced when gasoline, natural gas, propane, kerosene and other fuels are not completely burned during use. Breathing in carbon monoxide fumes prevents the body from using oxygen normally and can result in death.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is responsible for hundreds of preventable injuries and fatalities each year nationwide. Symptoms of exposure can include headaches, dizziness, nausea, confusion and fainting. If you experience these symptoms, get to fresh air immediately. Prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide can result in death.

## CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY TIPS

Public Protection Cabinet officials encourage everyone to follow basic safety precautions year-round and to use the peak heating season

as a reminder to check your fuel-burning systems.

Install carbon monoxide detectors on each level of a building and near sleeping areas.

Replace detector batteries twice a year; replace entire devices every five to seven years.

Have HVAC systems, chimneys and vents inspected annually by qualified technicians.

Never block ventilation openings or air returns.

Do not use ovens, stovetops or grills to heat indoor spaces.

Keep fuel-burning equipment (generators, space heaters) outdoors and at least 20 feet from buildings.

Don't run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning—headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizziness—and evacuate immediately if suspected.

"The Building Code requires CO detectors in residential construction built after 2011," Housing, Buildings and Construction Commissioner Max Fuller said in the release. "But you should have CO detectors installed, no matter the age of your home or business."

For more information, visit the Housing, Buildings and Construction website at DHBC.ky.gov.

receipt, no/expired registration plates. Proof shown for both. Dismissed without prejudice.

Joseph W. Buckman, 1994. Improper lane usage/vehicles keep to right except to pass (FTA eligible). Refer to CATS. Next appearance March 25.

Luis Wendehake, 1999. Speeding 25 mph over limit (FTA eligible), careless driving (FTA eligible), failure to or improper signal (FTA eligible). DOT.

Larry L. McClain II, 1973. Failure to or improper signal (FTA eligible), disregarding stop sign (FTA eligible). FTA. DOT.

## SHOW CAUSES DEFERRED INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

Bobby Snow, 1951. Amount due \$188. Criminal trespass

second degree (guilty).

Charlotte Adams, 1983. Amount due \$542.77. Warrant issued for failure to pay restitution executed.

Jarod Rollie Martin, 1982. Amount due \$226.11. Defendant is in jail for pending case. Next appearance July 8.

## OTHER CASES

Wilmer Posadas vs. Corey Phillips, court trial. Accepted motion to dismiss.

In re: Ray Hudson Poe, probate hearing for name change. Next appearance April 22.

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## House panel advances bill shifting authority over fluoride in tap water

BY LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

A bill that would shift decision-making power over fluoride in public water systems was approved by a House committee Wednesday after lengthy debate from lawmakers, dentists and public health advocates.

Rep. Mark Hart, R-Falmouth, testified that House Bill 103 would allow local water systems to decide whether to continue adding fluoride to their water supply, emphasizing the proposal does not ban fluoride.

Hart explained the bill includes an immunity clause that would protect water districts from civil lawsuits whether they choose to maintain fluoridation or discontinue it. Language was added to the bill Wednesday after discussions with legal counsel to clarify how that protection would apply, he said.

Dr. Jack Kall, a Louisville dentist and executive chair of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology, spoke in support of the bill and cited studies on the potential negative effects of fluoride-treated water.

Kall emphasized a risk associated with fluoride consumption, saying studies "show a trend of association between lower IQ and the level of fluorides consumed by pregnant women and their infants after birth."

Rep. Sarah Stalker, D-Louisville, asked about the current standard in dentistry regarding fluoride treatment.

Kall said informed consent is central to dental care and argued that people do not have that same choice when fluoride is added to public water.

"It's a very common procedure," Kall said. "I am more cautious about it. Patients often feel that the dentist, dental hygienist or dental staff is not respectful of their personal choices. Informed consent is essential here. That's the problem we have with water fluoridation. If you don't want it, you're kind of stuck."

Rep. Rachel Roarke, D-Louisville, questioned how local boards would handle decisions traditionally guided by public health expertise and asked what medical or scientific background local water boards are required to have.

Hart said the board has requirements similar to those of a legislature.

"None of us are an expert in this field, and we are asked to make decisions without the medical knowledge," Hart said. "These executive and elected boards aren't going to have the medical knowledge either. They're going to have to seek out professionals, like I have, to help inform us."

Opponents of the bill, including some dental and public health advocates, warned that reducing fluoridation could increase tooth decay and long-term health costs.

Mary Ann Burch, a retired dental hygienist, said community water fluoridation has been proven for decades to reduce cavities and is especially important for seniors and low-income residents.

"For over 70 years, community water fluoridation has been proven safe, reliable and cost-effective," she said. "It prevents cavities by at least 25%."

She warned the consequences of reducing fluoridation would impact poorer communities, especially historically vulnerable populations in Eastern Kentucky, and drive-up Medicaid costs due to

increased dental.

Rep. Savannah Maddox, R-Dry Ridge, asked about opponents' views on a 2024 federal court ruling in *Food & Water Watch v. EPA*. The court found, by a preponderance of evidence, that recommended levels of community water fluoridation could present an unreasonable risk of injury to health, specifically citing potential IQ reduction.

Dr. Stephen Robertson, executive director of the Kentucky Dental Association, said he believes the court overreached in its decision and evidence shows that fluoride has been safe. He added that more recent research challenges claims of a link between fluoride and lower IQ and that the science has been turned into a "spin contest."

Rep. George Brown Jr., D-Lexington, voted no, saying he was not convinced fluoride poses a health risk.

"I think we're going down a slippery slope," Brown said. "It's been a standard since the 1940s, and I don't think anything has been explained here that says fluoride is a problem."

Rep. Ken Fleming, R-Louisville who represents a portion of Oldham County, voted in favor and explained his support for the measure.

"I'm going to trust my local water district to do the right things," Fleming said.

The committee voted 13-5 to advance House Bill 103. The measure moves to the full House for consideration.

## CARROLL

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Gary Allen Hammond, 1979. Flagrant nonsupport. Next appearance March 25.

Matthew L. Hibbard, 1963. Flagrant nonsupport. Next appearance March 25.

Jerry L. Johnson, 1966. Flagrant nonsupport. Next appearance Feb. 25.

Hoover James Lee Patrick, 1990. Amount due \$115. Flagrant nonsupport. Next appearance April 8.

Hannah Payton, 1999. Flagrant nonsupport. Jail. Next appearance March 25.

Tyler Smith, 1997. Amount due \$105. Flagrant nonsupport. Next appearance Feb. 25.

Jess L. Maiden, 1983. No/expired KY registration

receipt, no/expired registration plates. Proof shown for both. Dismissed without prejudice.

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