Caal-Garcia pleads guilty, sentenced to 20 years

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The man charged with vehicular homicide that resulted in the deaths of two Marion County residents will spend 20 years behind

Franklin Otoniel Caal-Garcia, 19, of 372 Lake Avenue, appeared before Judge Todd Spalding in Marion Circuit Court Division 1 on Aug. 21 and entered a plea of guilty to two counts of vehicular homicide when under the influence of alcohol (20 years on each count), theft of identity of another without consent (5 years), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08, first offense-aggravated circumstance (120 day license suspension) careless

driving, and failure to produce an insurance card (fined). The counts of vehicular homicide and theft of identity will run concurrently for 20 years. With the guilty plea, Caal-Garcia avoided his jury trial, which was scheduled to begin on Aug. 26.

On Nov. 2, 2024, KSP Post 15 troopers responded to a two-vehicle collision on US 68 around 6:30 p.m. near the intersection of Jessietown Road. A 2005 Dodge Ram, driven by Garcia, was traveling west on US 68 when he crossed the centerline of the roadway, entered the eastbound lane, and dropped off the roadway. Garcia steered his vehicle back into the eastbound lane and collided head-on with a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox, driven by Roy Wright, 75, of Lebanon. Wright and his wife, Deborah Wright, 72, who was pronounced dead at the scene, while Roy Wright later died at the University of Kentucky Hospital.

His final sentencing is scheduled to take place on Sept. 18 at 9:00 a.m. with an interpreter ordered to be present.

• Roger Cobb pleaded guilty to an amended charge of four counts of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor over the age of 12 but under the age of 18, first offense, (3 years on each count), and nine counts of distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor under 12 (3 years on each count) for a total of 3 years as all counts will run concurrently. He must also register as a sex offender for life, and the order for sex offender evaluation was signed.

His final sentencing is set for Nov. 6 at

• Dustin M. Thompson's case had a motion of the Commonwealth to identify an expert witness rendered moot as Thompson has retained no expert witness at this time. The motion of the Commonwealth to preclude evidence concerning the use of force records was denied at this time and the court will address the relevancy of any such records at trial, which is set for Aug. 25 at 8:30 a.m. with motions in limine at 8:00 a.m. Thompson is charged with attempted murder of a police officer, second-degree assault-police officer, officer, theft by unlawful taking or dispositionfirearm, first-degree wanton endangermentpolice officer, first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), first-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), reckless driving, speeding 26 mph over the limit or greater, improperly on the left side of the road, disregarding a stop sign, failure to wear seat belts, failure to or improper signal, rear license not illuminated, improper start from a parked

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position, resisting arrest, menacing, and possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle.

 Stacey Fisher pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months to run concurrent with time served on an amended charge of fraudulent insurance acts under \$500. The charges of theft of identity of another

without consent and second-degree persistent felony offender were dismissed. Fisher must also pay restitution of \$10,743.77 jointly with co-defendant, April Rose Nalley. A review for restitution will be held on Feb. 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

 Daniel M. Mings was sentenced to 5 years for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, fourth or greater offense (aggravated circumstance), and 5 years for driving

a motor vehicle while his license was suspended for a DUI-third or greater offense. Both charges will run concurrently for 5 years, and he will also have his license suspended for 5 years.

 Nicholas Monroe pleaded guilty and was sentenced on the following charges: Third-degree burglary (1 year consecutive to Marion Co. 25-CR-85-two counts of thirddegree burglary, and Marion Co. 21-CR-241), and 12 months for theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others \$500 but under \$1,000. He must also pay restitution of \$535.50 jointly with the co-defendant and \$525 to Lanham Refrigeration and has a review set for Aug. 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

 Jordan Snow pleaded guilty and was sentenced on the following charges: Convicted felon in possession of a handgun (5 years probated for 5 years, with an alternative sentence of 90 days), convicted felon in possession of a firearm (5 years probated for 5 years, with an alternative sentence of 90 days), enhancement trafficking in marijuana, less than 8 ounces, first offense (5 years probated for 5 years, with an alternative sentence of 90 days), and drug paraphernaliabuy/possess (12 months probated for 24 months). All counts will run concurrently, and final sentencing was set for Sept. 18

 Orlando Jaron White, Jr., pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 45 days probation for 6 months on the charge of failure of owner to maintain the required insurance/security, first offense, speeding 17 mph over the limit (violation), and 1 year pretrial diverted for 2 years on the charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, drug unspecified. He must report to Probation and Parole and follow recommendations.

 Chazentina Snow pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 years pretrial diverted for 5 years on the charge of first-degree wanton endangerment. Snow must have no contact with Heather Johnson and report to Probation and Parole and follow recommendations. Financial obligations were set for a review on Feb. 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Snow also pleaded guilty and was sentenced first-degree strangulation, disarming a peace to 5 years pretrial diverted for 5 years on the charge of enhancement trafficking in marijuana, less than 8 ounces, first offense, and 12 months probated for 24 months on the charge of drug paraphernalia-buy/possess.

> Jordan Snow pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months probated for 24 months for fourth-degree assault. Snow must report to Probation and Parole and follow recommendations. Snow had financial obligations set for a review on Nov. 20 at 9:00 a.m.

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Clarkson trial remanded with pretrial conference set for September

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A man charged with four

performance by a minor under 16 years of age appeared in Marion Circuit Court Division 2 on Aug.

Cory D. Clarkson, 40, had a jury trial scheduled to begin on Sept. 9, but that trial was remanded

and Judge Kaelin Reed set an insurance card, reckless a Sept. 29 date for a pretrial conference at 1:00 p.m.

Cory Clarkson

Clarkson is currently lodged in the Marion County Detention Center on a \$25,000 bail. He is also charged with voyeurism and possession of matter portraying a sex performance by a minor over 12 but under 18 years of age, first offense.

Anzelmo pleaded guilty and was sentenced on the following charges: Thirdcounts of promoting a sex degree fleeing or evading

police-motor vehicle (12 months probated for 24 months), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substances, first offense (DUI minimum), speeding 15 mph or greater or the limit,

failure to produce driving, and failure to wear seat belts (\$25 fines-waived on each count).

• Bruce Clark pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 1 year for first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense (methamphetamine), 1 year for tampering with physical evidence, 45 days for possession of marijuana, 45

• William Christopher days for license to be in possession, and failure to produce an insurance card, no/expired registration plates (\$25 fines waived).

 Dalton Greenwell pleaded guilty and was sentenced on the following charges: First-degree possession of a controlled substance, third or greater offense-methamphetamine (3 years probated for 3 years), public intoxication controlled substancesexcludes alcohol (45 days probated for 6 months, and resisting arrest (12 months probated for 24 months).

• Randy G. Whitis was found by the court to have violated the terms of his probation by receiving two new felony convictions while on probation. The court revoked his probation and sentenced him to 3 years and two cases, and 1 year on another.

More than \$2 million available to help victims of domestic violence

FRANKFORT - On prosecutors, victim services, Monday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that applications are now available for more than \$2 million in federal funding through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to help prevent sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in the commonwealth.

"Domestic violence is something far too many Kentuckians experience," Gov. Beshear said. "By working with community partners, we are making sure every Kentuckian in need has access to victim services while we continue to pursue justice each day."

The federal VAWA Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (STOP) Formula Grant Program requires administrating agencies to allocate funding for law enforcement,

and state and local courts. It also allows for discretionary distribution and encourages a focus on projects that serve adults and youth (ages 11-17 years) who are victims of intimate partner violence.

This follows the May release of the 2024 Domestic Violence Data Report, which shows that levels of domestic violence remained stable compared to the year before. Additionally, there were fewer filings of electronic JC-3 forms, which are completed after responding to a report of domestic violence, dating violence or abuse to track incidents and arrests and to assist victims with filing for emergency protective orders. There was a slight increase in arrests made related to domestic violence and a rise in the number of

services provided by ZeroV, the state's coalition of domestic violence shelters.

"Awarding this federal funding each year allows us to support our community partners who are seeking justice for victims and providing needed resources each day," Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Keith Jackson said. "We are proud to work together to prevent domestic violence, something we could not do without this collaboration."

Applications must be submitted online by 6 p.m. EDT on Sept. 26, 2025, via Intelligrants 10.0 (IGX), the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet's electronic grants management system. Assistance with the application process may be obtained by contacting Grants Manageindividuals who utilized ment staff at JUSIGX@ky.



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