

CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS

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-James Stacey Duff, 1971, arraignment. Bail jumping (1st degree). Waive reading. Not guilty plea.

-Howard Nathan Young, 1984, arraignment. Assault (3rd degree, police/probation officer-identified), assault (4th degree, minor injury), enhancement possession of a controlled substance (1st degree, 3rd or subsequent offense, methamphetamine), enhancement drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, two count menacing, two counts terroristic threatening, resisting arrest and persistent felony offender (2nd degree). Waive reading. Not guilty plea.

-Howard Nathan Young, 1984, arraignment. Convicted felon in possession of a hand gun and persistent felony offender (2nd degree). Waive reading. Not guilty plea.

-Richard Kirk Jones, 1961, arraignment. Custodial interference and obstructing governmental operations. Waive reading. Not guilty plea.

-Michael Scott Laytart, 1980, arraignment. Failure to comply with sex offender registry (2nd or subsequent offense) and persistent felony offender (1st degree). Waive reading. Not guilty plea.

-Thelma June Stevens, 1961, arraignment. Trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 2nd offense, drug unspecified, greater than or equal to 20 dosage units). Waive reading. Not guilty plea.

-Michael Jamal Barnes, Jr., 1999, pretrial conference and motion to revoke and forfeit bond continued. Aggravated trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to 28 grams fentanyl), trafficking in a controlled substance (2nd offense, carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 2nd offense, greater than or equal to four grams cocaine) and persistent felony offender (1st degree).

-Michael Jamal Barnes, Jr., 1999, pretrial conference and motion to revoke and forfeit bond continued. Trafficking in a controlled substance (2nd offense, carfentanil or fentanyl

derivatives), trafficking in marijuana (less than eight ounces, 2nd offense) and persistent felony offender (1st degree).

-Michael Jamal Barnes, Jr., 1999, pretrial conference and motion to revoke and forfeit bond continued. Retaliating against participant in legal process, terroristic threatening (3rd degree) and persistent felony offender (1st degree).

-Richard Troy Clayton, 1962, pretrial conference. Convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

-Gary Wayne Courtney, Jr., 1968, pretrial conference. Eight counts trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 2nd offense, less than two grams methamphetamine), three counts trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 2nd offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine), complicity trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 2nd offense, less than two grams methamphetamine), conspiracy trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 2nd offense, less than two grams methamphetamine), complicity trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 2nd offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine), conspiracy trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 2nd offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine) and persistent felony offender (1st degree).

-Joseph Custard, 1951, review. Deceased Aug. 30, 2025; removed from docket.

-Perry Gayle Feeback, 1971, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 1st offense, less than two grams methamphetamine). Guilty plea.

-Perry Gayle Feeback, 1971, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 1st offense, less than two grams methamphetamine) and trafficking in marijuana (less than eight ounces, first offense). Guilty plea to both counts.

-Marlin Scott Ferguson, 1969, pretrial conference. Enhancement possession of a controlled substance (1st degree, 1st offense, methamphetamine), enhancement drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, enhancement possession of marijuana and inadequate silencer (muffler).

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-Blaze Tanner Green, 1997, preliminary hearing. Probation violation (for technical violation). Remain on probation, same conditions.

-Joshua Matthew Hall, 1984, sentencing. Trafficking in a controlled substance (1st offense, carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives) and persistent felony offender. Defendant not present. Bench warrant. No bond.

-James Nicholas Herrington, 1978, pretrial conference. Receiving stolen property (value more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000) and complicity receiving stolen property (value more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000).

-James Nicholas Herrington, 1978, pretrial conference. Bail jumping (1st degree).

-James Nicholas Herrington, 1978, pretrial conference. Convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

-James Nicholas Herrington, 1978, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 2nd offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, fleeing or evading police (3rd degree).

-Jonathan David Houg, 1982, pretrial conference. Possession of a controlled substance (1st degree, 3rd or subsequent offense, methamphetamine), rear license not illuminated, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess and possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. Drug paraphernalia count dismissed on motion of Commonwealth's Attorney. Guilty plea entered to all other counts. Jury trial canceled.

-Jonathan David Houg, 1982, pretrial conference. Bail jumping (1st degree). Guilty plea.

-Jonathan David Houg,

1982, pretrial conference. Possession of a controlled substance (1st degree, 3rd or subsequent offense, methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance (1st degree, 3rd or subsequent offense, cocaine) and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess. Drug paraphernalia count dismissed on motion of Commonwealth's Attorney. Guilty plea to other two counts.

-Jonathan David Houg, 1982, pretrial conference. Possession of a controlled substance (1st degree, 3rd or subsequent offense, methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess. Drug paraphernalia count dismissed on motion of Commonwealth's Attorney. Guilty plea to possession. Drug court assessment.

-Dira Dashaw Hunter, 1981, motion hour to reduce bond. Trafficking in a controlled substance (1st degree, 1st offense, less than four grams cocaine).

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-Cory Brent Kirby, 1982, pretrial conference. Theft of property mislaid or delivered by mistake (value \$1,000 but less than \$10,000) and tampering with physical evidence. Guilty plea to both counts.

-Charles Travis Martin, 1978, preliminary hearing. Probation violation (for technical violations).

-Ike Montgomery, 1955, diversion completion. Dismissed/diverted.

-Ashley Nichole Pack, 1987,

pretrial conference. Five counts criminal possession of a forged instrument (1st degree).

-Shrika Lashay Reed, 1993, pretrial conference. Two counts assault (3rd degree, police/probation officer-identified), resisting arrest, assault (4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury) and criminal mischief (1st degree).

-Kyler Lee Snapp, 1998, show cause hearing.

-James Wesley Soard, 1971, pretrial conference. Criminal trespass (1st degree), criminal trespass (2nd degree), receiving stolen property (value over \$10,000), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance, public intoxication (excludes alcohol), reckless driving and persistent felony offender (1st degree). Jury trial set for Jan. 26, 2026.

-James Wesley Soard, 1971, pretrial conference. Bail jumping (1st degree).

-Brandon Thompson Stephens, 1986, probation revocation hearing. Probation violation (for technical violations).

-Brandon Thompson Stephens, 1986, sentencing. Two counts possession of a forged instrument (2nd degree) and persistent felony offender (2nd degree). Cont. to Dec. 16.

-Brandon Thompson Stephens, 1986, sentencing. Three counts possession of a forged instrument (2nd degree) and persistent felony offender (2nd degree). Cont. to Dec. 16.

-Joshua Michael Stone, 1993, pretrial conference. Assault (3rd degree, police/probation officer-identi-

fied), disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

-Richard Lee Vanderen, 1956, pretrial conference. Two counts wanton endangerment (1st degree), fleeing or evading police (1st degree), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, two counts menacing, possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle and contempt of court.

-Darrell Wayne Vastine, II, 1989, pretrial conference. Nine counts promoting a sexual performance by a minor under age of 18, nine counts possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor over 12 but younger than 18 years of age, two counts prohibited use of electronic communication to procure minor/PE sex offense, distribute obscene material to minors and possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor under 12.

-Darrell Wayne Vastine, II, 1989, pretrial conference. Nine counts promoting a sexual performance by a minor under age of 16, nine counts use of a minor under 16 in a sexual performance, nine counts possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor over 12 but younger than 18 years of age, two counts prohibited use of electronic communication to procure minor/PE sex offense, distribute obscene material to minors and possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor under 12.

-Jonathan Edward Willis,


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How communities benefit when consumers spend local

When consumers think about which stores to patronize, locally owned businesses may be the smartest option for a number of reasons - not the least of which is the way such enterprises benefit the communities they call home.

More money kept in the community

Spending locally means that more money will stay in the community. According to recent research from Civic Economics, local eateries return nearly 79 percent of revenue to the community, compared to just over 30 percent for chain restaurants. Overall, for every \$100 spent at a local business, around \$73 remains in the community, versus roughly \$43 when shopping at a non-locally owned business.

Get a personal touch

Local business owners typically are inclined to go the extra mile for their customers and are personally invested in the services and products they are selling. As a result, shopping locally tends to be a personalized experience. Furthermore, a local business owner may be more amenable to ordering products for specific clientele. Such personalized service is typically not accessible when shopping big box stores or other shops where owners are off-site.

Lines are short

Waiting in long lines for checkout or to pick up merchandise ordered online can drain consumers' energy and contribute to stress. Local businesses tend to have short lines and small crowds, which can lead to

a more pleasant shopping experience.

Generates tax revenue

Local businesses generate more tax revenue per sales dollar, according to Rubicon, a digital marketplace for waste and recycling businesses. Taxes paid by local small businesses go to support schools, parks, roads, and other programs that benefit the community as well.

Support nonprofits

Local businesses often support good work in the community, such as nonprofit groups. These can include schools and sports teams, among other groups. According to Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser, professor of economics at

the University of Central Oklahoma, studies indicate nonprofits "receive 250 percent more support from small businesses than larger ones."

Support other local businesses

Local business support other local businesses by buying and selling among each other. A local, independently owned restaurant may source its ingredients from local farms, which means visitors to such eateries are supporting multiple local businesses each time they dine out. Small businesses are a boon to the economy, particularly local economies. These enterprises help their communities in a multitude of ways.

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