

Knox County Grand Jury indicts Corbin man on child pornography related charges

■ **By Mark White**

The Knox County Grand Jury indicted a Corbin man Friday on child pornography related charges approximately three months after he waived extradition to Illinois where he was wanted on 10 counts of child pornography.

The Knox County Grand Jury indicted Kameron Allen Adams,

18, charging him with two counts of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

Between April 1 and May 26, 2026, Adams allegedly had in his possession matter which “visually depicts a sexual performance by a minor person under the age of 12 years,” according to both counts of his indictment.

Knox Circuit Judge Gregory Lay scheduled a

Sept. 25 status hearing in the case.

Lay set Adams bond at \$25,000 cash. Adams bond conditions call for him to have no contact with minors, no social media and no contact with the alleged victim or the alleged victim’s family.

His use of electronic devices is limited to contacting his attorney, accessing a law library, accessing religious

materials, and things of this nature, according to an online court record.

The case was investigated by Kentucky State Police Electronic Crimes Branch’s Brandon Creekmore.

Cody Parmenter with the Moline Police Department is also listed as a witness in the case.

Background

On May 28, Knox

County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Adams on an Illinois fugitive warrant, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office news release.

The Knox County Sheriff’s Office had been assisting Moline Illinois Police Department detectives throughout their investigation into a child pornography case involving a Corbin man, according to the release.

Knox County deputies conducted interviews, executed a search warrant, and secured and forwarded evidence to Moline Police Department investigators. After reviewing evidence, Moline detectives in Rock County, Illinois, obtained a fugitive warrant.

On June 1, Adams agreed to waive extradition to Illinois, online court records stated.



MOONBOW NIGHTS: Dr. Whitley and his Sky Band and Dad’s Mad will perform free concerts at NIBROC Park Thursday as part of Moonbow Nights.

Moonbow Nights return Thursday with Dad’s Mad

■ **By Mark White**

Moonbow Nights returns to NIBROC Park in Corbin Thursday night with performances scheduled by two bands.

Dr. Whitley and his Sky Band will kick things off at 6 p.m. followed by Dad’s Mad performing at

7:45 p.m.

“You won’t want to miss this awesome night of music downtown,” officials wrote on the Downtown Corbin Facebook page.

Dad’s Mad started out as a group of friends at Dunbar High School in Lexington.

“They are a five-piece a band that weaves a soulful mix of ukulele,

keyboard, and trombone into their original music. Dad’s Mad offers a new sound with a familiar feeling that is sure to make you come back for more,” the band writes on its website.

Moonbow Nights features free live music and local foods. It is a bring your own lawn chair event.

9/11 tribute event planned on Sept. 5 at Old Corbin Civic Center

■ **By Jennifer K. Perkins**

Community leaders are teaming up with organizations like the Kentucky State Police (KSP) to host a 9/11 tribute event on Sept. 5th at the Old Corbin Civic Center.

Organizers say this event is not just to honor first responders and members of the United States military but to educate people who may not remember September 11, 2001.

“This is the 25th anniversary,” said event organizer Michael Peters.

“[There are] people so young they don’t even know what we’re doing. They don’t remember, they weren’t born yet or they were so small they don’t understand what this is.”

The event will feature a variety of activities and exhibits including Kentucky State Police and Air Evac Lifeteam helicopters.

Several local VFWs are expected to be in attendance to serve as an honor guard.

The event has something for all age groups ranging from guest speakers to live music.

Free food will be served by Appalachia Strong.

Woodbine woman charged with theft from 88-year-old

■ **By Mark White**

A Woodbine woman is facing a theft charge after allegedly stealing thousands of dollars from an 88-year-old woman.

Laurel County Sheriff’s Capt. Richard Dalrymple arrested Jasmine M. Elswick, 27, at approximately

10:17 a.m. on Aug. 26 charging her with theft by unlawful taking value at least \$1,000 but less than \$10,000. Elswick allegedly gained access to the bank account of the woman without the victim’s knowledge or consent and used money in the account to pay more than \$9,000 in personal bills, according to a Laurel County Sheriff’s Office release and

her arrest citation.

Elswick was booked into the Laurel County Correctional Center at 11:20 a.m. on Aug. 26. She was released on her own recognizance at 1:02 p.m., according to the correctional center’s website.

She pleaded not guilty during her Aug. 28 arraignment in Laurel District Court.

Cumberland Falls State Park hosting Art in the Park on September 12

Cumberland Falls State Park is inviting the public to come out to Art in the Park, which is scheduled for Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The family-friendly event is designed to celebrate creativity in all its forms. It will feature local artists, live performances and cultural experiences in the scenic setting of the Cumberland Falls.

There will be something for people of all ages to enjoy ranging

from live entertainment to taking in the natural beauty of Cumberland Falls.

The event will showcase paintings, textiles, jewelry and pottery highlighting talented regional artists.

In partnership with the Kentucky Arts Council, the event will feature an engaging lineup of live performances throughout the day, including:

11 a.m. – Chinese dance performance by Cheryl Pan;

2 p.m. – Storytelling “Oh Cumberland!” by Bob Martin, Clear Creek Creative; and

3:30 - 5 p.m. – Live music by the Acoustic Breakaways, performing favorites ranging from bluegrass to country.

Admission to Art in the Park is free with regular park access.

Six people indicted in drug cases

■ **By Mark White**

The Knox County Grand Jury indicted three people in separate drug trafficking cases, and three people in separate drug possession cases while issuing its monthly report Friday.

According to indictments, the following individuals were indicted, including:

- Jamesmax Randall Herren, 39, of Corbin – two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. On April 11 and April 18, Herren allegedly sold methamphetamine to a cooperating witness with the Corbin Police Department. He was also indicted for second-degree persistent felony offender. He has a prior conviction in a 2020 Warren County, Ohio, case for receiving stolen property and aggravated possession of drugs.

- Zachary Caleb Hart, 39, of Corbin – two counts of second offense first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. On April 22 and May 27, Hart allegedly sold methamphetamine to a cooperating witness with the Corbin Police Department. He was previously convicted of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance in connection with a 2016 Knox County case.
- Anthony Andrew

Davis, 49, of Flat Lick – first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second offense operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicants, possession of drug paraphernalia (baggies, glass pipes and scales) and first-degree persistent felony offender. He has a felony conviction in a 2023 Mercer County case for first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He has a felony conviction in a 2010 Knox County case for first-degree fleeing or evading police and first-degree wanton endangerment.

- Wilburn Wallace Shiver, 69, of Hamilton, Ohio – first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia (glass pipe).

- James Michael King, 37, of Richmond – first-degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl).

- Brandon Glenn Basinger, 41, of Hinkle – first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and theft by unlawful taking value \$500 or less (merchandise from Shoe Inn).

Corbin accepting bids to replace old fire truck

If you drive an old car and it breaks down, you can always borrow a friend or relative’s vehicle, rent a vehicle or hitch a ride with a friend to work until it is fixed. These solutions do not typically work so well when the old vehicles you are talking about are fire trucks.

In the case of the Corbin Fire Department, two of its three fire trucks are over 20 years old. The department has a 1998 model, a 2001 model ladder truck and a 2022 model. During a special meeting Thursday, the Corbin City Commission gave the fire department permission to advertise for bids for a small reserve fire truck, which the department can use in the event one of its trucks are out of commission.

“Basically, the trucks we have right now are pretty much obsolete. They are old, and you can’t get parts for them. Our new ladder truck is in the works,” Corbin Fire Chief Barry McDonald told the commission Thursday. The commission approved a nearly \$2 million bid in April for construction a new ladder truck, which

was expected to take approximately 14 months to complete. It will replace the department’s 2001 model ladder truck.

McDonald told the commission Thursday the 1998 model, which is known as Engine 2, was “still chugging along, but you can’t find parts for it.” He estimated the new truck would cost approximately \$220,000.

“It is called a reserve truck in case the ladder truck or Engine 2 goes out. We will have that one in service. We should have replaced this years ago and now it is time. We have to do it,” McDonald said.

The “reserve pumper” for which the city is advertising for bids would hold 300 gallons of water and have a pump. Equipment from the existing truck will be transferred to it.

If one of the existing fire trucks goes down for maintenance issues, this truck will replace it.

“Right now, we don’t have any reserve trucks at all,” McDonald said. “If and when we get a station in North Corbin, it will go out there along with the new ladder truck.”