

# Seeley indicted in downtown law office fire

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LONDON — A London man has been indicted in connection with a fire that damaged law offices in downtown London earlier last month.

According to Laurel Circuit Court records, a grand jury indicted Scottie Marvin Seeley, 56, on charges of second-degree arson and third-degree burglary in relation to the incident. The indictment was filed Feb. 20 in Laurel Circuit Court.

The fire impacted two law offices beside the Laurel Coun-

ty Courthouse — Cunnagin & Cunnagin as well as Cessna & Benge Attorneys and Mediators, and prompted a response from the London Fire Department and London City Police.

In our previous report on the fire, police confirmed Seeley was the same individual who was removed from the building after emergency responders were dispatched to the fire at approximately 4:52 a.m. Tuesday morning, Jan. 13. Seeley was later transported to the Laurel County Detention Center once he was released from the Uni-

versity of Kentucky medical facility.

Court records show Seeley entered a not guilty plea at arraignment. Cash bond was set at \$100,000, and conditions of release include home incarceration, according to the filing. A pretrial conference is scheduled for Monday, March 23 before Laurel Circuit Judge Gregory A. Lay.

*An indictment is a formal charge that does not imply guilt or innocence. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



The fire downtown closed Main Street from 3rd Street to 8th Street. | LPD PHOTO

# FBI Director Kash Patel meets with law enforcement from across region



FBI Director Kash Patel and Congressman Hal Rogers were in Manchester Friday meeting with law enforcement officials from across the 5th District. | PHOTO COURTESY CONGRESSMAN HAL ROGERS FACEBOOK PAGE

STAFF REPORT

MANCHESTER — FBI Director Kash Patel was in the region last week to meet with area law enforcement officials. U.S. Rep. Harold “Hal” Rogers (KY-05) invited Patel to Manchester for an appreciation luncheon and panel discussion with 150 law enforcement officers and prosecutors from Kentucky’s Fifth Congressional District. The event was held at the EKVU Manchester Campus, where

attendees had the opportunity to meet Director Patel and discuss successes and challenges in law enforcement in rural America.

“I’m thrilled to have the nation’s top law enforcement chief here to meet with Kentucky’s finest police officers and prosecutors. Collaboration is key across the local, state and federal levels, as we work to make our region and our nation safer,” said Congressman Rogers, Dean of the

House. “Police work is often a thankless job, but not today. Director Patel and I are here to praise the brave men and women who serve and protect Kentucky’s Appalachian region.”

The event also featured a panel discussion between the FBI, DEA, U.S. Marshal Collier Phillips, Kentucky State Police Commissioner P.J. Burnett, Clay County Sheriff Patrick Robinson and Somerset Police Chief Josh Wesley.

In addition to discussing collaboration between agencies, panelists focused on the impact of border security in rural America, changes in drug trafficking trends and online safety for Kentucky youth.

Congressman Rogers also announced \$20 million in Community Project Funding that he secured for police departments in southern and eastern Kentucky to upgrade their communications equipment. The funding was signed into law by President Donald Trump in January.

“Recent natural disasters in our mountainous region have magnified the need for upgrades in radios and other communications equipment. So, I am pleased that this federal funding will soon be

available exclusively to our police departments in Kentucky’s Fifth Congressional District,” said Congressman Rogers.

During a press conference following the main event, WKYT reporter Samantha Valentino asked Patel about Laurel County officials’ request for a federal inquiry into the fatal London Police officer-involved shooting of Doug Harless in December 2024.

Patel responded that he

didn’t have personal knowledge of the letter.

“What we do with any request or inquiry like that is there’s a process with the FBI to review the matter with our state and local authorities, and our partners at the Department of Justice,” he said, “and then they’ll make a decision whether or not — based on the facts and the law — any sort of inquiry is further required. We will look at it.”

## CLARIFICATION

In last week’s edition, The Sentinel-Echo referred to charges considered in the Doug Harless investigation as dismissed without prejudice. With the return of a No True Bill, the individual for whom the charges were considered was not technically charged.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**London - Corbin Airport Board** will receive sealed Bids from Contractors until 2:00 P.M. Local Time, Thursday, March 26, 2026 for the project entitled “**Storage Hangar Replacement**”.

All Bids must be mailed or delivered to: London - Corbin Airport, 566 Hal Rogers Drive, London, Kentucky 40744, sealed envelopes must be marked ATTN: Storage Hangar Replacement - London - Corbin Airport. No faxed or emailed Bids will be accepted.

**A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. Local Time on Thursday, March 12, 2026. All Contractors shall meet in Terminal Building. Attendance at this meeting by an appropriate Contractor representative is mandatory in order to be eligible to submit a bid**

The Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, Form of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Richard C. Rinks & Associates, Inc., 30 North Jefferson, Cookeville, Tennessee  
London - Corbin Airport, 566 Hal Rogers Drive, London, Kentucky

Electronic copies of Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Designer, located in Cookeville, Tennessee.

London - Corbin Airport Board, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Bid inclusive of all required forms, which shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, shall be clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope with the name of the project with the vendor’s name and address.

Each Bidder must deposit with his Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of his Bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

Withdrawal of Bid: Any Bidder, upon his or his authorized representative’s written request, will be given permission to withdraw his Bid not later than the time set for opening thereto. At the time of opening of Bids, provided written request has been submitted prior to the time of the opening and when such Bid is encountered it will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Unless contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, no Bidder may withdraw his Bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof without Owner’s consent.

If FEMA funds are to be included in this Project, an Addendum will be issued prior to Bid Date listing all FEMA requirements.

Award will be made to the lowest responsible qualified Bidder, If awarded. London - Corbin Airport Board reserves the right to reject any/and/or all Bids, to waive any formalities and informalities in the Bids received and to accept any Bid which in its opinion may be in their best interest.

**London - Corbin Airport Board**

## NOTICE

### METER CONNECTION/TAP-ON CHARGE ADJUSTMENT

Wood Creek Water District proposed to make the following revisions to its schedule of charges. The proposed effective date of the changes is April 15, 2026.

Non-recurring Charges:	Present	Proposed	Increase of	% Change
5/8-Inch x 3/4-Inch Meter Tap	\$530.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,370.00	258.5%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Wood Creek Water District. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed fees. The proposed rates are expected to be filed with the Public Service Commission by March 6, 2026.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty days of the initial publication of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

A person may examine this filing and any other documents the District has filed with the Public Service Commission at the District’s office located at 1670 E. Hal Rogers Parkway, London, KY 40741; telephone (606) 878-9420. A person may also examine this tariff filing at the Commission’s office located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort KY, 40601 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This filing and any related documents are available on the Public Service Commission’s Web site at HYPERLINK “http://psc.ky.gov/” \hhttp://psc.ky.gov;

Written comments regarding the proposed rate may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail or through the Public Service Commission’s Web site.

This notice is published pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011-Tariffs.

Wood Creek Water District