East Bernstadt man arrested for manufacturing 3D printed firearms

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LONDON — A 29-year-old East Bernstadt man was arrested Friday after an investigation by the Laurel County Sheriff's Office and federal agents uncovered the manufacturing of 3D printed firearms at a Laurel County residence.

According to a Laurel County Sheriff's Office press release, investigators developed information that Justin Mulrenin had reportedly been manufacturing and possessing 3D printed firearms for more than a month.

Investigators also learned that Mulrenin had reportedly attempted to recruit other individuals to sell the firearms on his behalf.

Laurel County deputies and agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) obtained consent to search the residence. During the search, authorities located a 3D printer and two firearms that were confirmed to be firearms by an ATF firearms expert.

Investigators also determined that Mulrenin was a convicted felon from Florida, according to LCSO.

Deputies and ATF agents later located Mulrenin off Taylor Drive in London at approximately 2:38 p.m. last Friday, and took him into custody without incident.

Mulrenin was charged through a complaint warrant obtained by Laurel County Sheriff's Deputy Zachary Strong with two counts of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

He was lodged in the Laurel County Correctional Center in lieu of a $10,000 bond.

Having been arraigned with a not guilty plea entered on his behalf, Mulrenin is next scheduled for a preliminary hearing in Laurel District Court next Tuesday.

Assisting in the investigation were Laurel County Sheriff's Office Capt. Richard Dalrymple and deputies Ethan Brown and Justin Lewis, along with ATF agents Brian Lewis and John Barnett.



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CSX to close KY 552 in Laurel County for railroad crossing maintenance

KYTC DISTRICT 11

LAUREL COUNTY — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) advises motorists that CSX will temporarily close KY 552 at mile point 8.04 in Laurel County for railroad crossing maintenance beginning Wednesday at 6 a.m.

Motorists may use KY 363 and US 25 as an alternate route during the closure.

Expected reopening is Friday at 6 a.m.

Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead, allow extra travel time and use caution when traveling along the detour route.

The closure is being performed by CSX, and the schedule is subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Cumberlands appoints Dr. Jennifer Simpson as Provost



Dr. Jennifer Simpson is provost for the University of the Cumberlands. | SUBMITTED

UNIVERSITY OF THE CUMBERLANDS

WILLIAMSBURG — University of the Cumberlands recently appointed Dr. Jennifer Simpson as provost — strengthening the university's commitment to academic excellence, accreditation compliance and student-centered leadership.

With more than 13 years of higher education experience at University of the Cumberlands, Dr. Simpson brings a proven record of maintaining academic compliance, enhancing academic quality, and providing strategic leadership across academic programs and services.

Leading the Office of Academic Affairs

As provost and chief academic officer, Dr. Simpson will oversee the Office of Academic Affairs, providing vision and direction for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral academic programs. She will ensure the university remains in compliance with programmatic, state, and regional accreditation standards while continuing to strengthen its academic foundation.

"Dr. Simpson has served University of the Cumberlands with integrity, wisdom, and an unwavering commitment to academic excellence," said Dr. Quentin Young, president of University of the Cumberlands. "Her leadership

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London man arrested on five counts of sexual abuse

MACEE SWAFFORD
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LONDON — A 42-year-old London man was arrested Friday night following an investigation into allegations of sexual abuse involving a child under the age of 12, according to the Laurel County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff John Root reported that Detective Brad Mink arrested Lonnie Wayne Jackson on Friday at 9 p.m.

The arrest occurred off US 25, approximately six miles south of London, following an investigation conducted by Mink.

According to the sheriff's office, Mink obtained an arrest warrant charging Jackson with five counts of first-degree sexual abuse involving a victim under 12 years of age.

Jackson was lodged in the Laurel County Correctional Center in lieu of a $75,000 bond. Having been arraigned Monday with a not guilty plea entered on his behalf, he is scheduled to appear in Laurel District Court for a preliminary hearing next Tuesday.

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