

News Of Record

Circuit Court

Jan. 8, 1 p.m.
Jeremy Mattox, judge

Revoked

Johnnie Ann Adams, 60, of Frankfort, was ordered to serve out a five-year sentence for violating terms of his probation for first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container (misdemeanor) and attempted trafficking in a controlled substance (misdemeanor).

Trial date

Noah Floyd, 20, of Versailles, was scheduled to return for a jury trial on May 15 and 16 to face charges of first-degree robbery, first-degree wanton endangerment and intimidating a witness in a legal process.

District Court

Jan. 13
Bolton Bevins II, judge

Traffic

Speeding – State Traffic School : Megan Boggess; David Bryan; Calvin Fossitt; Shamsudeen Fusheini, combined with reckless driving, STS and \$55; Caroline Albrich, combined with reckless driving, STS and \$25; Methea Kunic; Jacob Ray. Alive at 25: Jalee Ashburn; Brandon Lowery. Remaining speeding guilties: Trenton Amos, \$30; Francisco Bello, combined with no license, \$132; David Bryan, \$55; Justin Farrell, \$55; Jose Quesada, \$55; Xaveryana Hutcherson, \$100; Edwar Perez, combined with no license, \$143; Antonio Soto, combined with no seat belt and no license in possession, \$95; Loren Parker, \$100; Luke Quire, \$100. D.U.I. – Justin Carpenter, \$200, four to six months license suspension, alcohol education; Jordan Stallard, \$200, four to six months license suspension, alcohol education; Robina Clark, \$200, four to six months license suspension, alcohol education; Jack Thornton, second offense, \$350, 12–16 months license suspension,

About News of Record:

The Woodford Sun reports on this page all traffic and misdemeanor fines in District Court; police reports released from the local or state police departments and sheriff's office; civil suits in Circuit Court; fire reports released by the city and county fire departments, and property transfers recorded in the county clerk's office.

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alcohol education, seven days.

D.U.I. under substance – Bruce Kurt, combined with failure to file an accident report, \$200, four to six months license suspension,, alcohol education.

Careless driving – Jake Eaves – Alive at 25.

Failure to file accident report – Jeffrey Burrell, \$50 and \$500 restitution.

No insurance – Richard Cox, combined with no license in possession, no seat belt, \$325; Joseph Hall, \$100; Brent Quinn, combined with speeding, no license, no registration, \$645.

No license – Robicala Delgo, \$100; Adolpho Escobar, combined with no registration, no seat belt, \$225.

No license in possession – Francisco Altomirano, \$50.

Police Reports

Versailles police investigated 46 non-injury accidents and five injury accidents during this period.

On Dec. 20, police responded to a leaving the scene of an accident on Paddock Drive, and another on MLK, Jr. Boulevard.

On Dec. 21, they made an arrest for D.U.I. on Lexington Road.

On Dec. 22, they responded to a domestic assault on N. Main Street.

On Dec. 23, they responded to the theft of a TL 8 Skidbasket Loader worth \$2,000 on Lacefield Street in Midway, a domestic

assault on Beasley Road, and a theft on Northside Drive in Midway.

On Dec. 24, they responded to a leaving the scene of an accident on Woodson Drive.

On Dec. 26, they responded to a leaving the scene of an accident on I-64.

On Dec. 28, they responded to a receiving of stolen property, a trailer values at \$4,000 on S. Main Street.

On Dec. 29, they responded to a theft from a vehicle of \$900 in cash on N. Main Street.

On Dec. 31, they responded to a leaving the scene of an accident on Pisgah Pike.

On Jan. 1, they responded to a leaving the scene of an accident on Abbey Road, a consuming alcohol in a public place, criminal trespassing and criminal mischief involving breaking a window on Molly Street, and made an arrest for D.U.I. of a substance and possession of marijuana on Big Sink Road.

On Jan. 3, they responded to a shoplifting of a 12 pack box of Twix candy and two cans of motor oil valued at \$50.52 on Lexington Road.

On Jan. 4, they made an arrest for public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and impersonating a peace officer on Old Clifton Road.

On Jan. 5, they responded to the burglary of a Craftsman power hammer and ratchet set valued at \$1,620.

On Jan. 9, they responded to an unlawful imprisonment on Pocahontas Trail, and the theft of \$285 in cash on Lexington Road.

Fire Reports

City

The Versailles Fire Department EMTs made 49 EMS calls and two fire inspection from Jan. 3 through Jan. 11, 2025.

On Jan. 3, firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide alarm on Lexington Street and another one on Flint Ridge.

On Jan. 4, they responded to a natural gas leak on Old Dry Ridge Road and a vehicle accident on Main Street.

On Jan. 5, they responded to a storm related downed power lines on Molly Street, School House Road and Bryanwood Drive.

On Jan. 6, they responded to arcing on shorted electrical equipment on Woodlawn Drive, a downed power line caused by the storm on Molly Road, and a smoke detector activation on Rose Ridge.

On Jan. 7, they responded to a gas leak on Berry Avenue.

On Jan. 9, they responded to a natural gas leak on MLK, Jr. Boulevard and a lock-out on Kingsway Drive.

On Jan. 11, they responded to an alarm activation on Industry Drive and one on U.S. 60, and a cooking fire on Ashmoore Avenue.

County

The Woodford County Fire Department made 12 EMS calls from Dec. 30 to Jan. 12, 2025.

On Dec. 30, they assisted the coroner on Red Wing Court, and responded to an injury vehicle accident on U.S. 60.

On Dec. 31, they responded to a false alarm on Steele Road.

On Jan. 1, they responded to an injury vehicle accident on Charmac Road.

On Jan. 2, they responded to a false alarm on Weisenberger Mill Road.

On Jan. 3, they responded to a carbon monoxide investigation on Dry Ridge Road.

On Jan. 4, they responded to a lock-out on Old Clifton Road.

On Jan. 5, they responded to a false alarm on Big Sink Road, an injury vehicle accident on Troy Pike and a non-injury accident on I-64, and a gasoline spill on Wells Lane, a tree down on a propane tank on McCracken Pike, and an electric line down on Briarwood Drive.

On Jan. 7, they responded to a lock-out on Pisgah Pike and one on Tim Tam Trail, and a semi-truck injury accident on I-64.

On Jan. 8, they responded to a smoke scare on Pinckard Pike, an injury vehicle accident on Huntertown Road, and vehicle accidents on Pinckard Pike and Delaney Ferry Road and Pinckard Pike.

On Jan. 10, they provided a coroner assist on Shetland Lane, and a gas odor on Hunters Ridge.

On Jan. 12, they responded to an injury accident with car fire on I-64, and an odor scare

on Turret Court.

Public Records

Suits

Patrick Caine v. Dustin Drury – action for damages caused in car wreck.

JPMorgan Chase Bank NA v. Mayra Martinez – action on account for \$8,029.41.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA v. Angela and James Albright – action on account for \$13,796.01.

Adam Manns v. Arien Champion – petition for custody and time sharing.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Company v. Beko US, Inc. and Pieratts, Inc. – subrogation claim for damages paid on products liability claim.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC v. Jason and Sondra Roberts – foreclosure for \$230,502.07.

Katie Glass v. Cody Lundergan – petition for divorce.

Deeds

Legends Development, LLC to Walker Taylor Property Development, LLC (Christopher Walker Taylor, member), 745 Azalea Lane, \$110,000.

Tina Cook and Adam F. Cook to C & J Holding Company, LLC (Chris Hooten, member), 608 Oxford Road, \$250,000.

Leah Denise McAllister and Jason Wayne McAllister to Justin Michael Wilson, 700 Flint Ridge Road, \$588,000.

Marcos P. Volpini and Liva M. Volpini to Zachary Miller and Janice Kay Miller, 466 Kuhlman Drive, \$422,000.

Nick Allen Ramsey and Andrea Taylor Ramsey to Margory Von Ebers and Mark Von Ebers, 3025 Rose Bud Road, \$475,000.

Charles Taylor and Kayleigh Taylor to Hannah Cowen, 344 Second Street, Midway, \$225,000.

William J. Routt and Rebecca Routt to Michael Kalani Kyoshi Carter and Amanda Becerril Galeana, 794 Marcella Street, \$261,000.

Magna Construction, LLC (Jarred K. Mcguire, member) to Gary Johnson and Christena Johnson, 209 Cross Street, Midway, \$525,000.

Rosemary Conrad to Roberta Teater Stinnett, 1595 Oregon Road, \$675,000.

Brian J. O'Neil to Jason McAllister and Leah McAllister, 1959 Carpenter Pike, \$570,000.

Watts Investments, LLC (Samuel C. Watts, manager)

to Connor Braxton Maxam, 408 Winterberry Court, \$319,000.

Ricky Robbins and Ashley Walton-Robbins to Ricky Earl Robbins and Ashley Anne Walton-Robbins, as trustees of the Walton Robbins Living Trust, 2009 Elmwood Drive, quitclaim deed.

Jonathan Carter, as administrator of the Warren J. Carter Jr. estate, to Rowan J. Laughheed and Erica Agnew, 115 Highview Drive, \$265,000.

Robert L. Wilson to Thomas Ashley Prall and Melanie A. Prall, as trustee of the Prall Family Revocable Trust, 217 Helmsley Lane, \$620,600.

Chad Swiger to Brian Reed Spencer, 417 Paddock Drive, quitclaim deed.

Robert E. Blankenship I and Myra W. Blankenship to Robert Christopher Meng and Deborah Ann Meng, 113D Rumsey Circle, \$432,500.

Blue Door Home Co. (David Montgomery, president) to Anne-Meri Hart, 119 Dan Drive, \$272,500.

Wanda Carol Newman to Larry Michael Newman, 362 Hillcrest Drive, \$1 and other consideration.

Douglas Gormon and Sabra Gormon to Courtney Maiden and Joseph Maiden, 438 Elliston Lane, \$330,000.

Mary Don Coyle to Coyle Brothers, LLC (John Paul Coyle, member), 527 Meadow Lane, other consideration.

KY Home Investors, LLC to Benezet Rentals II, LLC (Christopher J. Benezet, member), 408 Elm Street Heights, \$80,000.

Brittany Farms, LLC to Marvin Katz II, LLC (Marvin Katz, manager), 120,904 acres at 502 Kidds Mill Road, \$2,500,000.

George F. Spragens Jr. and Mary N. Spragens to Kory Michael Bays, Natalie Michelle Johnson-Bayes and Tony Bays, 402 Merrywood, Midway, \$249,000.

Amanda Marie Elkin and Jesse A. Wilkinson to Amy Lee Buchanan, 107 Oak Street, Midway, \$254,000.

Marriage Licenses

Gaye Daniels Barnard and John Page Schrader; Maria Valeria Gonzalez-Castro and Alejandro Renteria; Catherine Ann Cybriwsky and David Paul Buddendeck; Kristina Louise Thomas and Jordan Wayne Blankenship; Rhonda Marie Florian and Hugo Beltran; Cheyenne Raye Mullins and James David Irvin; Jennifer Ann Cochran and Chadd Allen Bishop.

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requested the Fiscal Court to either pause approval of in-family conveyances or adopt an outright moratorium. At its Nov. 21, 2023, meeting, the Fiscal Court declined to adopt either of the commission's requests.

Instead, it sent the issue back to the commission and asked it to consider the issue further, including holding a public hearing and obtaining further input from interested parties, and then make a policy recommendation.

The commission formed an advisory committee that met four times over the past year to analyze historical and contemporary data, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Fiscal Court discussions leading to the adoption of the in-family conveyance ordinances. This included substantial assistance from the Woodford County Geographic Information Services department and its director, Kenneth Johns.

Now, 14 months later, the commission has completed its required task and made a detailed recommendation.

In a Jan. 4, 2025, letter from Hunter to Kay, the commission provided a text amendment to the ordinance chapters that govern these conveyances. The proposed text amendments would significantly change rural land conveyance rules, including in-family types, allowed in the county if adopted by the Fiscal Court.

The Fiscal Court's ordinance committee met on Jan. 14, before the full court meeting, to begin reviewing the proposed text amendment with input and guidance from Woodford County Attorney Alan George, Johns and Hunter.

At the Jan. 14 Fiscal Court meeting, Kay said, "There is a lot in the (proposed text amendments) and we will need time as a court to responsibly analyze this, but there is also a sense of im-

mediacy," given that requests for in-family conveyances continue to be brought before the commission.

Magistrates Darrell Varner, Mary Ann Gill, Liles Taylor, and Jackie Brown discussed a variety of options, including a moratorium to allow more time to discuss the best way to deal with the issue, to ensure ample time and promotion for public input, and given the significance of the issue to a rural county with a major agri-economy, to make sure the court does what the "people of Woodford County want us to do," said Brown.

Gill added, "I encourage people to take a hard look at this and get us their input. The data and proposals are out there – you can go to the Planning Commission website or Facebook page to read the proposal, the detailed minutes (of the commission's Dec. 19 meeting), or a recording of its last meeting. But, we need to move on this as soon as possible." George outlined what would be required if the Fiscal Court chose to enact a moratorium. He explained an ordinance would be required and all of the formalities of enacting an ordinance would need to be followed, which could possibly cause even more delay in getting to a resolution.

Kay said the Fiscal Court will complete its study of the proposal at the next meeting of the ordinance committee on Jan. 28. Then, he said the public hearing would be held on Feb. 11, and, "We should be able to move pretty quickly after that."

Emergency Management Agency Director Drew Chandler briefed the Fiscal Court on the response to the major snow and ice storm that hit Woodford County on Jan. 4, with its impact lasting into this week.

Chandler said the Emergency Operations Committee held daily virtual briefings from Jan. 5 through Jan. 8 to

respond to the storm and manage the response in real time. In his update, he said daily live-stream briefings were held with more than 23,000 views. The county saw snow accumulation averaging over six inches and total ice accumulation of 0.63 inches. Approximately 10 percent of the county experienced a power outage. The need for warming stations was continually assessed, and the courthouse was kept open for the first two days of the storm.

Chandler also said his agency had documented storm damage costs of \$91,267, with some data yet to be gathered. The threshold for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant is \$130,000.

He went on to say the Woodford County Emergency Management Agency is engaged in its "after action and improvement" procedure to identify what went right and what needs to be improved on, and a further report will be made following that process.

Tracie Wright, operations director for Public Works, said residents could bring storm debris to the "burn pile" at Falling Springs from now until further notice.

Kay also requested approval from the court, which was unanimously given, to add two floating holiday leave days for every county employee who worked in dealing with the winter storm on Monday and Tuesday. This will need to be used during the 2025 fiscal year.

Courthouse internet service

The Fiscal Court accepted the recommendation of Chandler to enter into a three-year contract with Metronet for internet services at the courthouse. All agencies in the courthouse and annex use this system as well as members of the public. The total cost is \$25,740, or \$780 per month.

Promotion

On the recommendation of the human resources of-

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"Dad took a lot of pride in the Falling Springs project and what it has done for the community," youngest daughter Susan Tipton told the *Sun* following her dad's death. "My brother Michael and I used to take turns driving him out there for him to exercise and see how things were going."

Gormley also oversaw the merger of the Woodford County Police Department into the Versailles Police Department, which long-time County Attorney Alan George said had both supporters and detractors, "but history has shown it was a wise, innovative move, which has resulted in increased public safety and protection at a significant cost savings to the county." Besides having tremendous respect for the job that Gormley did as judge, George described him as "a good and decent" man.

"He was very cordial and went out of his way to help you in getting your job done, and really emphasized we were public servants who worked for the public," said Loren "Squirrel" Carl, who was appointed chief of the Woodford County Police Department prior to its merger into the VPD.

office, the court approved the promotion of Eleanor Green to animal control officer.

In memoriam

Fiscal Court acknowledged the recent deaths of long-time Road Department employee Donnie Crowe, who lost his long battle with an illness. Road Director Bo Wilson said, "Donnie was a great worker for the county, a good man, a strong man, a great friend."

Kay led a tribute to the recent passing of former Woodford County Judge-Executive Joe Gormley. County Attorney George talked

Equally proud of his years in Woodford County Schools and as Woodford County judge-executive, Gormley told the *Sun* in 2007 that school and public service, church and family were the cornerstones of his life.

"He loved his granddaughters and was so proud of them," said Fouser. "I remember one summer he and Ann took them to Florida. When they got back, he called me and said 'Nancy, did you know Callie (his granddaughter) is a great artist?'"

"... Joe just really understood kids and their talents."

After he graduated from Centre College in 1957, Gormley was offered and accepted a job as a recreational aide working with mental health patients at Kentucky State Hospital in Danville. After one summer, he accepted a job teaching elementary school students and coaching high school students in Harrodsburg.

He spent the next year in Louisville teaching and coaching at J. M. Atherton High School before returning to Versailles in 1959 to teach and coach.

"We lived in Louisville one year and we lived in Danville one year, and that was never home," Ann told the *Sun* in 2007. "He had to be back in Versailles," where

he had deep family roots.

Gormley was a seventh-generation descendent of Anthony Thompson and Thomas Henton II, who settled Woodford County in the 1780s. In the mid-1800s, his paternal great-grandparents Michael Gormley and Katherine Haney came from Ireland. Their families – the Gormleys and McGarveys – built the first Catholic church in Versailles.

"We've been around awhile," Gormley, who attended St. Leo School and graduated from Versailles High School in 1953, told the *Sun* in 2007 after losing the Versailles mayoral race.

Gormley said the people spoke with their votes when they reelected Fred Siegelman as mayor.

"You apply for a job – you get it or you don't," he said. "It's the people's job."

Ben Chandler, the publisher of the *Sun* who worked closely with him during his time in Congress while Gormley was county judge, said, "Dr. Gormley was a wonderful human being who contributed mightily to his home county. He was honest, honorable and will be sorely missed."

See page 5 to read Joe D. Gormley's obituary.

Scott White contributed to this story.

Falling Springs Center and the merger of the Versailles and Woodford County police departments.

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about Gormley's remarkable career, his passion for public service and how instrumental he was in the creation of the