

Meth dealer gets 7-year sentence

BY **AARON SNYDER**
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

CATLETTSBURG A 49-year-old Ashland man pleaded guilty to meth trafficking and learned of his sentence Thursday morning in Boyd County Circuit Court.

George Mauk admitted via videoconference from the Boyd County Detention Center to dealing more than 2 grams of methamphetamine in July 2025. He was indicted on the charge in August.

Mauk will serve a seven-year active sentence.

Mauk’s name has appeared in several newspaper stories over the past decade involving criminal charges.

In June 2020, Mauk was charged with tampering with physical evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

In February 2017, Mauk was one of nine suspects accused of smuggling drugs to inmates in Carter County.

In June 2015, Mauk was charged with second-degree burglary and criminal mischief.

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00813

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
ADVERTISEMENT
KEVIN M. EKERS;
FAITH R. EKERS;
KENTUCKY FARMERS BANK,
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Order Rescheduling Sale entered on October 31, 2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, December 12, 2025,** at **11:30 a.m.,** to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder’s bond,** a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **4% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 16134 Lone Oak Drive, Catlettsburg (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 792, Page 393, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 026-02-00-099.00

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/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.
BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
MASTER COMMISSIONER

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00549

SRG, INC.,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
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MARY L. FIELDS;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY L. FIELDS;
TILDA SALYERS;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TILDA SALYERS;
ELIZABETH RYMER;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH RYMER;
LAURA HURST;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA HURST;
JAMES R. FIELDS;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES R. FIELDS;
BILL FIELDS;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BILL FIELDS;
LORENE STEELE;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LORENE STEELE;
THURMAN FIELDS;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THURMAN FIELDS;
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY;
BOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY,
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Order to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on November 5, 2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, December 12, 2025,** at **11:35 a.m.,** to highest bidder on the following terms:

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Address of Property: 3432 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 617, Page 289, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 038-06-07-006.00

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Wastewater plant groundbreaking postponed

STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND The groundbreaking ceremony for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project has been postponed due to heavy rain in the forecast, Mayor

Chuck Charles announced Thursday. It had been scheduled for Friday (today) at 10 a.m.

The mandated, \$100 million-plus project is the largest in the City of Ashland’s history.

“We’re excited about that project and we will let you know

when we reschedule that,” Charles said.

Commissioner Tim Renfroe commended to the finance department for securing funding to help with the project. “They did a remarkable job,” he said.

Officials will appeal decision they say is unfair to Ky. Power ratepayers

BY **LIAM NIEMEYER**
KENTUCKY LANTERN

Kentucky’s utility regulator and the Kentucky attorney general will appeal the dismissal of a complaint they brought before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that alleged Kentucky Power customers were unfairly covering costs of transmission projects in other states.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission last week dismissed the complaint brought this year by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) and Republican Kentucky Attorney General Russel Coleman against American Electric Power and its subsidiaries including Kentucky Power, which serves 160,000 customers in 20 Eastern Kentucky counties.

The state utility regulator and Coleman had argued in a complaint filed in March that Kentucky Power customers were subsidizing — to the tune of \$66 million from 2017 through 2022 — electricity transmission projects “hundreds of miles away” because of a cost-sharing arrangement for such investments across seven states. The arrangement



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A substation for electric utility Kentucky Power in Letcher County.

included various AEP subsidiary utilities that are part of the PJM regional power grid. Kentucky Power customers pay among the highest average residential utility bills in the state, as both the Kentucky PSC and attorney general noted.

The transmission projects under scrutiny are referred to as supplemental or self-planned projects, or local transmission upgrades or investments that utilities individually plan within their own footprint. Critics have argued in recent years such projects lack proper oversight from state regulators and FERC to determine their

necessity and cost-effectiveness.

FERC, which regulates interstate transmission and wholesale electricity markets, in its order dismissed the complaint because the attorney general and the state regulator failed to establish the cost-sharing arrangement for supplemental projects was “in a manner that is unjust and unreasonable or unduly discriminatory or preferential.”

Kentucky Public Service Commission Chair Angie Hatton and AG Coleman told the Lantern both parties plan to appeal the dismissal.

“Because we perceive a need to protect Ken-

tucky Power ratepayers from longstanding unfair transmission costs, we do plan to file a motion for rehearing at FERC,” Hatton said in a statement to the Lantern.

Coleman in a statement through a spokesperson, said, “We’ll keep fighting this unfair system that has taken advantage of Kentucky families for far too long. My responsibility as Attorney General is to promote affordable and reliable energy for Kentuckians, and that’s exactly what we’ll continue to do.”

Emails and a call to a press office for American Electric Power asking about the complaint dismissal were not returned.

Claire Wayner, a senior associate at the nonpartisan think tank RMI that focuses on energy policy, co-wrote a report last year that targeted the “regulatory gap” among state utility regulators, FERC and regional power grid operators that allow such supplemental projects to receive little oversight.

Wayner told the

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SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
ADVERTISEMENT
KELLY FORTNER,
ROBERT FORTNER,
DEFENDANTS.

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Address of Property: 509 Middleton Avenue, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 853, Page 639, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 022-10-05-003.00

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
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NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
ADVERTISEMENT
JORDAN SKEENS,
DEFENDANTS.

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Address of Property: 621 Gartrell Street, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 838, Page 376, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 039-06-05-013.000

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