

'Glock switches' bill advances in legislature

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Local and regional law enforcement officials are supporting a bill that would create a state criminal penalty for possessing devices that convert handguns into automatic weapons. "Glock switches" are devices that turn semiautomatic handguns into fully automatic weapons. Also known as "machine gun conversion devices," Glock switches are "defined as machine guns under the National Firearms Act, even when not installed," according to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Federal law carries criminal penalties for possessing or transferring both machine guns and machine gun conversion kits. The devices can be made with a 3D printer or purchased online. A Google search quickly found multiple websites selling Glock switches, some taking payments only through cryptocurrency to avoid detection. An open letter signed by multiple police chiefs, the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police and the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association said a Glock switch can convert a semiautomatic handgun into a gun "capable of firing up to 1,200 rounds per minute." "A single pull of the trigger can

empty a high-capacity magazine in less than three seconds," the letter says. OPD Chief Art Ealum said city police officers have encountered the devices. "We have taken two of them off juveniles in the last couple of years," Ealum said Tuesday morning. "It's a problem. They are in our community. They are in just about every community." Although possessing a Glock switch carries a federal criminal penalty, there are no corresponding state charges. Ealum said that creates situations in which a person facing state charges cannot also be charged by the state for possessing the device. "In the case where we had the juveniles, there was nothing to charge them with," Ealum said. "What my officers told me is the feds wouldn't charge juveniles." "There's a gap where these kids are going unpunished," Ealum said. "There were no charges for the action." House Bill 299 would make possession, receipt, sale or use of a machine gun conversion device a Class C felony. The bill was approved Tuesday by the House Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee. Daviess County Sheriff Brad

Youngman said deputies have not recovered any Glock switches but have "seen the aftermath" of the devices being used. When deputies respond to a call of shots fired and "there are dozens of shells in the roadway, that's an (indication) someone with a Glock switch was there," Youngman said. "Louisville has a huge problem with them," Youngman said. Jeremy Thompson, chief of the Elizabethtown Police Department and third vice president of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, said the issue "is absolutely something we see here in Elizabethtown." "It's not exclusively a Louisville problem," Thompson said. "I venture to say you can go to any community in Kentucky and find one, because of the 3-D printers out there." The devices are also "something you can get mailed to you from China," Thompson said. When a handgun with a Glock switch is fired, "they can't control where those rounds are going," Thompson said. "You put that Glock switch on a handgun ... it takes a lot of strength and pressure to control that weapon," Ealum said. Handguns "weren't designed to shoot" like machine guns, Ealum said.

"It's an extreme danger to the public," Ealum said. Because handguns with Glock switches fire uncontrollably, "anything caught in that striking distance is at risk," Ealum said. Thompson said the issue is separate from the Second Amendment right to possess firearms because Glock switches are not, and have never been, legal to own in the United States. "If you're a legal gun owner, you have nothing to worry about," Thompson said, adding that the bill would give law enforcement in Kentucky the same authority to charge people with possessing Glock switches as the federal government and other states have. "We are one of two states that haven't done anything to address these (devices), and I think that speaks volumes," Thompson said. In Kentucky, "we are number two in Glock switch seizures. That's disturbing to me." "This is not legislation to take anybody's Second Amendment rights away. It's legislation to not only protect officers, but to protect the citizens we serve," Ealum said. Glock, the gun manufacturer, "has firmly supported" the bill, Ealum said. "They don't want them out there," Ealum said, and said the devices

"compromises the safety and integrity of their product." Youngman said of the bill, "I'm a major supporter of the Second Amendment. However, in this particular case, there is already federal law prohibiting them." "Knowing they are in our community and in the hands of criminals, we have to do something," Youngman said. Rep. DJ Johnson, an Owensboro Republican and member of the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee, said he supported the bill. Johnson, who said he supports both the Second Amendment and law enforcement, said the bill "does allow local law enforcement to enforce the law." "It does not create any new restrictions on weapons," Johnson said. "I'm not interested in creating new legislation that infringes on the Second Amendment," Johnson said. The bill "allows local law enforcement to enforce the existing federal law." The bill has not yet been scheduled for a vote by the full House of Representatives. If approved, the bill would move to the Senate.

TRIMBLE COUNTY COURT NEWS

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Arraignments
Justin Barrett, 1978. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 3.
Austin Isaac Wesle Bohannon, 2004. No/expired KY registration receipt, no/expired registration plates.
Joyce Lynn Danner, 1999. Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, no/expired regis-

tration plates, no/expired KY registration receipt.
Craig T. Fitzgerald, 2001. Excessive windshield/window tinting, license plate not legible, license to be in possession (FTA eligible), operating vehicle with expired operator's license (FTA eligible), failure to produce insurance card.
Dylan Lucas Groves, 2000. Excessive windshield/window tinting.
Stefanie P. Hoffman, 1981. Operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible), unauthorized use of vehicle under hard-shield drivers (FTA eligible) (pleaded not guilty), ignition interlock driver license use violation (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 31.
Edward McClanahan, 1987. Speeding 20 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (CATS diversion), one headlight, operating on

suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible). Next appearance Aug. 18.
Katrina McWhorter, 1982. Amount due \$683. Speeding 15mph over limit (FTA eligible) (amend) (pleaded guilty), operating vehicle with expired operator's license (FTA eligible), no/expired KY registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance first (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty), license to be in possession (FTA eligible).
Kelsey Miller, 1997. Amount due \$25. Violation of KY emergency protective order/domestic violence order. Next appearance March 31.
Heather Ashley Young, 1991. Operating vehicle with expired operator's license (FTA eligible).
Diversions Completed
Christopher J. Hundley, 2006. Speeding 25mph over limit (FTA

eligible) (DIV).
Other Hearings
Terry Gray, 1984. Amount due \$25. Assault fourth degree domestic violence no visible injury. Next appearance March 3.
Preliminary Hearings
Jessi Gail Smith, 1996. Possession of a controlled substance first degree third or greater offense (methamphetamine), buying/possessing drug paraphernalia. Transferred to grand jury.
Pretrial Conferences
Courtney Shane Compton, 1989. Amount due \$25. Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury. Next appearance March 3.
Kaiston J Huff, 2002. Theft by deception - include cold checks. Amount due \$319.25. Next appearance Aug. 18.
Ethian I. McClellan, 1997. Assault fourth degree domestic

violence no visible injury, criminal mischief second degree, endangering the welfare of a minor, no operator's/moped license (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 3.
James Robert Reed, 1982. Defendant in custody. Operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible), failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 31.
Michael Lee Reynolds, 1974. Amount due \$25. Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury. FTA \$2,000 bond.
John Travis Simmons, 1984. Amount due \$25. Stalking second degree, criminal trespassing third degree, harassing communications. Next appearance March 3.
William E. Smith, 1970. Amount due \$25. Assault fourth degree dating violence minor injury. Next appearance March

3.
Reviews
Tanner Draque, 1998. Criminal mischief first degree (amend), criminal mischief second degree (dismissed), assault fourth degree domestic violence no visible injury (DP).
Revocation Hearings
Jeremy Wayne Davis, 1981. Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury (guilty). Next appearance March 31.
Steven Alan Gribbins, 1984. Flagrant nonsupport (amend), nonsupport (guilty). Next appearance March 3.
Heather H. Morris, 1974. Nonsupport. Next appearance March 31.
Show Cause Hearings
Develyn Shae Blackburn, 2000. Speeding 16 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (DIV), no/expired registration plates (dismissed), no/expired KY registration receipt (dismissed).

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initiative work. Now we're activating a full court press to get this lifesaving message to more places our kids are

being influenced," said Attorney General Coleman. "Prevention programs like 'Better Without It' just don't reduce statistics; they save lives, families, and futures." "I believe in the Better Without It program and have been impressed by the

progress we've made so far," said Commissioner Darren 'Foot' Allen, a retired Kentucky State Master Trooper who currently serves as Manager of Court Security for Kentucky's Administrative Office of the Courts. "The heart of this project remains reaching youth

directly through social media, but there's more to be done. I am grateful to my fellow commissioners for their support of this life saving work." In 2022, the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission was established by the General Assembly to

distribute the Commonwealth's share of more than \$1 billion of settlement funds from lawsuits against certain manufacturers and distributors of opioids. The Commission is made up of 11 members,

nine voting and two non-voting. The Commission has adopted nationally recognized principles for allocating funds, including using evidence to guide spending.

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Carroll Circuit Court on the 9th day of February, 2026, I will sell at public auction on the front steps (south door facing Highland Avenue) of the Carroll County Courthouse, 440 Main Street, Carrollton, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Carroll County, Kentucky, on **FRI-DAY, MARCH 20, 2026**, at the hour of **9:00 a.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:
Property address: 1604 Fisher Avenue, Carrollton, KY 41008
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Being the same property conveyed to Garrett W. Kulp, unmarried, from Frank P. Stone, Jr., unmarried, by Deed dated June 29, 2020, of record in Deed Book 216, Page 12, in the Office of the Carroll County Court Clerk.
THERE IS NO MOBILE HOME, DOUBLEWIDE AND/OR MANUFACTURED HOME INCLUDED IN THIS SALE.
The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$118,799.93, with accrued interest including thereon and with interest continuing to accrue from April 1, 2025, at the rate of 4.25% per annum until fully paid, together with plus late fees, its costs herein expended, reasonable attorneys fees and other advances made pursuant to the terms of the Note and Mortgage; The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Carroll Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff Kentucky Housing Corporation, to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.
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For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Carroll County.
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