

Mitchell allegedly threatens relative, discharges firearm

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MANCHESTER, Ky. — A Rocky Branch man is facing multiple felony charges after allegedly threatening a relative and firing a gun into his home during a June 17 incident.

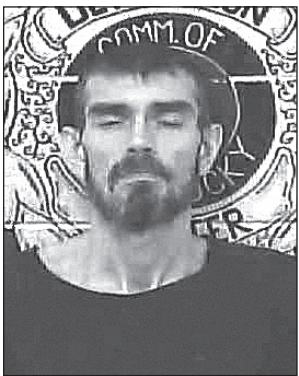
Michael Mitchell, 43, of 645 Rocky Branch Road, was arrested and charged with first-degree wanton endangerment (discharge of a firearm), third-degree terroristic threatening, menacing, and second-degree criminal mischief.

According to a sworn warrant filed by Orville Mitchell, the incident began when Michael allegedly threatened to shoot him. Orville told law enforcement that after the verbal threat, he stepped outside his home and onto the front porch.

Moments later, Michael Mitchell reportedly discharged a 9mm handgun into the residence, striking an electric heater and leaving a hole in the wall, the complaint states. No injuries were reported.

The shot caused property damage and placed others in potential danger, prompting the wanton endangerment and criminal mischief charges.

Michael Mitchell was taken into custody and lodged in the Clay County Detention Center. The case remains under investigation.



MICHAEL MITCHELL

AWARD

From A2

sary celebration in 2024. This is the historical society’s fourth award from KHS since 2013.

This year’s honorees represented a wide array of achievements in the field of history, with award categories spanning education, publication, and public service. “These awards reflect the incredible work being done in every corner of Kentucky to preserve and share our rich and complex history,” said KHS Executive Director Scott Alvey. “We are proud to recognize these exceptional individuals and organizations for their commitment to historical scholarship and community engagement.”

“We are extremely honored to receive the Kentucky Historical Society’s Volunteer Organization of the year award for 2025,” said Michael White, president. “This type of recognition reflects the tremendous amount of dedication and work performed by our volunteers. Thank you to our members, community partners, and everyone who helped to make this possible. We are proud of the work we do here and excited to be named as one of Kentucky’s best!”

GUNS

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with a prior felony conviction.

Donald Martin, 56, of 212 Martin Branch Road, was arrested Wednesday, June 18, and charged with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Deputies Jordan Duncil and Wes Brumley with the Clay County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to the residence after receiving a report of a man allegedly selling drugs and in possession of a firearm. Upon arrival, they contacted Kentucky State Police Trooper Derek Dennis, who assisted at the scene.

According to the report, Trooper Dennis asked Martin if there were any firearms in the home. Martin reportedly admitted to having a pistol and handed over a firearm that was located in a dresser beside his bed.

Following the discovery, Martin gave consent for officers to search the remainder of the home. During the search, Deputy Brumley and Trooper Dennis located two additional pistols and three long guns stored in a safe inside the bedroom.

Deputy Duncil was later informed that Martin was a convicted felon, making it illegal for him to possess any firearms. Martin was taken into custody without incident.

The case remains under investigation by the Clay County Sheriff’s Office and Kentucky State Police.

PLEA

From A1

labeling and distribution of these prescription drugs are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and they can only be legally acquired from an authorized and licensed distributor in the United States. Botulin toxin drugs available from unlicensed foreign suppliers are not authorized for use in the United States.

According to the company’s plea agreement, between August 2019 and August 2023, Facial Expressions purchased botulinum toxin type A drugs that were manufactured, packaged, and labeled for sale in Korea and/or Turkey, and thus were not authorized for use inside the United States by the FDA. Multiple customers experienced side effects linked to the botulinum injections that they received at Facial Expressions during this period. In total, these customers incurred additional medical expenses of at least \$24,369 to fix these side effects.

In addition to Facial Expressions’ guilty plea, Dr. Gill pleaded guilty to providing false information to the DEA. On August 4, 2021, she knowingly lied on a DEA form to renew her DEA registration number by stating that her license to practice dentistry had never been suspended, when in fact the Kentucky Board of Dentistry did suspend her license in October 2010.

“Patients should be able to trust that the clinics they go to for care are operating by the book, which includes the purchase of prescription drugs through safe, FDA-approved channels,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Paul McCaffrey. “When medical providers breach that trust, we will hold them accountable.”

“Medical professionals who obtain prescription drugs outside the legitimate supply chain put their unsuspecting patients at significant risk,” said Acting Special Agent in Charge Ronald Dawkins, FDA Office of Criminal Investigations Metro Washington Field Office. “We will continue to pursue and bring to justice those who put profit over patient safety and jeopardize the public’s health.”

Acting U.S. Attorney McCaffrey, FDA Acting Special Agent in Charge Dawkins, and Phillip J. Burnett, Jr., Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police (KSP), jointly announced the guilty plea.

The investigation was conducted by the FDA- Office of Criminal Investigations and KSP. Assistant U.S. Attorney Brittany Dunn-Pirio is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

Dr. Gill is scheduled to be sentenced on October 16. She faces up to four years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. However, any sentence will be imposed by the Court, after its consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal sentencing statutes.

LEGAL NOTICE

The second reading of the Clay County Fiscal Court Budget for FY 25-26 will be held Friday, June 27th at 1 p.m.

Stolen vehicle recovered, Feldman jailed, becomes violent

Police say they quickly recovered a stolen vehicle leaving a man facing several charges after police say he was found inside the vehicle and exhibited erratic behavior during and after his arrest.

Michael Feldman, 44, of 221 Main Street, was taken into custody Thursday at Alvin’s Gas Station after being located by Manchester Assistant City Police Chief Antonio Dodson. The vehicle Feldman was found in had been reported stolen by Tammy Barger.

According to police, Feldman became combative during the arrest, pulling away from Chief Dodson and exhibiting signs of intoxication.

Officers reported that Feldman had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and was manifestly under the influence.

After being transported to the Clay County Detention Center, Feldman’s behavior reportedly escalated. Authorities said he began hitting his head against a desk and jumping up and down, creating a hazardous situation for detention staff.

Feldman is charged with theft by unlawful taking of an automobile valued over \$10,000, public intoxication, disorderly conduct in the second degree, and menacing.

The case remains under investigation by the Manchester Police Department.

PROTEST

From A1

County voters.

The flyer for the event encourages attendees to bring protest signs, wear sunscreen, and “stand together” for human rights. The group promises to provide water and snacks to participants and urges people to “stand against fascists.”

The flyer also states it will be held at “the county clerk’s office” but it will actually be on the sidewalk in front of the administration building.

County Clerk Beverly Craft issued the following statement in regards to the protest.

“While they are certainly allowed to be there on the public sidewalk, I need to point out that the Clay County Clerk’s office is not part of the group organizing this event, nor a co-sponsor. I’ve been asked, so I just need to clarify.”

While the group may have enthusiasm, many locals are openly questioning the relevance — and reception — of such a demonstration in a town that overwhelmingly supports the very leaders KY Resist opposes.

“This is about the stupidest thing I’ve ever seen,” wrote Christine Couch Jackson of Paces Creek on social media. “Who in the world came up with this protest, and what are they even protesting?”

Deborah Fasciano of Lockard’s Creek was more direct: “Are you serious? I’m driving by to see the people I need to avoid. I can’t believe this crap is being brought here. What a disgrace!”

Others expressed similar sentiments, calling the protest “unnecessary” and “based on lies.”

James Allen of Manchester simply asked, “Whose stupid idea is this?”

Despite the criticism, some residents have taken a more measured tone. Chasity Sizemore of Manchester did not indicate whether she supported the protest’s message but said she appreciates that people are allowed to express their beliefs.

“I just wanted to add that I think it’s pretty awesome that if you feel strongly about something, our town allows people to express their feelings and beliefs, no matter how many people share that belief,” she wrote.

KY Resist’s protest in Manchester follows a similar event held in Middlesboro on June 20 and precedes a planned demonstration in London on July 5.

The local police department has not issued a formal statement about the upcoming protest, though organizers noted it will take place on public sidewalks and emphasized it will be nonviolent.

As one resident put it, “This group has the right to protest — but don’t expect a warm welcome.”

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