

Grooms' suit against Miss Madison seeks more than \$600K

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A lawsuit filed by Charlie and Nancy Grooms against Miss Madison Inc. seeking more than \$600,000 is likely headed to a jury trial.

In May, Special Judge Justin B. Brown, the Floyd Circuit Court Judge, issued an order in Jefferson Circuit Court ruling in favor of Miss Madison Inc. to denying Grooms' injunction in the lawsuit.

On July 1, Charlie and Nancy Grooms responded by requesting a jury trial. No date has been set for the trial.

Grooms, a past president of Miss Madison Inc. and former member of the board of directors, had been involved with the racing team since 1977. On Feb. 10, 2025, Madison Mayor Bob Courtney announced the removal of Grooms and four other board members after two hydroplane boats and all other race

team assets were sold.

In the hearing on the preliminary injunction, Charlie Grooms testified that he and Nancy Grooms had made 84 loans to Miss Madison between 2009 and 2024, and had been repaid \$442,000 through 38 separate payments. They claimed an outstanding loan balance of \$599,306.67, along with three additional claims: \$30,205 for uncashed crew-bonus checks, \$6,257.89 for uncashed approved expense checks, and \$2,000 for an uncashed reimbursement check issued to Nancy Grooms. The total Grooms claim is \$637,769.56.

Charlie Grooms testified he had signed the bonus, expense and repayment checks payable to himself, and did not present those checks for payment because he was aware the racing team did not have sufficient funds and that depositing the checks could compromise the team's ability to meet its racing-

contract obligations.

Nancy Grooms testified that her \$2,000 claim represented a payment she had made to transport the boat and truck back to Madison following the death of the crew chief, and that she did not previously attempt to cash the reimbursement check because she understood the racing team lacked funds.

At the hearing in the preliminary injunction, counsel for Miss Madison Inc. told the court that the racing team is holding \$500,000 in escrow.

Judge Brown stated in his decision to deny the preliminary injunction that he is "not unsympathetic to the plaintiffs' position. Charles and Nancy Grooms appear to have extended substantial support to Miss Madison over many years, and the court appreciates their genuine concern that the funds available to satisfy their claims may diminish as the defendant continues to operate

in an expensive and demanding sport. That concern, however earnestly held, is not the measure of whether extraordinary equitable relief may issue. The question before the court is not whether the plaintiffs' worry is understandable, but whether the facts presented satisfy the demanding requirements for a preliminary injunction."

In the defendant's defenses for Miss Madison Inc. (MMI) that followed the Grooms' request for a jury trial, it claimed breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, lack of internal controls, conversion, and gross negligence. Relative to the breach of fiduciary duty, it stated the Grooms "voluntarily provided funds, payments or financial assistance to MMI without formal documentation and without any clear agreement regarding repayment terms, interest, conditions or purpose."

It also stated Grooms became treasurer and president of MMI on

or around 2015 and began managing MMI's financial transactions. "After assuming this role, Mr. Grooms exercised financial control over the organization and ignored any attempts for oversight from his fellow board members." Further, it stated Grooms "breached his fiduciary duties of loyalty, good faith, care and honesty by unilaterally making decisions that personally benefited him rather than acting in the best interests of the corporation."

In the plaintiff's counterclaim on breach of fiduciary duty, Grooms stated the "allegations are denied to the extent that they allege responsibilities and obligations beyond that required by law."

Mayor Courtney said Miss Madison Inc. "will defend itself against the Grooms claim and pursue justice on behalf of Miss Madison, her supporters and the hydroplane sport."

TRIMBLE

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Joshua Brierly, 1993. Operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol second (FTA eligible). Next appearance Sept. 8.

Michael Kevin Fox, 1970. No/expired KY registration receipt (merge), no/expired registration plates (merge), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty). No new offenses. Not to

drive. Next appearance Nov. 3.

Nina Hunter, 1968. Terroristic threatening third degree. Released to Carroll County homeless shelter. Next appearance Sept. 8.

Brandon L. Melvin, 1992. Amount due \$25. Operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol second (FTA eligible), license to be in possession (FTA eligible). In hospital. Next appearance Aug. 11.

Shannon Matthew Moore, 1985. Amount due \$25. Operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible). FTA. DOT.

Bench warrant \$500 cash.

Julie Lynn Nalley, 1959. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible) (guilty), failure to produce insurance card (amend), failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first (FTA eligible) (dismissed, proof shown).

REVIEWS

Devyn Taylor Michael Broadus, 1995. Amount due \$50. Public intoxication-controlled substance (excludes alcohol) (guilty). Next appearance Aug. 11.

Gregory T. Crouch, 1995.

Amount due \$593. No/expired registration plates (dismissed), failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance second or greater (FTA eligible) (guilty). Paying as ordered.

Jimmie Logsdon Jr. Amount due \$235.79. Theft by deception-includes cold checks (guilty). Paid as ordered.

Walter V. Taylor, 1971. Amount due \$488. No/expired registration plates (dismissed), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible) (amend), license to be in possession (FTA eligible) (guilty), failure of non-owner

operator to maintain required insurance first (FTA eligible) (amend), failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security second or greater (FTA eligible) (guilty), operating motor vehicle/motorcycle function without ignition interlock device (FTA eligible) (guilty), possession of marijuana (guilty). FTA. Issue bench warrant \$518 cash.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

Matthew H. Ashcraft, 2003. Speeding 17 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (amend), speeding 16 mph over limit

(FTA eligible) (guilty). Paid in full.

Johnathan M. Beacham, 1988. Amount due \$115.50. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting (guilty). Paid in full.

Francisco Caal Tiul, 1969. No operator's/moped license (FTA eligible). Paid in full.

OTHER CASES

John Demaree vs. Venus Brown et al, court trial. Plaintiff not present. Dismissed. Failure to appear.

Estate of Alisyn Ely, review. Settlement approved. Closed out.

FALL

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free to hunters who can't obtain their certification before going afield, but the permittee must be accompanied in the field by an adult who is Hunter Education-certified.

Details about hunter education courses and the temporary exemption permit are available on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education webpage. Of special note, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is hosting an annual "Hunter

Education Day" this Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, with more than 30 in-person hunter education classes and live-fire range days offered at convenient locations across Kentucky.

Before legally hunting migratory birds, hunters must complete the Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey. The process takes less than five minutes by visiting "My Profile" to fill out the survey. After completing the HIP survey, hunters will receive a confirmation number that must be written on their hunting license or Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit.

KENTUCKY

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that, and we'll have to re-teach some things as we start practice because it's been a little bit since we've been out there with helmets and eventually shoulder pads and

full gear — how to stay up, how to stay off the quarterback, how to run from drill to drill.

"But my hope is that throughout the last eight weeks in summer that

we're prepared for practice and that we can go out there and play our best football early in the year.

"We obviously have goals and aspirations, but you have to master the

mundane, the little things every single day to even give yourself a chance at those moments."

UK opens the season against Youngstown State on Sept. 5 at Kroger Field.

ADCOCK FARMS RETIREMENT AUCTION

ONLINE ONLY

AUCTION ENDS TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 @ 3:00PM ET (LOTS WILL HAVE STAGGERED CLOSING TIMES)



INSPECTION DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 12:00 - 2:00PM ET
PICKUP DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 10:00AM - 2:00PM
LOCATION: 6044 LITTLE MOUNT RD, TAYLORSVILLE, KY 40071

THIS IS AN ONLINE-ONLY AUCTION. SOME OF THE ITEMS AVAILABLE TO BID ON ARE BUT NOT LIMITED TO: 2015 FORD F-250 SUPER DUTY (GAS), CASE 75A TRACTOR W/ LOADER, CASE JX95 TRACTOR W/ LOADER, NEW HOLLAND BR7080 ROUND BALER, 2022 GOOSENECK CATTLE TRAILER, NEW HOLLAND PROCART 819 SPEED RAKE, NEW HOLLAND H6750 DISC MOWER, JOHN DEERE 7000 PLANTER, HAY FEEDERS, HAY WAGONS, ROUND BALES (5X5), KAYAKS, TOOLS, TOBACCO STICKS, AND MORE!

TERMS: THERE WILL BE A 10% BUYERS PREMIUM ADDED TO EACH FINAL BID TO DETERMINE THE FINAL SALES PRICE. ALL ITEMS MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL AT THE END OF THE AUCTION OR ON PICK UP DAY BY CASH, PERSONAL CHECK, OR MAJOR CREDIT CARD

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WILLARD AUCTIONS



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 26-CI-00087

FARMERS BANK OF MILTON

PLAINTIFF

VS.

AMENDED NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

DANNY C. THARP, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Carroll Circuit Court on July 6, 2026, I will sell at public auction at the South door facing Highland Avenue of the Carroll County Courthouse door, 440 Main Street, Carrollton, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Carroll County, Kentucky, on **WEDNESDAY, August 19, 2026**, at the hour of **12:00 p.m.** prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:
Being the same property conveyed to Danny C. Tharp from Kenneth Mefford, unmarried-widower, by Deed dated May 22, 2023, of record in Deed Book 227, Page 516, in the Office of the Carroll County Court Clerk.
Property Address: 620 Boone Road, Carrollton, KY 41008
Map ID #: 23-118-02

THERE IS INCLUDED ON THIS PROPERTY a 1986 Schultz Manufactured Home, 28' x 60', VIN No. M216466, which has been converted to real estate by Affidavit of Conversion of record in Misc. Book 3, Page 620, in the Office of the Carroll County Clerk.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$167,810.22, with interest in the amount of \$7,956.49, with interest continuing to accrue at the rate of \$34.01 per day, with late charges of \$275.00 and Mortgage Release Fee of \$46.00, together with its attorneys fees in the amount of \$1,713.00, court costs in the amount of \$1,858.45 incurred herein, and reimbursement of all fees paid or to be paid to the Special Master Commissioner;

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 7.500% per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Carroll Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2026;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Carroll County.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT



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AUGUST 3 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Apply at you local Community Action Agency

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 **859-581-6607**  **nkcac.org**

Applications will be accepted on first-come, first-served basis, or until funds are depleted.

Funding provided by Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Approved 7/23/26



BACK TO SCHOOL



EXTENDED HOURS

Back-To-School Vaccinations

AUG. 13

4:30 - 6 P.M.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, the Henry, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble county health departments will offer extended hours, staying open until 6 p.m. for back-to-school vaccine appointments! Call today to schedule an appointment, or stop by as walk-ins are welcome as time allows.