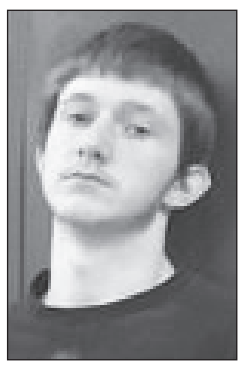
Whitley County juvenile escapes from state custody



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WEST LIBERTY – Kentucky State Police and local law enforcement agencies are searching for two male juveniles — one from Whitley County and the from Grant County — who escaped from the Woodsbend Youth Development Center in Morgan County, according to a KSP news release.

The two juveniles reportedly escaped late last Thursday evening, Nov. 5, and were last seen wearing navy short-sleeve T-shirts, navy sweatshirts, khaki pants, white socks and black shoes.

One of the juveniles — identified as 16-year-old Matthew Wren of Whitley County — is described as a white male; approximately 5 feet, 9 inches tall; and weighing 125 pounds. He has brown hair, brown eyes and piercings in both ears as well as the right side of his nose.

The second juvenile was identified as 16-year-old Charles Orr of Grant County. He is described as a white male; approximately 5 feet, 11 inches tall; and weighing 142 pounds. He has brown hair; blue eyes; and multiple tattoos on his hands, arms, stomach and legs.

Authorities emphasized that the public should not approach either juvenile if they are spotted. Anyone who sees them is encouraged to call 911 immediately.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of either juvenile is asked to contact Kentucky State Police Post 8 at 606-784-4127. Tips may also be submitted confidentially through the KSP website.

Corbin man sentenced for attempted production of child pornography

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LONDON — A Corbin man, BJ Thomason, 38, was sentenced to 15 years in prison on Oct. 21 by U.S. District Judge Robert Wier for the attempted production of child pornography.

On June 13, 2022, Thomason attempted to persuade a minor victim to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of that conduct. Specifically, Thomason, utilized the TextNow messaging service to contact the minor victim. In a series of conversations, Thomason requested the minor victim send him sexually explicit pictures of the victim, after Thomason sent multiple sexually explicit pictures of himself.

Jason Parman, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; and Olivia Olson, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Louisville Field Office, jointly announced the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI. Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin Blankenship prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Knox County Clerk audit released

KY AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

FRANKFORT — State Auditor Allison Ball released the audit of the 2025 financial statements of Knox County Clerk Mike Corey. State law requires the auditor to conduct annual audits of county clerks and sheriffs.

Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the financial statement presents fairly the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Knox County Clerk in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The clerk's financial statement did not follow this format. However, the clerk's financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an acceptable reporting methodology. This reporting methodology is followed for all 120 clerk audits in Kentucky.

The auditor noted no instances of noncompliance. The auditor also noted no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered to be material weaknesses.

The county clerk's responsibilities include collecting certain taxes, issuing licenses, maintaining county records, and providing other services. The clerk's office is funded through statutory fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit report can be found at https://www.auditor.ky.gov/.

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