

Woman charged with attempted murder

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Richmond Police have charged 25-year-old Ariana Meriwether with attempted murder, attempted robbery, burglary, kidnapping with serious injury, and assault after she turned herself in on June 2.

According to arrest citations, on May 23, police were called to a robbery with shots fired at an apartment complex on Foxhaven Drive. The documents say that Meriwether and an unnamed man forced their way into an apartment at the complex, with Meriwether beating one of the residents.

The male allegedly took a male and female who were also in the home upstairs at gunpoint and beat the female. According to the citation, the male took the female outside. When she tried to flee, he allegedly shot her in the arm.

Police documents indicate that Meriwether and the male fled the scene after the shooting.

Several items were left at the scene, including a cellphone. Richmond Police said they used it to track an associate of Meriwether's to a residence on Tates Creek Road on June 2.

According to arrest citations, Meriwether was at the home when police got there — turning herself in shortly afterward. She's lodged at the Madison County Detention Center.

The Register collects and publishes police reports as a public service to its readers. The reports often contain allegations against individuals and do not mean the individuals committed a crime. All people named in connection with a crime are presumed innocent until guilty in a court of law.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS KIRKSVILLE WATER ASSOCIATION BALLARD ROAD WATER LINE REPLACEMENT MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY June 2026

Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by the Kirksville Water Association at the Kirksville Water Association's Office, **1613 Foxhaven Dr. Richmond, KY 40475** until **2:00 P.M. EDT (localtime), June 25 th, 2026**, for furnishing labor and performing all work as set forth in this Advertisement for Bids, General Conditions, Specifications and/or Drawings prepared by HMB Professional Engineers, LLC., 3 HMB Circle, US 460, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the above conditions will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work to be bid upon is described as follows

1. Video Entire Project Area
2. 3,737 LF of 6" PVC C900 Water Line
3. 180 LF 12" Steel Encasement Pipe by Open Cut
4. 30 LF 8" Steel Encasement Pipe by Open Cut
5. Install 6 insertion valves
6. Cleanup & restoration to minimum of pre-construction site conditions

Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may NOT be examined in person for this project and must be obtained by emailing Brandon Baxter with HMB Professional Engineers, LLC. at bbaxter@hmbpe.com, at which time an electronic (PDF) set will be provided via email.

After award of a contract, the General Contractor will be furnished, without charge, a reasonable number of plans and specifications needed to prosecute the work. Subcontractors and manufacturers and suppliers shall obtain plans and specifications from the General Contractor. Sealed proposals for the Contract shall be clearly marked on the outside of the container as follows:

Sealed proposal for: Ballard Road Water Line Replacement
Contractor Name
Contractor Address
Contractor Email Address
Not to be opened until 2:00 P.M. EDT 6/25/2026

Time allowed for completion of the Contract is **45 consecutive calendar days**.

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to Kirksville Water Association, **1613 Foxhaven Dr. Richmond, KY 40475** allowing sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address prior to the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Kirksville Water Association in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date bids are opened. He may, however, withdraw his bid at any time prior to the time and date scheduled for opening of same or any authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the bidder.

All questions concerning the bidding of this project shall be officially answered by the Engineer. All questions shall be in writing or e-mailed to: bbaxter@hmbpe.com. Questions will be answered in the order they are received, and all questions and answers shall be distributed to all plan holders through addenda. Questions must be submitted by **2:00 P.M. EDT on 6/25/2026**.

The Kirksville Water Association reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities and any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected.

Aaron Owens, Manager

ARPA

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lation at the jail also changes weekly as sentences are given for inmates in the Madison County Circuit Court.

"At some point, a Fiscal Court has to make a decision about a new facility. Whether the state or legislature makes that decision or the fiscal court ultimately makes that decision, that's why we've saved as much money as we've saved. Because we do face challenges in the future and the responsibilities that are mandated," Taylor said.

Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes said that transporting inmates to other counties does add to costs for the Madison County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Mike Coyle said that deputies transfer inmates as far out as Fulton County.

"We've got cruisers going out all over the state picking up people wherever they can find a bed for them. Some of them

are a long haul. So it does get expensive," Coyle said.

Botkin said that the majority of Madison County inmates that are sent to other jails usually end up going to Three Forks Correctional Facility in Beattyville.

The court also approved a request to go beyond the 65% expenditure limit set for ARPA funds by the Department of Local Government.

The court made the request due to the Federal Government's requirement that all ARPA funds be spent by the end of 2026.

If approved, those funds would be spent only on projects already approved by the Fiscal Court.

"That's what they (the Department of Local Government) recommended we do. That they've done that all over the state because of the ARPA dollars. They said for us to get a letter and send it in with the budget," Taylor said.

The next Fiscal Court meeting is set for June 9 at the Madison County Courthouse Annex in downtown Richmond.



ORDINANCE NO. 26-13

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING SUPPLEMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

By Ordinance No. 26-13, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Richmond, Kentucky adopted the 2026 S-31 supplement to the City's Code of Ordinances prepared by the American Legal Publishing Company of Cincinnati, OH. The supplement incorporates into the Code of Ordinances the various ordinances enacted by the city during calendar year 2025.

Ordinance No. 26-14

An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Amending §30.01 Regular Meetings; Order of Business at Regular Meetings

Ordinance 26-14 updates the City of Richmond's rules regarding the time, date, and location of the regular and workshop meetings of the Richmond Board of Commissioners. The ordinance establishes that regular meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Richmond City Hall, 239 West Main Street, Richmond, Kentucky. It further provides that a workshop meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. noon on the third Thursday of each month, also at Richmond City Hall. The ordinance also restates the standard order of business for regular meetings while allowing the Board to alter that order by consent.

Ordinance No. 26-15

An Ordinance Enacting and Creating the Richmond, Kentucky Transportation Improvement District (TID) as Authorized by KRS 184.350–184.395

Ordinance 26-15 establishes the Richmond Transportation Improvement District (TID), encompassing all territory within the City of Richmond. The TID is created under the authority of KRS 184.350–184.395 to support transportation-related construction, reconstruction, improvement, and infrastructure projects that benefit the community. The ordinance affirms that the TID will facilitate cooperation among governmental and private entities to enhance transportation mobility, economic development, and public welfare. The ordinance sets forth detailed requirements for the TID Board of Trustees, including:

- Appointment of five voting members by majority vote of the Board of Commissioners.
- All trustees must be residents of Richmond, and two must be members of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.
- Initial staggered terms of four, three, two, and one years, as prescribed by KRS 184.353(7).
- Vacancies filled in the same manner as original appointments, with all trustees subject to removal by the Board of Commissioners.
- Trustees serve without pay, but may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses from the TID budget.

The ordinance outlines the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees, which include:

- Electing a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary-treasurer and adopting bylaws for the governance of the TID.
- Preparing and submitting comprehensive reports to the Board of Commissioners upon request, including project updates, financial statements, partnership information, and future recommendations.
- Conducting all business in compliance with KRS 184.350–184.395, with state law prevailing in the event of any conflict.

ORDINANCE 26- 16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND KENTUCKY CLOSING A CERTAIN ALLEYWAY IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND.

By Ordinance 26-26, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Richmond, Kentucky closed a the Steep Street and Altamont Street alleyway to the adjoining property owners by the following Findings of Fact pursuant to KRS 82.405.

- (a) The adjoining property owners of said Alleyway have requested the closing of the Alleyway from Steep Street to the Altamont Street.
- (b) That this section of the Alleyway is not used as a public way.
- (c) The property owners adjoining this section of the Alley are more specifically:

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