

Murray State resumes classes after bomb threat hoax

MURRAY — Local and federal investigators found that a bomb threat emailed to Murray State University on the first day of the spring semester was a hoax, the university announced Monday afternoon.

According to the university, the message claimed the threat targeted a campus library. While university officials believed the email was likely a hoax, Murray State announced in a 1:10 p.m. CT Facebook post Monday that it would close its Pogue Library, Waterfield Library, Carr Hall, Ruby Simpson Child Care Center, New Fine Arts Building, Old Fine Arts Building, Applied Sciences Building and Lowry Center as a precaution. Additionally, classes inside each building were canceled for the rest of the day.

WKMS, Murray State's public radio station, reported that a warning was issued and all those buildings were evacuated. That would include WKMS



A Murray State Police vehicle sits outside the university's Pogue Library on Monday, Jan. 12, 2026. The library and several other buildings closed as a precaution Monday after the university received a bomb threat email that law enforcement agencies later determined to be a hoax.

personnel, as the station is located inside the New Fine Arts Building.

In an update posted at 3:43 p.m., the university said investigators with the Murray State University Police Department, other local law enforcement agencies and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives searched all the buildings included in the closure and

found no evidence of any credible threat. The Office of Homeland Security also found that the threat was a hoax.

The university said classes will resume Tuesday in all the affected buildings.

Also on Monday, the University of Louisville evacuated its Ekstrom Library and Kornhauser Library at 2 p.m. ET after

receiving a bomb threat, The Louisville Cardinal reported. The university's student newspaper reported that it received confirmation from the university that the threat was "part of a broader threat that impacted a number of universities throughout the country." Activities resumed at both libraries after the threat was cleared at 3:52 p.m.

Public hearing set for Caldwell County Judicial Center project

PRINCETON — The Caldwell County Project Development Board will hold a public hearing for open discussion of the upcoming Kentucky Court of Justice Facility, the county announced Monday.

According to a public social media post, the purpose of the hearing is to receive site proposals from property owners and present them for open discussion. Interested property owners should submit plats of property to be considered, asking price, and statement of any know historical or environmental concerns.

Those who wish to submit proposals or comment on the proposed facility may present comments by dropping off or mailing written proposals or comments at the Office of the Caldwell County Judge/Executive, 100 E. Market Street, Room 27 in Princeton; or email written proposals or comments to lmdunning@ky.gov with the subject line "KCOJ Facility — Site Proposal."

Public comments may also be given at the public hearing. The hearing will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the Circuit Courtroom at the Caldwell County Courthouse, 100 E. Market Street, Princeton.

Details of the proposed project are available for examination at the judge/executive's office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until the end of the day Monday, Feb. 9.

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tain the interior's historic charm as much as she could.

"Overall, I wanted to create a space where women wanted to make other women feel good, because it's not just about money," Caraway said. "It is not even just about painting nails — it is about developing a bond between client and nail technician. I feel like that is what I found with Lee and Liv — they also have that same motivation."

Caraway's main specialty is acrylic, manicures, pedicures and nail art, to which she said she prefers realism.

Markham, however, prefers what she refers to as "funky and crazy" styles of nail art. Markham's goal is to have a personalized client base and for them to feel comfortable and to build friendships. Aside from nail art, forming those bonds with clientele is one of her favorite aspects of the job as well.

Liv Gammel has done nails for three years and although she loves the artistic side of the job, her favorite aspect is also getting to know her clientele.

Gammel said that seeing clients return and have that boost in confidence makes the tedious aspect of nail art very rewarding. She also loves being able to customize each client's nails based on their personal style.

"People will always come for how good your work is, but people will stay for how you make them feel," Gammel said. "My job is not only to make you good about your hands, but also give you a safe space to be that person you can talk to, open up to. Building those relationships with your clients is important, because you never know who your biggest supporter will be."

Gammel said that working alongside Caraway and Markham has been ideal for her, too. That feeling is mutual among the three nail technicians.

Overall, Caraway, Markham and Gammel say that the community has been beyond welcoming, and they are all thankful for that. All three say they are happy to provide the community a nail salon that is backed by expertise, professionalism and offers a sense of community.

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

On Monday, January 5, 2026, around 3:27pm, Deputy Bobby Beeler and other first responders were dispatched to a Parkview Drive residence for a reported overdose incident. A 46-year-old male was transported to an area hospital for treatment of medical and mental health issues. The investigation is continuing by Deputy Beeler. Lyon County Sheriff's Deputies were assisted by Lyon County EMS and Eddyville Police Department.

On Monday, January 5, 2026, around 5pm, Deputies served a Fayette District Court bench warrant on Gregory A. Stokes (43) of Hickman. Stokes had previously failed to appear in court in an assault case. Stokes awaits extradition back to Fayette County.

On Tuesday, January 6, 2026, around 9am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams arrested Shelby King (30) of Kuttawa at a residence on KY 93. King was the subject of a Lyon Circuit Court bench warrant for a Probation Violation

(for felony offense). King was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

On Tuesday, January 6, 2026, around 6:30pm, Deputy Bobby Beeler served a Jessamine District Court bench warrant on Jordan Palmer (37) of Lancaster for Failure to Appear. Palmer awaits extradition back to Jessamine County.

On Tuesday, January 6, 2026, around 8:14pm, Deputy Bobby Beeler was dispatched to a hit and run collision at a Kuttawa business. His investigation revealed a semi, operated by Ngoc Thuc Tran (29) of Carrollton, TX collided with a parked semi and left the scene. Once Tran was identified as the driver, his commercial truck dispatch was notified and directed him to return to the scene where he was charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident-Failure to Render Aid or Assistance. Tran was issued a citation to appear in court on January 28, 2026.

On Thursday, January 8, 2026, just

after 9am, deputies arrested and charged Anthony Pemberton (43) of Georgetown on a Woodford Circuit Court indictment warrant for Escape-2nd Degree. Pemberton awaits extradition back to Woodford County.

On Saturday, January 10, 2026, around 3:25pm, Deputy Josh Travis was dispatched to a single vehicle injury collision on KY 93 South. His investigation revealed a 2015 Kia, driven by Amber L. Blick (27) of Princeton, was traveling South on KY 93 when the vehicle dropped off the right shoulder of the roadway. The driver apparently overcorrected and lost control before exiting the opposite side of the roadway and traveling down a small embankment and colliding with a tree. Blick sustained a non-incapacitating injury and was transported by private vehicle to an area hospital.

On Sunday, January 11, 2025, around 4:45pm, Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Elkhorn

Tavern Road for a disturbance complaint. Upon arrival, a female exited the rear of the home and fled into a wooded area. She was located and detained by Deputy Josh Travis. A male subject was also located and detained by Deputy Bobby Beeler after was found to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance. Deputies arrested and charged the following two offenders on arrest warrants from other jurisdictions:

Mae N. Frazier (51) of Eddyville, charged with a Failure to Appear bench warrant from Fayette District Court. She was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center where she awaits extradition back to Fayette County.

Tyler R. Frazier (32) of Eddyville, charged with two (2) Failure to Appear bench warrants from Grant District Court. He was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center where he awaits extradition back to Grant County.

Note: Mae Frazier is the mother of Tyler Frazier.

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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9:26 PM Officers were in the 300 block of Cadiz Street attempting to locate two individuals with active arrest warrants. Officers had observed one of the two wanted subjects in a residence upon arriving, but was stopped by a resident, Sara Briggs, 61 of Princeton, who attempted to hinder the officers from making the arrest by giving false information. Briggs was issued a citation charging her with Hindering Prosecution or Apprehension 2nd Degree.

The two wanted subjects were placed under arrest. Shawntae Romero, 23 of Dawson Springs was arrested on a Hopkins County Bench Warrant charging her with a Probation Violation on a felony offense. Christian Romero, 27 of Princeton was arrested on a Lyon County Bench Warrant

charging him with Failure to Pay or Appear on a misdemeanor offense. They were lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

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5:50 PM Officers responded to West Green Street for a complaint of threats being made to the person who called dispatch. Officers observed a male matching the clothing and physical description at the intersection of West Green and North Plum, he was identified as Donterius Matchen, 27 of Princeton. During the investigation Matchen was found to be in possession of marijuana and methamphetamine. Matchen was taken into custody and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree 2nd Offense Methamphetamine and Possession of Marijuana. He was lodged in the

Caldwell County Jail.

7:25 PM Officers responded to Hillview Court for a report of a reckless driver. While in the area, officers observed the described vehicle speeding. Officers made contact with Dillon Freudendahl, 32 of Princeton and upon contact officers could smell the odor of alcohol on his person. Further investigation revealed that Freudendahl was under the influence of intoxicants. Freudendahl was arrested and charged with Speeding and DUI 1st Offense. He was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

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9:38 AM Officers arrested Christian M. Nichols, 51 of Princeton on a Marshall County Indictment Warrant charging him with Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, 1st

Degree, 1st Offense. Nichols was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

6:58 PM Officers executed a search warrant at 224 Center Street in reference to a drug investigation. Breanna N. Duvall, 25 of Princeton was arrested after admitting to ownership and trafficking of the controlled substances that was located during the search. Duvall was charged with Trafficking in a Controlled Substance 1st Degree (methamphetamine) and lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

8:21 PM Officers served a Caldwell County Indictment Warrant at the jail to Tyler Masse, 34 of Paducah charging him with Assault 4th Degree (domestic violence with minor injury), Violation of a KY EPO, Burglary 2nd Degree, Strangulation 1st Degree, and Rape 1st Degree (attempted).

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