

# Judge sentences ex-Gov. Bevin to jail for contempt of court



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Former Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin listens to a complaint against he and First Lady Glenna Bevin in Family Court on Friday, March 21, 2025. Their son, Jonah Bevin, 18, has been granted an emergency protective order against his parents.

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LOUISVILLE — A judge sentenced former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin to 60 days in jail after finding him in contempt of court for failing to disclose his financial details in a year-long legal battle with his estranged son, Jonah Bevin.

It is an extraordinary development for the one-term Republican governor who the judge said has resisted repeated orders to disclose personal financial details as his adopted son, now 19, seeks support in Jefferson Family Court after alleging that his parents abandoned him.

“Your arrest warrant will be issued today,” Jefferson Family Court Judge Angela Johnson said in imposing the sentence on Bevin, who was not present in the courtroom and attended by Zoom, though he had been ordered to appear in person for the hearing.

The judge later Tuesday

entered a written order calling for the arrest of Bevin to serve 60 days in the Jefferson County Jail unless he posts a \$500 cash bond and produces “financial records, bank statements, tax returns and all other documents that would show the receipt of income.”

Bevin told the judge he had to travel out of state to attend the funeral Monday of the father of his ex-wife, Glenna Bevin, and was on his way back to Kentucky. He did not disclose his location.

Bevin, at the hearing, interrupted the judge several times, seeking to correct her and arguing he was trying to provide the required information but needed more time to collect financial records.

But Johnson told Bevin he had been asked repeatedly by the court to provide information commonly produced in family court cases where child support is at stake.

“Every litigant in the

commonwealth has to provide such information,” Johnson said to Bevin, who appeared to be attending from an office setting but didn’t say where he was. “I cannot treat Mr. Bevin or Mrs. Bevin any differently.”

Glenna Bevin was not subject to the contempt order because she has provided financial information.

It’s not clear when the arrest warrant would be served or when Bevin plans to return to Kentucky. He did not state where he was during Tuesday’s hearing.

Johnson said he could be relieved of the jail sentence once he produced requested financial information including tax returns, bank statements and details of all assets and income.

Bevin’s attorney, Jesse Mudd, declined to comment after the hearing.

Attorney Melina Hettiaratchi, who represents Jonah along with John H. Helmers Jr., said the judge could have

imposed an even more severe penalty — contempt carries a sanction of up to 180 days in jail — given this is the second time Bevin has disregarded an order to appear in person and instead attended by Zoom.

“She could have done more,” Hettiaratchi said.

Helmers said he and Hettiaratchi, who have been representing Jonah for free, will also ask the court to order Bevin to pay some of the costs in the case which he said now amount to about \$30,000.

Helmers said they took the case because they knew Jonah needed help.

“It would have been impossible for Jonah to do

it on his own,” he said.

## ‘A POLITICAL PINATA’

The decision came following a last-minute effort by Bevin to have Jefferson Family Court Judge Angela Johnson removed from his case, citing her alleged bias.

Jefferson Family Court Judge Angela Johnson. (Pool photo by Michael Clevenger, Courier Journal)

In a motion filed late Monday, Bevin claimed Johnson’s rulings against him were motivated by her desire for media attention because of his former role as governor from 2015-2019. He also said the judge has made false

claims about him in his ongoing divorce case with his ex-wife Glenna including that the two had tried to conceal their financial information.

“She is using me as a political pinata,” Bevin said in an affidavit, accusing the judge of “making up the rules as she goes along.”

“It is likewise clear to me that Judge Johnson’s decisions are being motivated by her personal desire for ‘earned media’ as a government employee who must seek re-election to remain a circuit court judge in the future.”

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