

Baron to have KCPC evaluation

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A man charged with third-degree rape appeared in Marion Circuit Court Division II last week for a pretrial conference.

Judge Kaelin Reed ruled that he would enter an order for a Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center evaluation for Justin Anthony Baron. The KCPC center is located in LaGrange and is the state's primary facility for court-ordered forensic evaluations, including competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility (insanity defenses) for felony cases. The purpose of an evaluation is to determine if a defendant understands the charges and can participate in their defense (competency) or was insane at the time of the offense.

If found incompetent, individuals may receive treatment at KCPC to gain competence. Statements made during evaluations are generally used only to evaluate mental status, not to prove guilt.

Another pretrial conference was set for June 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Baron is lodged in the Marion County Detention Center on a \$10,000 bond. He was arrested on June 7, 2025, by the Marion County Sheriff's Office. He was indicted by a June 2025 grand jury for third-degree rape (a Class D felony). The grand jury charged that on or about March 1, 2025, through March 30, 2025, Baron, being 21 years old or more, "engaged in sexual intercourse with a person less than 16 years old, or being a person in a position of authority or position of special trust, he engaged in sexual intercourse with a minor under 18 years old with whom he comes into contact with as a result of that position or aided, abetted, or counseled as another in said act."

He is also charged with first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), receiving stolen property \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree burglary, third-degree terroristic threatening, murder, and first-degree assault.

Jeremiah Garrett pleaded guilty to an amended charge of third-degree unlawful

transaction with a minor and was sentenced to 12 months probated for 24 months.

Terry Albertson is scheduled to enter a plea on April 2 at 1:00 p.m. Albertson is charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, public intoxication controlled substances (excludes alcohol), and second-degree persistent felony offender.

Jeri Jo Bright is scheduled to enter a plea on April 16 at 1:00 p.m. She is charged with first-degree enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams of methamphetamine), first-degree enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance, second or greater offense (less than 4 grams of cocaine), enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (heroin), and first-degree enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (greater than or equal to 10 dosage units drug unspecified).

Timothy Buckler is scheduled to enter a plea on April 16 at 1:00 p.m. to the charges of first-degree enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance, second or greater offense (greater than or equal to 4 grams of cocaine) enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (heroin), first-degree enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (greater than or equal to 10 dosage units drug unspecified), and enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (fentanyl).

John Harmon pleaded guilty to an amended charge of first-degree criminal mischief, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, third offense (aggravated circumstance), no operator's license in possession, and reckless driving. He is scheduled to be sentenced on April 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Zachary Latawec pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal abuse (5 years pretrial diverted for 5 years) and first-degree wanton endangerment (5 years pretrial diverted for 5 years). A DCPT was set for March

20, 2031, at 1:00 p.m.

Tiffany Logan pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, methamphetamine (2 years pretrial diverted for 2 years). She has a DCPT set for March 23, 2028, at 1:00 p.m.

Jonathan Murphy is scheduled to be sentenced on April 2 at 1:00 p.m. He is charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (greater than or equal to 4 grams of cocaine, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams of methamphetamine), trafficking in a controlled substance, second or greater offense, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (10 dosage units opiates), tampering with physical evidence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense (cocaine), first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense (hydrocodone), and first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense (opiates).

Thalia Secundino pleaded guilty to an amended charge of four counts fourth-degree assault, two counts of third-degree terroristic threatening, and resisting arrest and was sentenced to 12 months probated for 24 months on each charge. Also pleaded guilty to second-degree disorderly conduct and sentenced to 90 days probated for 6 months and fined \$25 for alcohol intoxication in a public place, first and second offense. A review was set for Oct. 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Bionica Sikes pleaded guilty to an amended charge of second-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance-hallucinogen, and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess (12 months probated 24 months on each charge), possession of marijuana (45 days probated 6 months), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substances, first offense (DUI minimum), and controlled substance prescription not in original container, first offense (90 days probated for 6 months). A SCIP was set for Sept. 17 at 1:05 p.m.

Tina Wright is scheduled to enter a plea on May 7 at 1:00 p.m. She is charged with second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument.



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WILLIAMS

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guilty to failure to comply with sex offender registration (second or greater offense). His final sentencing was set for April 16 at 9:00

a.m., and there will be no bond pending the final sentencing.

Patrick Whitlock violated his probation by absconding and will have credit for time served. It was ruled that he shall enter a sober living facility and will remain in custody until a bed is available.

SPRING

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flow, efficiency, and overall patient experience.

"This expansion represents an exciting step forward for surgical care at Spring View Hospital," said Vicki Parks, Chief Executive Officer of Spring View Hospital. "We are investing in our facilities, our technology, and most importantly, in the health of our community. Our goal is to ensure patients have access to advanced, high-quality surgical care right here at home."

Renee Filiatreau, Director of Surgical Services at Spring View Hospital, emphasized the impact the expansion will

have on both patients and staff.

"This project will allow our surgical teams to work more efficiently while enhancing the experience for our patients," Filiatreau said. "Improved workflow, and expanded space will help us continue providing exceptional care while meeting the increasing needs of our community."

Community leadership also celebrated the milestone during the groundbreaking ceremony.

"Spring View Hospital continues to demonstrate its commitment to excellence and forward-thinking healthcare," said Christina McRay, Chair of the Spring View Hospital Board of Trustees. "This investment

ensures our community has access to modern surgical services delivered with the highest standards of safety and compassion."

Spring View Hospital has earned national recognition for patient safety, including Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade "A" ratings, reflecting its dedication to quality outcomes and clinical excellence.

Hospital officials noted that the Surgical Services Expansion represents not only growth in facilities but a long-term investment in the health and well-being of the region.

Vicki Parks excitedly states, "The best days for Spring View Hospital are still ahead, and this expansion reflects our ongoing promise to grow, innovate, and serve."

KINDNESS

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of love that began years ago with a decision for Jesus Christ. It becomes a way of life, spreading acts of kindness that ferment in others' lives, eventually, in some cases, issuing in even more expressions of love. It has a trickle-

down effervescence that time doesn't dilute.

For some, those little acts of kindness may begin during Lent. But, they don't have to end there, for after all, we look forward to celebrating the most miraculous act of love possible, the death and resurrection of our Lord, whose power ignites us to do some wild and crazy, random things, the expression and effects of which are limitless.

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