

CARROLL COUNTY COURT NEWS

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The following cases were heard Feb. 25.

Commonwealth vs.

ARRAIGNMENTS

Haley Asher, 1996. Amount due \$80. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting (pleaded not guilty). Next appearance March 25.

Jerry Beasley, 1954. Amount due \$25. Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury (pleaded guilty). Next appearance March 25.

Brannon Brock, 1988. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible), no/expired registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to produce insurance card (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice). Next appearance April 8.

Leah Nicole Chandler, 1994. No/expired registration plates, no/expired KY registration receipt. Proof shown for both, dismissed without prejudice.

Rebecca Edmondson, 1988. Disorderly conduct second degree, menacing. Dismissed without prejudice.

Michael David Fox, 1987. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). Paid in full.

Breeanna Greene, 2007. No/expired KY registration receipt, no/expired registration plates. Proof shown for both, dismissed without prejudice.

Hunter L. Heilman, 1997. Amount due \$25. Alcohol intoxication in a public place – first and second (pleaded guilty, \$25), criminal littering (merge), possession of marijuana (pleaded guilty, \$100). Next appearance Aug. 26.

Chandler Hughes, 1993. No/expired registration plates (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice), failure to produce insurance card (pleaded guilty, \$100), failure to notify address change to DOT (proof shown, dismissed with prejudice).

Roger Hutchinson, 1970. Amount due \$25. Alcohol intoxication in a public place first and second (pleaded guilty, \$25). Next appearance Aug. 26.

Jalen Morris, 1996. Driving too fast for traffic conditions (FTA eligible) (CATS), failure to or improper signal (FTA eligible), careless driving (FTA eligi-

ble). Next appearance April 22.

Stephanie Neagel, 1985. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting (pleaded not guilty). Next appearance March 25.

Edwin Armando Perez Dominguez, 2007. Careless driving (FTA eligible), no operator's/moped license (FTA eligible). Bench warrant \$100.

Audra M. Perkins, 1980. Amount due \$25. Alcohol intoxication in a public place first and second (pleaded guilty, \$25), criminal littering (merge). Next appearance Aug. 26.

Courtney Ping, 1997. No/expired registration lates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first (FTA eligible), failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to produce insurance card. Next appearance March 25.

Deaira Monai Reed, 2004. Failure to give right of way to emergency stopped vehicle (FTA eligible), failure of nonowner operator to maintain required insurance first (FTA eligible). FTA. DOT.

Michael C. Robbins, 1964. No/expired registration plates (merge), no/expired KY registration receipt (pleaded guilty, \$50), failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first (FTA eligible) (amend) (pleaded guilty, \$100)

Richard Lan Robbins, 1963. No/expired registration plates, no/expired KY registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first (FTA eligible).

Cheyenne Nichole Settles, 1997. Speeding 26 mph over (FTA eligible). Next appearance May 20.

Nicky Tinch. Amount due \$30. Harbor non-compliant sex offender registrant first offense (pleaded not guilty). Next appearance March 25.

Brennen White, 2004. Amount due \$25. Reckless driving (FTA eligible), all terrain vehicles violations, failure to comply with helmet law more than 21 years of age (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 25.

Austin Ray Whitehead, 1997. Speeding 22 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (CATS), no/expired KY registration receipt (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice), no/expired registration plates (proof shown), failure to produce insurance card (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice). Next appearance April 22.

Alexander P. Riegler, 2006. Speeding 10 mph over limit (FTA eligible). FTA. DOT.

Bobbie J. Pettit, 1982. Fugi-

tive from another state – warrant required.

Brittany Sue Rabourn, 1992. Rear license not illuminated, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible), failure to surrender revoked operator's license (FTA eligible). Next appearance June 17. Recall bench warrant.

Gregory Crouch, 1975. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others between \$1,000 and \$10,000, harassment no physical contact. Indicted.

Jajuan L. Eubanks, 1994. Fugitive – warrant not required. Dismissed without prejudice. Picked up by Feds.

Anthony Ewen, 1995. Possession of a controlled substance first degree second offense (methamphetamine) (pleaded not guilty), possession of marijuana, buying/possessing drug paraphernalia. Next appearance March 4. \$5,000 at 10%.

Edward C. Hearn, 1976. Possession of a controlled substance first degree second offense (methamphetamine) (pleaded not guilty), possession of controlled substance first degree first offense drug unspecified, buying/possessing drug paraphernalia. Next appearance March 4.

Michella Mae Hinton, 1965. Speeding 15 mph over (FTA eligible) (pleaded not guilty), no tail lamps, failure to produce insurance card, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance first degree first offense cocaine, buying/possessing drug paraphernalia. \$5,000. Next appearance March 11.

Lance N. Johnson Jr., 1988. Reckless driving (FTA eligible), careless driving (FTA eligible), possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle (FTA eligible), alcohol intoxication in a public place first and second, wanton endangerment second degree, failure to produce insurance card, improper passing (FTA eligible), failure to five right of way to emergency stopped vehicle (FTA eligible). Bonded out.

Randell Mercer, 1997. Failure to or improper signal (FTA eligible) (pleaded not guilty), following another vehicle too closely (FTA eligible), possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle (FTA eligible), tamper with physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance first degree first offense (methamphetamine), buying/possessing drug paraphernalia, operating motor vehicle under the influence of a substance first (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 4.

Ashleigh G. Preston, 2005. Possession of matter of sex performance by minor between 12 and 18 first offense (pleaded not guilty), procuring or promoting use of minor by electronic means, distribute obscene material to minors first offense. Next appearance March 4.

CONTINUED FIRST APPEARANCES

Nathan Belser, 1994. Amount due \$30. No/expired KY registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible). Bench warrant \$250.

Jas-Ellen Ruth Foster, 1999. No/expired registration plates (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice), no/expired KY registration receipt (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice), failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance first (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty, \$500), failure to register transfer of motor vehicle (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice). Next appearance Aug. 26.

Jacob C. Fox, 2001. Reckless driving (FTA eligible) (CATS), failure to notify address change to DOT (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice).

Rebecca L. O'Banion, 1987. Amount due \$25. Inadequate silencer (pleaded not guilty), operating motor vehicle under the influence of a substance first (FTA eligible), complicity theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others between \$500 and \$1,000. Next appearance April 8.

April Scudder, 1982. Possession of marijuana, failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible), no/expired registration plates, no/expired KY registration receipt. Next appearance April 22.

Laura Nichole Sparks, 1984. Careless driving (FTA eligible), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible). Bench warrant \$250.

Laura Nichole Sparks, 1984. Operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible). Bench warrant \$250.

Justin D. Marcum, 1988. Amount due \$80. Violation of KY emergency protective order/domestic violence order. Dismissed without prejudice.

PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

Bobbie J. Pettit, 1982. Reckless driving (FTA eligible),

no/expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first (FTA eligible), license to be in possession (FTA eligible), failure to notify address change to DOT, operating motor vehicle under the influence of a substance first (FTA eligible), wanton endangerment first degree (FTA eligible), wanton endangerment first degree – police officer. Waive to grand jury.

Dale Robertson, Jr., 1984. Failure to comply with sex offender registration first offense. Waive to grand jury.

Everett L. Tolar, 1989. Disorderly conduct second degree, criminal trespassing third degree, reckless driving (FTA eligible), criminal mischief first degree.

Kevin Wallace, 1990. Rape second degree – no force, promoting prostitution. \$15,000 cash. Waive to grand jury.

PRETRIAL CONFERENCES

Henry N. Aguilar, 2006. Amount due \$25. No operator's/moped license (FTA eligible), leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance (FTA eligible), operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol first (FTA eligible), failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance first (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 11.

Edmond Clay Aldridge, 1980. Amount due \$25. Rear license not illuminated, controlled substance prescription not in original container first, operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance first (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 11.

Jimmy R. Casada, 1974. Amount due \$125. Rear license not illuminated, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible), no/expired registration plates. Next appearance April 8.

Christopher Michael Coons, 1977. Amount due \$25. Failure to or improper signal (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty, \$25), operating vehicle with expired operator's license (FTA eligible) (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice), failure to notify address change to DOT (proof shown, dismissed without prejudice), no/expired registration plates (pleaded guilty, \$50), failure to produce insurance card (pleaded guilty, \$100), failure to non-owner operator to maintain required insurance first (FTA eligible) (merge).

Kyle Guenther, 2003. Amount due \$25. Operating motor vehicle under the influ-

ence of alcohol first (FTA eligible), improper start from parked position (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 4.

Kaylin Shae Brian Herald, 2001. Amount due \$25. Improper turning (FTA eligible), careless driving (FTA eligible), failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible), failure to notify address change to DOT, residents not to use license of other states, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol first (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 11.

Mandy Elaine Keen, 1979. Amount due \$25. Speeding 15 mph over limit (FTA eligible), careless driving (FTA eligible), possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle (FTA eligible), operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol first (FTA eligible). Next appearance April 1.

Mandy Elaine Keen, 1979. Amount due \$250. Careless driving motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol first (FTA eligible). Next appearance April 1.

Jeffrey Keithley, 1980. Amount due \$125. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting (pleaded guilty).

Jason T. Miller, 1998. Disorderly conduct second degree (pleaded guilty, 90 days), criminal trespassing third degree (merge), reckless driving (FTA eligible).

Luis Fernando Moguel, 1995. Amount due \$100. No operator's/moped license (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty, \$250), failure of owner to maintain insurance/security first (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty, \$500).

Victor Arnoldo Moisa, 1978. Amount due \$25. Speeding 24 mph over limit (FTA eligible), careless driving (FTA eligible), failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible), operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol first (FTA eligible). Next appearance April 1.

Canen Neale, 2006. Amount due \$25. Operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol first (FTA eligible), reckless driving (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 11.

Javier Gonzalez Rios, 1984. No operator's/moped license (FTA eligible), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible). Next appearance March 25.

Tyler Mitchell Schmidts, 1996. Amount due \$25. Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury. Next appearance April 8.

Angelina J. Thacker, 2005. Amount due \$50. Careless

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Bill to create KCTCS Prison Education Program advances

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The House Judiciary Committee considered a bill on Wednesday that seeks to reduce recidivism and boost Kentucky's workforce.

House Bill 5, sponsored by the committee's co-chair, Rep. Jennifer Decker, R-Waddy, would establish the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Prison Education Program.

"This initiative will lower recidivism, accelerate workforce development, help address Kentucky's labor needs, and deliver long-term security savings to society through reduced reincarceration rates," Decker said.

Under HB 5, KCTCS would partner with the Kentucky Department of Corrections to build and operate a model vocational training campus at Northpoint Training Center, a men's prison in Boyle County.

Decker said the legislation is modeled after a similar, successful initiative in Michigan.

"Michigan's results are not theoretical," she said. "They are proof that HB 5 is grounded in real world evidence and delivers a proven data-supported return on investment, safer communities, dramatically lower reincarceration rates and a stronger workforce that helps create more tax-paying citizens."

Inmates serving a life sentence without parole or who have been convicted of a sex crime would not be eligible for the program, according to the bill. Inmates who have previously escaped prison or attempted to would also not qualify.

Kerry Harvey, a representative from the governor's office and former secretary of Kentucky's Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, told the committee HB 5 would not replace prosecution or punishment.

"It is not a 'get out of jail free card,'" he said. "It will, however, turn out inmates who are substantially less likely to commit new crimes upon release from prison."

Harvey also told the committee he is appreciative of the partnership with KCTCS President Ryan Quarles on the project.

Quarles said KCTCS's partnership with



Bud Kraft

Rep. Jennifer Decker, R-Waddy, tells the House Judiciary Committee that House Bill 5 would reduce recidivism in Kentucky through establishing the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Prison Education Program.

the Department of Corrections is not new. The college system already has 550 inmates enrolled, and recently celebrated more than 3,000 inmates receiving their GED.

More than 300 employers in Kentucky will hire convicted felons, Quarles said. This means inmates should have an opportunity to find employment upon release from prison and completion of this uniquely immersive and intensive educational program, he said.

Committee Chair Rep. Daniel Elliott, R-Danville, said the inmates could study manufacturing technology, welding, carpentry, HVAC, diesel mechanic technology, electricity, computerized machining, heavy equipment operations and more.

"These are all very marketable professions that these folks will be able to go into," Elliott said, noting the program would be in his district.

Data collection is another provision of HB

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Meeting Notice (26001-PMN)

Owen County Public Transit will be conducting a public meeting to recommend and update its passenger fare schedule and operating hours, the first proposed fare adjustment since 2016.

To facilitate public comment in this process, OCPT is providing two (2) avenues of participation for the public meeting to be held on Monday, March 19, 2026, at 10 AM EST.

1. In-Person: Owen County Courthouse, Second Floor, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky 40359

2. Virtual Zoom meeting:
Topic: Public Hearing - Owen County Public Transit
Time: Mar 19, 2026, 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/96916313630?pwd=sCY2sYek0PTILaAYYDEIE8kAGyi5OF.1>
View meeting insights with Zoom AI Companion <https://zoom.us/launch/edl?muid=051880a0-c7fe-4124-b5e7-0a9c3b3abf09>
Meeting ID: 969 1631 3630
Passcode: 950532

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In addition to attending the meetings listed above, comments may be submitted via email to ptcomment@owencountyky.us, via the customer care line at 502.750-2828.

No final decisions have been made. As required by federal regulations, OCPT will conduct an analysis and gather public input through meetings and multiple feedback channels before any fare changes are considered.

If approved, the new fare structure will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

1. Operational Hours:

a. Proposed operational hours change:

Current Hours		SFY27 New Hours	
Hours	Days	Hours	Days
6am – 4pm EST	Monday-Friday	6am – 6pm EST	Monday-Friday
		6am – 12pm EST	Saturday

2. Fare Rate Change:

a. Proposed fare rate change:

Current Fare Rate Structure	SFY27 Fare Rate Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All trips up to 10 miles one way \$3.00 All trips over 10 miles one way \$3.00 + \$.40/mile Dialysis and Cancer Treatments \$10.00/round trip (up to 85 miles round trip) Any trips over 85 miles \$10 + \$.40/mile after the 85 miles maximum \$40/week Multiple out of town trips for work \$10/round trip (up to 85 miles round trip) (Must not have a car or may not have a valid driver's license; unless prior approval by administration) Any trips over 85 miles \$10 + \$.40/mile after the 85 miles maximum \$40/week Veteran medical appointments 1/2 off regular price (If OCPT receives grant money from the State of KY for Veterans, the fare will be free. If we do not have grant money the fares will be 1/2 off the regular rate.) Any appointments out of the State of Kentucky \$3.00 + \$.40/mile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All trips \$1.00/mile