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Rowan County Grand Jury returns a total of 35 felony indictments

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The Rowan County Grand Jury was in session on Friday, Aug. 7, 2026, and returned a total of 35 felony indictments. A grand jury indictment is a formal statement of charges against an individual before a case is turned over to a prosecutor in circuit court. It is not a conviction. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty in court.

-Tara S. Robinson, 50, was indicted on one count of Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition, Shoplifting (over \$1,000 but under \$10,000); and one count of Criminal Trespassing, 3rd Degree. Morehead Police Officer Zechariah Cline appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Daniel Austin, 37, was indicted on one count of Public Intoxication, Controlled Substance (excludes Alcohol); one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Fentanyl); one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 2nd Degree, Drug Unspecified (Buprenorphine); and one count of Promoting Contraband, 2nd Degree. Morehead Police Officer Jon Cottle appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Daniel Austin, 37, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Fentanyl). Morehead Police Officer Chris Waltz appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Nevaeah Ann Villarreal, 18, was indicted on one count of Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, 2nd Offense, with Aggravating Circumstances; one count of Criminal Mischief, 1st Degree; and one count of Unauthorized Use of Vehicle. Morehead Police Officer Jimmy Perkins appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Austin Britt, 28, was indicted on one count of Assault, 2nd Degree; and one count of Harassment Physical Contact – No Injury. Morehead Police Officer David Caesar appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Adam C. Hay, 38, (Co-Defendant: Christopher Jensen) was indicted on two counts of Theft by

Unlawful Taking or Disposition (over \$1,000 but under \$10,000); and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, 1st Degree. Morehead Police Officer Zechariah Cline appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Steven Weaver, 31, was indicted on one count of Strangulation, 1st Degree – Domestic Violence Related; one count of Assault, 2nd Degree – Domestic Violence; one count of Disorderly Conduct, 2nd Degree; and one count of Tampering with a Witness. Morehead Police Officer David Caesar appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Randall McIntosh, 46, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 3rd or more Offense (Methamphetamine). Kentucky State Police – Post 8 Trooper Jacob McDaniel appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Chad T. Wells, 51, was indicted on one count of Violation of Kentucky Protective Order; one count of Tampering with a Witness; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, 2nd Degree. Morehead Police Officer Alex Hamilton appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Aaron J. Byrd, 46, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine); and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Montgomery County Deputy Sheriff Dalton Hayes appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Christopher Jensen, 40, (Co-Defendant: Adam C. Hay) was indicted on two counts of Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition (over \$1,000 but under \$10,000); and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, 2nd Degree. Morehead Police Officer Zechariah Cline appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Taylor Ferguson, 27, was indicted on one count of Fleeing/Evading Police, 1st Degree; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, 2nd Degree. Kentucky State Police – Post 8 Trooper Jacob McDaniel appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Ricky Richardson,

63, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine). Kentucky State Police – Post 8 Trooper Jacob McDaniel appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Joshua L. Hamric, 46, was indicted on one count of Sexual Abuse, 1st Degree. Kentucky State Police – Post 8 Trooper Daniel Armstrong appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Dustin J. Prater, 37, was indicted on one count of Theft by Unlawful Taking, Shoplifting; and one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Fentanyl/Tramadol mixture). Morehead Police Officer Alex Hamilton appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Lonnie Edgar Whitt, Jr., 40, was indicted on one count of Careless Driving; one count of Failure to Produce Insurance Card; and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Cocaine and Fentanyl/Heroin mixture). Morehead Police Officer Cody Lowe appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Skilar Steven Allgeier, 19, was indicted on one count of Criminal Mischief, 1st Degree. Morehead Police Officer Wendall Mocabee appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

Jeremy Alan Workman, 45, (Co-Defendant: James C. Trent) was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Fentanyl); and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Morehead Police Officer Zechariah Cline appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Jeremy A. Workman, 45, was indicted on one count of Operating on a Suspended or Revoked Operator's License; one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Fentanyl/Methamphetamine mixture); and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Rowan County Deputy Sheriff Robbie Duncan appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-James C. Trent, 38, (Co-Defendant: Jeremy Alan Workman) was indicted on one count

of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Fentanyl); and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Morehead Police Officer Zechariah Cline appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Stanley W. McCoy, 40, was indicted on one count of Public Intoxication, Controlled Substance (excludes Alcohol); one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Methamphetamine); and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Morehead Police Officer Zechariah Cline appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Eric Haddix, 37, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine); one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; and one count of Operating a Motor Vehicle with Expired License. Morehead Police Officer Jimmy Perkins appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Derek Robertson, 36, was indicted on one count of Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol, 1st Offense; one count of Criminal Mischief, 1st Degree; and one count of Unauthorized Use of Vehicle. Morehead Police Officer David Caesar appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Gregory J. Turpin, 36, was indicted on one count of Strangulation, 1st Degree, Domestic Violence Related; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender. Morehead Police Officer Zechariah Cline appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Austin J. Lockard, 45, was indicted on one count of Public Intoxication, Controlled Substance (excludes Alcohol); one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 3rd or more Offense (Methamphetamine); and one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance not in Original Container. Morehead Police Officer Jimmy Adams appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Michael Fogleman, 29, (Co-Defendant: James Smallwood) was indicted on one count of Escape, 2nd Degree. Kentucky State Police - Post 8 Trooper Matt Martin ap

peared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-James Smallwood, 53, (Co-Defendant: Michael Fogleman) was indicted on one count of Escape, 2nd Degree; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, 1st Degree. Kentucky State Police - Post 8 Trooper Matt Martin appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Samantha Lewis, 37, was indicted on one count of Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition (over \$1,000 but under \$10,000); one count of Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition (over \$500 but less than \$1,000); one count of Convicted Felon in Possession of a Handgun; one count of Criminal Mischief, 2nd Degree; one count of No Operator's/Moped License; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, 1st Degree. Morehead Police Officer Cody Lowe appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Joshua Adam Fannin, 36, was indicted on one count of Careless Driving; one count of Failure to Produce Insurance Card; one count of Possession of Marijuana; one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine); one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Hydrocodone); and one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 3rd Degree, 1st Offense (Clonazepam). Kentucky State Police – Post 8 Trooper Jacob McDaniel appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Joshua A. Fannin, 36, was indicted on one count of Public Intoxication, Controlled Substance (excludes Alcohol); one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine); one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Clonazepam). Morehead Police Officer James Adams appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth. (Order of Dismissal – the Rowan County Grand Jury requests that the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance,

1st Degree, 2nd Offense (Date Rape Drug) and Possession of a Controlled Substance be dismissed)

-Dorothy M. Manier, 44, was indicted on one count of No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt; one count of No/Expired Registration Plates; one count of Failure of Owner Operator to Maintain Required Insurance Security, 1st Offense; one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Methamphetamine); and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Morehead Police Officer Zechariah Cline appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Jaydon Tyquincy Miller, 21, was indicted on one count of Burglary, 2nd Degree; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender. Kentucky State Police – Post 8 Trooper Daniel Armstrong appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Kenneth D. Connolly, 65, was indicted on one count of Assault, 2nd Degree; one count of Strangulation, 1st Degree, Non-Domestic Violence; and one count of Terroristic Threatening, 3rd Degree. Kentucky State Police – Post 8 Trooper Noah Harden appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Carl Carter, 40, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 3rd or more Offense (Methamphetamine). Kentucky State Police – Post 8 Trooper Jacob McDaniel appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Jesse L. Rigglesman, 39, was indicted on one count of Criminal Attempt of Murder; one count of Assault, 3rd Degree of a Peace Officer – Non-Communicable Bodily Fluids; one count of Leaving the Scene of an Accident / Failure to Render Aid or Assistance; one count of No/Expired Other State Registration Receipt or Plate; one count of Disorderly Conduct, 2nd Degree; one count of Menacing; one count of Resisting Arrest; and one count of Escape, 3rd Degree. Morehead Police Officer Alex Hamilton appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

Rowan County Attorney reappointed to Kentucky Law Enforcement Council

This past Friday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced his appointments to state boards and commissions, and Rowan County Attorney Cecil Watkins was reappointed to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

Also reappointed to the Council were John Hunt of Prestonsburg, Sheriff of Floyd County; Michael Jansen of Fort Thomas, Sheriff of Campbell County; and William Coyle of Berea, Sheriff of Madison County.

They will serve for

terms expiring on July 1, 2030.

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council was formed in 1967 and prescribes standards for training academies, law enforcement instructors, curriculum, qualifications for attendance and expulsion, voluntary career development programs, monitors the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund and certifies police officers, telecommunications and court security officers.

Property Transfers cont. from pg. 7

Suanne Blair, individually, and as Executrix of the Estate of Paul W. Blair, to Kenley Kappes and Drema Hinton Kappes, tract on KY 32, Morehead, \$100,000

Suanne Blair, as Executrix of the Estate of Paul W. Blair, to Kenley Kappes and Drema Hinton Kappes, tract on water of North Fork of Triplette Creek, between Bluestone Road and Skaggs Road, \$12,000

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LEGAL NOTICE  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
ROWAN CIRCUIT COURT  
DIVISION I  
CASE NO.: 26-AD-00015

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR NAMED IN THE PETITION: TO: ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHERS: I have been appointed as Warning Order Attorney by Rowan Circuit Court Clerk, Morehead, Kentucky, to notify you about the nature lega action is in regards to a minor child born to Francesca Howard on or around October 15, 2018. Please be advised that you have fifty (50) days from July 27, 2026, within which to enter your appearance in this case and/or file an Answer to the lawsuit. If you do not, the Petitioners may be granted the relief he/she has requested in his/her Petition. Please be advised that I do not represent you in this case and have only been appointed by the Court to contact you and put you on notice of this lawsuit. Please contact me or the Plaintiff's attorney, Hon. Ira Kilburn, PO Box 356, Salt Lick, Kentucky 40371, (606) 683-2301.

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Sharon Wright to Dustin Wright and Whitney Craft, tract on KY 1274, no monetary consideration

Lonzie Wright and Sharon Wright to Austin Wright and Katelyn Wright, tract on KY 1274, no monetary consideration

Lottie Proffitt and Harold Proffitt to James Pennington, Jr., by and through Ashley Pennington, his agent; Ashley Pennington; Jessica Pennington, by and through Ashley Pennington, her agent; and Amy Pennington, by and through Ashley Pennington, her

agent, two tracts in Clearfield, no monetary consideration

Gary Lee Bowman to Gary Lee Bowman and Lisa Ann Flannery, property on Jones Ridge, no monetary consideration

Tammy Blankenbeckler Carey to Greg Bowman and

Kerry Bowman, and Whitney McKenzie, two tracts in Rowan County, \$275,000

Anthony Stacy and Reva Stacy, Breanna Hall, and Courtney Stacy, to Noah Walker and Sidney Abigail Littleton, tract on Stacy Road, \$12,000

Sale of Impounded Property

This memorandum serves as notice that the following impounded property will be offered for public sale in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and departmental policies.

Steven Thompson 1030 Holly Fork Rd Morehead, KY 40351 Chrysler Vin #: 3C4FY78G83T577492

Linda Thompson 718 Harrisburg Ave Owingsville, KY 40362 Chevrolet Pick-Up Vin #: 1GCEC14X132161662

Michael S Ison 2830 Hillsboro Rd, Hillsboro KY 41049 Ford F-150 Vin #: 1FTRF11228NB64830

Michele Miller 3230 Pelham Branch, Columbia KY 42728 Gray Nissan Plate #674FCY

Andy Baldrige PO Box 31, Morehead KY 40351 Pontiac Gray Vin #: 1G2HY-54C0L1281944

Kayleigh O'Connor 304 Barnes Mill Rd, Richmond KY 40475 Hyundai Vin #: KM8J33A28GU46574

Monnie Porter PO Box 662, Sandy Hook KY 41171 Chevrolet Pick Up Vin #: J8ZBR14N9B8216520

The sale will be conducted on 11/1/26 at 2500 Ky Hwy 519 South, Clearfield, Ky 40313. We can be reached at 606-784-5664.

All items will be sold "as is" and "where is" with no warranties expressed or implied. Prospective buyers are encouraged to inspect the property prior to the sale. We reserve the right to refuse any offer; full payment will be required at the time of purchase in cash or check made payable to the Rowan County Sheriff.

Any individuals claiming ownership of the property must provide proof of ownership and pay all applicable fees before scheduled sale date. Claims submitted after the sale date will not be accepted.

For additional information contact the Rowan County Sheriff at 606-784-5446.

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