

# Public Record

## POLICE NEWS

### TRAFFICKING DRUGS

• Joel Kerry Luttrell, 51, of Liberty, was arrested Dec. 3 for trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree, second or subsequent offense (less than two grams of methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance in the second degree, and improper equipment.

Also in the same incident, Frankie N. May, 43, of Liberty, was arrested for resisting arrest, providing false information, menacing, and disorderly conduct in the second degree. May was also wanted by the Kentucky State Parole Board for absconding parole supervision, failing to complete treatment for substance abuse, and failure to report to a parole officer as directed.

According to citations written by Casey County Sheriff's Deputy Austin Harris, at around 5:15 p.m. he was traveling on Hurricane Ridge, when he observed a Nissan truck traveling in front of him with a broken taillight.

Harris initiated a traffic stop at the intersection with Means Road, and made contact with the driver, Luttrell and the passenger May. Deputy Tyler Luttrell retrieved their information and sent it to dispatch to run it. Meanwhile Harris deployed K9 Ranger around the vehicle and the dog had a positive alert on the driver's side.

Harris asked the two to exit the vehicle. While Luttrell was leaving, Deputy Luttrell saw the suspect digging in his hoodie pocket. Deputy Luttrell demanded that Luttrell keep his hands out of his pocket. Luttrell told Deputy Luttrell that he had some dope in his pocket and Deputy Luttrell retrieved a black pouch from inside Luttrell's hoodie packet. Inside

was a baggie of suspected meth, digital scales, multiple baggies, a glass pipe with suspected meth, used needles, and a plastic wrapper with three suboxone pills inside.

Harris asked May what her name was and she replied that her name was a different person's name. Deputy Luttrell reminded May that giving false information was a crime.

Harris spoke with the driver Luttrell, and asked him if the items were his. Luttrell took ownership of the drugs and paraphernalia. He said he sold meth and didn't really know why.

Dispatch returned saying that the female giving the false name had given the same name before and she was really Frankie May and had a warrant.

Deputy Luttrell told May that he knew who she was and that she had a warrant. May began cussing and yelling and then turned and attempted to move around the truck. Deputy Luttrell grabbed her arm and she began to jerk away and tried to kick Harris as they put her into the police cruiser.

After getting her arrested, Harris and Deputy Luttrell transported both suspects to the Casey County Detention Center.

### ASSAULT

James Daniel Short, 51, of Liberty, was arrested Dec. 4 for assault fourth degree domestic violence with minor injury.

According to a citation written by Casey County Sheriff's Deputy Austin Harris, at around 6 p.m. police were dispatched to Caney Fork Road in reference to a physical domestic disturbance.

Upon arrival, Short walked out of his residence, and stated, "I did it. Now let's go to jail." At that time, Harris

placed Short under arrest and then he spoke to the victim who had called.

The victim stated that Short was having a bad day and was mad, so she went to help with feeding animals. She said that Short continued to argue with her and she told him to get out of the barn, so he threw her to the ground which caused her head to hit the ground extremely hard.

The victim was evaluated by EMS but not transported.

Short was transported to the Casey County Detention Center.

• Michael David Brown, 25, of Hustonville, was arrested Dec. 8 for assault fourth degree domestic violence with no visible injury.

According to a citation written by Casey County Sheriff's Deputy Austin Harris, at around 7 p.m. police were dispatched to KY 837 in reference to a domestic disturbance in progress.

Upon arrival, Harris and Special Deputy Eric Pruner spoke to the victim who stated that she and Brown had gotten into an argument and that he became upset, broke something, shoved her into a wall, and then got into the victim's car and left. The victim said she called Brown and told him to bring her car back so she could leave.

Harris and Pruner were waiting and Brown pulled back into the driveway.

Harris asked Brown what happened, and he said that the victim was a "b----" and made his life a living hell. He said that he had gotten into an argument with her and that he left.

Harris asked about her claim that he shoved her into a wall. He denied this, saying that he only threw a bowl on the ground and then pushed her out of his

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## CIRCUIT COURT NEWS

### DEC. 8

Deborah A. (Curry) Perkins was sentenced to three years in jail probated three years consecutive to another sentence for possession of drug paraphernalia, no rear view mirror, possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, second offense

(methamphetamine), controlled substance prescription not in its original container first offense, and possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, second offense (opiates). Charges for no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance second offense were both dismissed.

Joshua Glen Bigford was sentenced to three years in jail for possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (methamphetamine).

Brandon S. Biggs was arraigned for trafficking in marijuana less than eight ounces, first offense; enhancement first degree trafficking in a controlled substance LSD first offense; enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (two grams or more of methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance in the second degree, first offense (10 dosage units or more in amphetamine), convicted felon in possession of a handgun, enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (less than 10 dosage units of opiates), and persistent felony offender in the first degree. A not guilty plea was entered. A pretrial conference was set for Jan. 12.

Keisha Jean Burger (A/K/A Hafley) was arraigned for promoting contraband in the first degree, possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and persistent felony offender in the first degree. A not guilty plea was entered. A pretrial conference was set for Jan. 12.

Michael G. Hamilton was sentenced to three years in jail probated three years, with a \$475 fine plus court costs and \$60 restitution for criminal mischief in the first degree, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, operating a

motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance second offense, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and a violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO.

Angela R. Holt was sentenced to four years in jail probated five years plus court costs, a \$250 fine, with 30 days to serve in jail, for operating a motor vehicle with an expired operators license, fleeing or evading police in the second degree, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance first offense. Charges for no/expired registration receipt, and no/expired registration plates were dismissed.

Bernard L. Hoskins was arraigned for enhancement trafficking in marijuana less than eight ounces first offense, enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree first offense LSD, enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (more than two grams of methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance in the second degree, first offense (ten or more dosage units of amphetamine), convicted felon in possession of a handgun, and enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (less than 10 dosage units of opiates). A not guilty plea was entered. A pretrial conference was set for Jan. 12.

Chelsea N. Lawhorn was sentenced to three years in jail, probated three years for obstructed vision and/or windshield, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of

James Allen Cotton was sentenced to 25 years in jail for incest forcible compulsion of or without consent, and persistent felony offender in the first degree. Charges of strangulation in the first degree (domestic violence related), rape first degree (domestic violence), and unlawful imprisonment in the first degree were all dismissed.

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## CASEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S 10 MOST WANTED

- Jazmine C. Luttrell - DOB 7-27-1988 - 5'7", 200 lbs - Wanted on a Casey County indictment warrant for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance in the second degree (hallucinogen), possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor in the second degree, three counts of wanton endangerment in the first degree, possession of marijuana, and persistent felony offender.
- Robert J. Howard - DOB 8-12-1984 - 6'2", 200 lbs - Wanted on a bench warrant for nonpayment of \$852 in fines, fees, or court costs. The underlying charges on his case are speeding 17 mph over the limit, failure to or improper signal, disregarding a stop sign, careless driving, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, no registration plates, no registration receipt, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance.
- Jody S. Bandy - DOB 12-15-1980 - 5'9", 188 lbs - Wanted on a Casey County indictment warrant for reckless driving, failure of owner to maintain required insurance first offense, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a substance fourth or subsequent offense, no registration receipt, no registration plates, trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (less than two grams of methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on a DUI suspended license, failure to produce an insurance card, and persistent felony offender in the first degree.
- Curtis L. Dempsey - DOB 10-24-1968 - 5'8", 155 lbs - Wanted for failure to appear to court on charges of one headlight, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, no operator's license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce an insurance card, no registration receipt, improper registration plate, possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Bo L. Stage - DOB 5-12-1998 - 6'8" - Wanted on a bench warrant for failure to pay \$2,831 in child support. He is ordered to pay the balance or spend up to 30 days in jail.
- Mark A. Delaney — DOB 9-6-1974 - Wanted on a bench warrant for \$1,152.69 in unpaid fines.
- Tammy G. Crosier - DOB 5-7-1975 - 5'3", 130 lbs - Wanted on a bench warrant for a probation violation. The underlying charges on her case are failure to produce an insurance card, failure to notify the department of transportation of an address change, possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (methamphetamine), and possession of drug paraphernalia
- Steven Bequette - DOB 7-31-1982 - Wanted for nonpayment of child support in the amount of \$18,562.08.
- Kimberly Brown - DOB 4-25-1986 - 5'3", 125 lbs - Wanted on a bench warrant for nonpayment of \$1,073 in fines, fees, or court costs. The underlying charges on her case are criminal littering, operating on a suspended or revoked license, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance second offense.
- Pamela L. Owens - DOB 1-6-1971 - 5'2", 119 lbs - Wanted on a Casey County indictment warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance in the first degree (fentanyl).



LUTTRELL



HOWARD



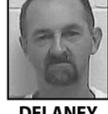
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DELANEY



CROSIER



BEQUETTE



BROWN



OWENS



### ALLISON BALL AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Randy Dial, Casey County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Casey Davis, Casey County Clerk  
Members of the Casey County Fiscal Court

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Casey County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement.

#### Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Casey County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws as described in Note 1.

#### Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Casey County Clerk, as of December 31, 2023, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Program for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Casey County Clerk and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Casey County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Casey County Clerk's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Casey County Clerk's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Casey County Clerk's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

The Honorable Randy Dial, Casey County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Casey Davis, Casey County Clerk  
Members of the Casey County Fiscal Court

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 2, 2025, on our consideration of the Casey County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Casey County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball  
Auditor of Public Accounts  
Frankfort, KY

September 2, 2025

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