

Epperson named in federal indictment

Staff Report

This summer, Brian Epperson — already arrested for illegal drug possession — was wanted and faced multiple murder charges.

Seeking help in gathering additional media information, multiple news outlets were contacted.

Now, three months later, an additional update has been provided.

The Winchester Police Department last week sent the following press release, signed by Chief Travis Thompson.

"On June 27, the Winchester Police Department responded to the Red Roof Inn, 1100 Interstate Drive, for a welfare check on a female. Patrol officers located the female deceased in one of the rooms at that location, and a death investigation was initiated. Detective Sergeant Matthew Reed began overseeing the investigation. Since that time, Sergeant Reed and WPD staff have worked closely with Kentucky State Police, the Lexington DEA field office, Clark and Powell County Coroner's offices, and the 39th Judicial District Commonwealth's Attorney's Office of Powell County to thoroughly investigate deaths involving Brian Phillip



Brian Epperson

Epperson in multiple jurisdictions.

"After consultation with the United States District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, Central Division Lexington, on October 16, Sergeant Reed and a DEA task force officer testified before a federal grand jury in Lexington. As a result of these testimonies, Brian Phillip Epperson has been indicted on two counts of knowingly and intentionally distributing a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a schedule II controlled substance, the use of which resulted in the overdose deaths of two victims, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841 (a)(1) and (b)(1)(C). Each count will carry a minimum sentence of life in prison, if convicted. Mr. Epperson remains at the Clark County Detention Center and is now in federal custody.

"This has been a very long and in-depth investigation that required multiple resources, some outside of our capability. I am very thankful to our local, state, and federal partners at the Kentucky State Police, DEA, Coroner's offices, and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office for their assistance. I would also like to recognize Detective Sergeant Matthew Reed, who oversees our general investigations, for his hard work in a very complex, difficult case."

Winchester hosting Special Olympics championship

Press Release

The city of Winchester can proudly boast once more.

Jill Hamlin, executive director of the Winchester-Clark County Tourism Commission, addressed tourism partners in a press release.

"Dear Winchester-Clark County Tourism Partners, Winchester-Clark County Tourism extends heartfelt thanks to all our hotels, restaurants, local businesses, and attractions that make this community shine.

"Your hospitality, creativity, and commitment to excellence help visitors feel right at home and we have another exciting opportunity to showcase that hometown pride!

"On Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, Winchester will host the Special Olympics Kentucky State Flag Football Championship, welcoming athletes, coaches, families and fans from across the Commonwealth for an inspiring day of competition, camaraderie, and celebration.

"This event is about more than sports, it's about inclusion, teamwork and joy. Let's make sure every visitor feels that same welcoming spirit throughout our community."

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Tourism commission

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IDEAS TO SUPPORT AND ENGAGE

•Hotels: Offer "Champions' Rest" discounts, group rates, or goodie bags with local treats.

•Restaurants: Feature "Touchdown Team Meals" or "Victory Sunday" specials for athletes and families.

•Shops & Attractions: Display "Welcome Special Olympics Athletes!" signs, offer event-day discounts, or create photo ops with flags or football décor.

"Events like this bring meaningful visibility and pride to (the area) while

driving economic impact through lodging, dining, and shopping.

"Most importantly, they showcase our community's commitment to accessibility, kindness, and unity; values that make Winchester Always Original.

"If your business will offer a special promotion or activity during the championships, please share it with us! Winchester-Clark County Tourism will highlight local offerings across our marketing channels and social media platforms.

"Your continued partnership helps us create lasting impressions for every guest and together, we keep our community thriving, welcoming, and ready to shine with every event that comes."

Your COMMUNITY Your CALENDAR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

\$5 Draft Cider Pours: 4-10 p.m. Wise Bird Cider, 1170 Manchester Street, Suite 140. [www.facebook.com](#)

Celebrate Recovery: 7-9 p.m. Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Dr. Free. [calvarychristian.net](#)

Line Dancing!: 7:15-9:15 p.m. Bluegrass Ballroom, 4750 Hartland Parkway Suite 190. \$10.00. [www.bluegrassballroom.com](#)

Sound Healing for Rest & Relaxation with Amy Hudson: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Sound Healing Center of Lexington, 333 East Short Street, Suite 320. \$25.00. [soundhealingcenterlex.as.me](#)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

COMPOSITIONS IN COLOR: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Bank, 400 West Vine, 2nd and 3rd Floors. Free. [www.artconnectlex.org](#)

Cookin N Cocktails: 7-9 p.m. Imperial Court of Kentucky - Facebook Live, Free. [www.facebook.com](#)

Jack-o-lantern Trail: 6:30-10 p.m. McConnell Springs Park, 416 Rebmann Ln. \$6.00. [www.lexingtonky.gov](#)

Kids Eat Free at Little Fork: 4-10 p.m. Wise Bird Cider, 1170 Manchester Street, Suite 140. [www.facebook.com](#)

SAVOR THE WEEDS RADIO | Nishaan Sandhu of Nourish Mind Body Spirit | 93.9FM: 6-7 p.m. 93.9 FM RadioLEX, Free. [radiolex.us](#)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

12 Angry Jurors: 7-8:30 p.m. Lassiter Theater at Henry Clay High School, 2100 Fontaine RD. \$5.00. [linktr.ee](#)

Allocated Bourbon Pour Special: 4-10 p.m. Wise Bird Cider, 1170 Manchester Street, Suite 140. [www.facebook.com](#)

ART AND APPS - ART WALK: 4-6 p.m. Downtown. \$75.00. [www.artconnectlex.org](#)

Jack-o-lantern Trail: 6:30-10 p.m. McConnell Springs Park, 416 Rebmann Ln. \$6.00. [www.lexingtonky.gov](#)

Partner Event An Evening with Ebony G. Patterson: 6 p.m. Singletary Concert Hall, 405 Rose Street. [finearts.uky.edu](#)

Rise Up: a Tribute to Survivors: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza, 150 N. Limestone. Free.

Wildcat Thursday Comedy Showcase!: 8 p.m. Ethereal Public House, 102 w vine st. Free. [www.wildcatcomedy.co](#)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

12 Angry Jurors: 7-8:30 p.m. Lassiter Theater at Henry Clay High School, 2100 Fontaine RD. \$5.00. [linktr.ee](#)

Bedtime with the Broodmares: 7-8:30 p.m. Mareworthy Farm, Keene Rd. \$45.00. [www.mareworthy.com](#)

CHARLEY HARPER EXHIBIT: Birds and Beasts at Headley Whitney Museum of Art: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Headley Whitney Museum, 4435 Old Frankfort Park. \$10.00. [www.headley-whitney.org](#)

The Dinner Detective True Crime Murder Mystery Dinner Show - Lexington, KY: 7-9:30 p.m. Hilton Lexington/Downtown, 369 West Vine St. \$82.54. [eventvesta.com](#)

The Ghostlight Cabaret: 7-10 p.m. LexArts: Arts Place, 161 North Mill St.. \$25.00 - \$180.00. [www.voicesampd.org](#)

Jack-o-lantern Trail: 6:30-10 p.m. McConnell Springs Park, 416 Rebmann Ln. \$6.00. [www.lexingtonky.gov](#)

Lexington Career Fair: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hilton Lexington/Downtown, 369 West Vine St. [www.eventbrite.com](#)

PAL - Parents (and family) of Addicted Loved Ones - support group meeting: 6-7:30 p.m. Enrich, 110 South 2nd Street. Free.

Smashburger Lunch Deal from Little Fork: 12-4 p.m. Wise Bird Cider, 1170 Manchester Street, Suite 140. [www.facebook.com](#)

Sound Bath with Ronnie of Continuum Sound Healing in Cave: 6-7 p.m. Lexington Salt Cave, 309 N. Ashland Ave, Suite 180. \$55.00. [www.lexsaltcave.com](#)

Stand up Comedy open mic: 8-10:30 p.m. Ethereal Slicehouse, 401 S Limestone. Free. [www.wildcatcomedy.co](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

12 Angry Jurors: 7-8:30 p.m. Lassiter Theater at Henry Clay High School, 2100 Fontaine RD. \$5.00. [linktr.ee](#)

Art on the Town at the Farmers' Market: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Henry A. Tandy Centennial Park, 251 W. Main Street. Free. [www.facebook.com](#)

Bedtime with the Broodmares: 7-8:30 p.m. Mareworthy Farm, Keene Rd. \$45.00. [www.mareworthy.com](#)

Big Blue Tailgate: 12 p.m. The Rackhouse Tavern, 1375 S Broadway. Free. [www.therackhousetavern.com](#)

Brunch at Granddam with Free Valet Parking on Fridays: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Granddam at The Manchester, 941 Manchester St. \$15.00 - \$45.00. [granddamky.com](#)

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Drag me to the backyard: 7-9 p.m. Imperial Court of Kentucky - Facebook Live, Free. [www.facebook.com](#)

EKU Football vs Tarleton State | Homecoming: 3 p.m. CG Bank Field at Roy Kidd Stadium, Roy and Sue Kidd Way. \$10.00 - \$45.00. [ekusports.com](#)

Fall Family Fun Day at The Mansion: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Marriott Lexington Griffin Gate Golf Resort & Spa, 1800 Newtown Pike. Free. [www.facebook.com](#)

The Ghost Walk of Lexington: 8 p.m. Carnegie Center For Literacy, 251 W 2nd St. \$20.00. [marley-knockers-paranormal.square.site](#)

The Ghostlight Cabaret: 7-10 p.m. LexArts: Arts Place, 161 North Mill St.. \$25.00 - \$180.00. [www.voicesampd.org](#)

Intuitive Development Level I - 5 Class Series: 2-5 p.m. Lexington Salt Cave, 309 N. Ashland Ave, Suite 180. \$225.00. [www.lexsaltcave.com](#)

Jack-o-lantern Trail: 6:30-10 p.m. McConnell Springs Park, 416 Rebmann Ln. \$6.00. [www.lexingtonky.gov](#)

Lexington Firefighters Toy Program Car Show: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Frederick Douglass High School, 2000 Winchester Rd. Free. [www.facebook.com](#)

Mystery & Magic Market: 7-10 p.m. Creatures of Whim, 126 N Broadway. \$3.00 - \$5.00. [www.creaturesofwhim.com](#)

The Planet Series: Yoga Through the Cosmos: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. The Living Arts & Science Center, 362 N Martin Luther King Blvd. \$20.00. [www.brittanystrube.com](#)

Reiki Level 1 + Sound Bath Attunement: 12-4 p.m. The Sound Healing Center of Lexington, 333 East Short Street, Suite 320. \$111.00. [soundhealingcenterlex.as.me](#)

Sound Bath with Ronnie of Continuum Sound Healing in Cave: 9:30 p.m.-10:30 a.m. Lexington Salt Cave, 309 N. Ashland Ave, Suite 180. \$55.00. [www.lexsaltcave.com](#)

The Spirits of Holly Rood: 6-8 p.m. Holly Rood, 28 Beckner Street. \$7.00 - \$10.00.

Wiseguy's Murder Mystery: 8 p.m. Goodfellas Pizzeria & Wiseguy Lounge, 1228 Manchester Ave. \$41.54. [www.eventbrite.com](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

12 Angry Jurors: 2-3:30 p.m. Lassiter Theater at Henry Clay High School, 2100 Fontaine RD. \$5.00. [linktr.ee](#)

Aligning with Intuition: Tapping and Reiki for Inner Guidance with Sandy: 4-5 p.m. Lexington Salt Cave, 309 N. Ashland Ave, Suite 180. \$55.00. [www.lexsaltcave.com](#)

Carnegie Classics Wizard of Oz movie screening: 1:40 p.m. Kentucky Theatre, 214 E. Main St.. \$9.25. [carnegieceterlex.org](#)

CHARLEY HARPER EXHIBIT: Birds and Beasts at Headley Whitney Museum of Art: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Headley Whitney Museum, 4435 Old Frankfort Park. \$10.00. [www.headley-whitney.org](#)

Dark Circus Drag Brunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 21c Museum Hotel Lexington, 167 W. Main St.. \$35.00. [www.eventbrite.com](#)

Halloween Festival + Thriller Parade: 4:45-9 p.m. Downtown Lexington, Free. [www.lexingtonky.gov](#)

Outdoor Yoga: 9-10 a.m. Grounded All Day Cafe, 106 Burke Rd.. Free. [www.groundedalldaycafe.com](#)

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