



LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

- On Thursday, July 9, 2026, just after 7pm, Sheriff's Deputies and other first responder agencies were dispatched to reports of storm damage which impacted the City of Eddyville. Deputies, Officers, EMS, and Fire Department personnel assisted a family of four to safety after their RV overturned at a campground near the water park.

Multiple commercial building roofs were lifted off their respective buildings in downtown Eddyville. Trees and powerlines also came down as a result of the storm. Businesses and buildings on Fairview Avenue, West Dale Avenue, Main Street, Trade Avenue, Funway Drive, and Newman Drive were affected. Thankfully, there were no fatalities and no major injuries reported.

Approximately 16 businesses/buildings were impacted by damage from this storm which produced high winds, large hail, and significant rainfall. Most of the affected buildings remained closed on Friday as damage assessments and surveys were conducted. Clean-up and overhaul operations will continue in this area through next week.

- On Friday, July 10, 2026, just after 4:30pm, Deputy Josh Travis responded to a single vehicle collision on US641 approximately 2.5 miles north of Eddyville. His investigation revealed a 2018 Toyota Highlander, driven by Franklin T. Smith (78) of Horse Branch, was north bound on US 641 when a deer entered his path, resulting in a collision with his vehicle. There were no injuries reported in this accident.
- On Saturday, July 11, 2026, around 6:10pm, law enforcement agencies received a suspicious person report regarding a male subject looking in windows in the Eddyville area. A description of the vehicle the male was operating was provided to law enforcement. An officer with the Eddyville Police Department located the vehicle and later conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Another report provided to Deputy Sheriff Luke Fraley indicated a similar suspicious incident involving the same vehicle and suspect. The male subject was identified as James Carnett (41) of Bartlett, TN. He was arrested by a Kentucky State Police Trooper and charged with Reckless Driving, DUI-1st Offense, License to be in Possession, and

Possession of Controlled Substance-1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine).
Carnett was later lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

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