

STANDOFF,

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the top of her head,” the warrant said. “The defendant and the victim got into a physical altercation while the victim was trying to leave,” Officer Tarter said in the warrant. “During the altercation, the handful went off-grazing the victim’s left arm. The (v)ictim drove herself to the hospital for treatment of her injuries.”

The Jamestown Police Department (JPD) was notified of the incident after the victim arrived at the hospital, court records said.

When authorities attempted to serve a warrant at a residence on Basket Factory Road, they encountered a situation involving “a barricaded suspect,” a report said.

At that time, JPD issued a statement informing the public U.S. 127 between Telephone Drive and Woolen Mill Road” was closed “and will remain closed until further notice.”

“Motorists are

strongly urged to avoid the area, seek alternate routes, and follow all directions from law enforcement,” the statement said.

As a precaution, some residents who live near the scene were asked to evacuate their homes, and some took to social media to explain their status.

The Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department (JVFD) was called for assistance at the scene.

“Russell County 911 advised JVFD members of call for assistance by the Jamestown Police, and KSP (Kentucky State Police) on an incident at Basket Factory Road-placing members on standby,” a report said. “At (4 p.m.), they were requested to stage due to the potential possibility of a fire and explosion.”

As the standoff situation continued, “(f)irefighters at the standoff were advised to move to another location and shut down West Cumberland

Avenue in the area,” a JVFD report said. “Area residents were advised to evacuate by JPD and KSP. JPD reported around (9 p.m.) the person had surrendered. (U)nits relocated closer, supplying high velocity fan and air monitoring equipment.”

The JVFD remained on the scene until almost 10:30 p.m, and were thankful to “the public for understanding the situation, RCSR for water delivery for all involved first responders. Thanks to all involved, on scene, and the ones who covered the station. It was a long hot day, and the outcome was good.”

A Kentucky State Police Special Response Team was among the many agencies and entities to report to the scene.

At presstime, Beard was scheduled for a court appearance, and remained incarcerated in the Russell County Detention Center on a \$100,000 cash bond.

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A collaborative and cooperative effort during the the situation was praised.

“Great work by everyone involved today,” a statement by Search & Rescue said. “This is exactly why mutual aid partnerships matter-many hands make quick, safe work possible.”

Earlier this month, Search & Rescue retrieved two boaters and a dog stranded on the Cumberland River.

With almost constant training, Russell County Search & Rescue responds not only to local calls, but have been called to various situations across the state due to their expertise.

Search & Rescue was also recently on watch and standby for the 17th Annual High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship on Lake Cumberland.

In winter storm and flooding situations, Search & Rescue assists those cut off from main roadways.

DROWNING,

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Joshua Tyler Wethington, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene of an apparent drowning last week, Russell County Coroner Mark A. Coots said.

Authorities said Wethington and friends were at a popular recreation spot off Stephens Ridge Road just before 5 p.m. last Wednesday when the victim apparently disappeared beneath the surface of Caney Fork

Creek.

Wethington’s friends retrieved him from the water and began attempts to save his life.

Two members of the Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department, who were working a barricade situation, broke away and assisted Russell County EMS and other authorities who rushed to the scene.

Despite efforts, Wethington was

pronounced deceased just before 5:30 p.m.

Coroner Coots said an autopsy was to be performed at Kentucky State Medical Examiner’s office in Frankfort to determine the official cause of death.

A family member has started a GoFundMe page, “Support Josh Wethington’s Funeral and Memorial,” to assist with funeral expenses.



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Suicide Prevention Lifeline



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COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENING

JULY 27 - AUGUST 1, 2026

Location: Russell Springs Elementary School Gym

Time: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

\$20.00

•Complete Blood Count

•Chemistry Profile (Includes glucose)

•Lipid Profile (Includes cholesterol)

•Thyroid Profile



\$15.00

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Men Only

We accept credit/debit cards, check and cash payments

NEW for 2026: All open dates for blood draws

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Parking in back by gym entrance

For the best possible results, you should be FASTING before having your blood drawn.

DO NOT eat or drink after midnight before your screening date.

Sign in upon arrival - there may be a wait!

Lab results will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, August 8th from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

at Russell County Hospital.

If you are unable to attend this pickup date, results may be picked at RCH Lab daily after August 8th

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To all interested citizens of Russell County, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting application material under the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The City of Jamestown intends to apply for assistance for the water treatment plant intake replacement.

The city will hold a public hearing prior to the submission of the application form. The public hearing will be held on August 5th, 2026, at 4:30 P.M. local time at Jamestown City Hall located at 112 North Main Street, Jamestown, KY 42629. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate-income persons in developing proposals.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at Jamestown City Hall:

A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.

B. Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.

C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.

D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.

E. A summary of other important program requirements

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at the Mayor’s office for citizens’ review and comment from July 23rd through August 5th, 2026. Written comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Mayor Regena Hinton, P.O. Box 587, Jamestown, KY 42629, until the close of business on August 5th, 2026.

Discrimination Clause

The City of Jamestown does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability, and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance should contact Mayor at (270) 343-4594 at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-648-6057 or 711.

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1-800-223-1839

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www.kcdhh.org

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State Relay TDD Number

1-800-648-0057