



## LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

- On Friday, January 9, 2026, around 11:21am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams was called to a collision in the parking lot of the courthouse. His investigation revealed 2018 Ford Fiest driven by Jackie Shawn (51) of Eddyville collided with a 2025 GMC Yukon driven by Alecia Williams (52) of Eddyville. No injuries were reported in the collision.
- On Sunday, January 11, 2026, around 9:30pm, Deputy Bobby Beeler arrested Robert E. Gaines, II (33) on a criminal complaint warrant from Lyon District Court. Gaines was the subject of an investigation which began in November of 2025 and was conducted by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office after complaints were received regarding a registered sex offender who was reportedly using aliases in social media accounts in violation of KRS 17.544.

Gaines, who resides on KY 819 (Sunnyside Loop), near Kuttawa, is a convicted sex offender from Livingston County, who is also a lifetime registrant on Kentucky's Sex Offender Registry. In this incident, he was charged with two counts of Sex Offender Registrant Social Media Identity Violation. Gaines faces a similar charge in Marshall County along with Possession of Marijuana. That case was investigated by the Marshall County Sheriff's Office in September of 2025 and is still pending in court. Gaines was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center and later posted a cash bond before being released. The Lyon County investigation is being led by Deputy Bobby Beeler.

- On Monday, January 12, 2026, beginning at 10:30am and continuing after 3:30pm, deputies arrested and served the following warrants on the listed offenders:
  - Michael M. Whitney (36) of Scottsville was charged with a Failure to Appear bench warrant from Bullitt Circuit Court as it pertained to a Fleeing/Evading Police and Wanton Endangerment case. Whitney awaits extradition back to Bullitt County.

- John R. Kingston (41) of Fredonia was charged with a Contempt of Court bench warrant from Lyon Circuit Court as it pertained to a Child Support case. Kingston was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
- Megan L. Sowders (37) of Bowling Green was charged with two Warren District Court bench warrants for Failure to Appear and Non-payment of Court Costs, Fees, or Fines as it pertained to two theft related cases. Sowders awaits extradition back to Warren County.
- On Tuesday, January 13, 2026, just after 8am, deputies served additional arrest warrants on Megan L. Sowders (37) of Bowling Green, who was still in custody. She was charged with two Warren District Court bench warrants, one for Failure to Appear in a theft case and another for Contempt of Court in a traffic case. Sowders awaits extradition back to Warren County.
- On Tuesday, January 13, 2026, just after 9am, deputies served two arrest warrants on Christina J. Griggs (49) of Hopkinsville. Griggs was the subject of two Failure to Appear bench warrants out of Muhlenberg District Court as they pertained to two DUI cases. Griggs awaits extradition back to Muhlenberg County.
- On Tuesday, January 13, 2026, just after 10pm, Deputy Bobby Beeler and Kentucky State Police Troopers responded to Panther Creek Road and located fugitive, Justin A. Kingston (35) of Kuttawa, hiding in a residence. He was arrested without incident and served with a McCracken District Court bench warrant for Contempt of Court in a domestic violence assault case. Kingston was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
- On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, around 3:45pm, Chief Deputy Sam Adams arrested Billy Ashley (78) of Kuttawa and charged him on an arrest warrant from Lyon District Court as it pertained to Violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO. Ashley voluntarily surrendered himself to the Sheriff's Office and was later lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center. The case was investigated by Chief Deputy Adams.
- On Thursday, January 15, 2026, around 3:17pm, deputies arrested Aurea E. Hernandez (31) of Tennessee, and served a Tennessee Parole Warrant upon her. Hernandez awaits extradition back to Tennessee.

- On Friday, January 16, 2026, around 2pm, Deputy Josh Travis arrested Fredy Anzures-Anzures (37), a citizen of Mexico, on a federal warrant for arrest of an alien based on a final proceedings order. Anzures-Anzures was released from state corrections custody on this date where he had been serving a state prison sentence. He was lodged in the Christian County Detention Center.
- On Friday, January 16, 2026, around 9:30pm, deputies and state troopers (KSP) were dispatched to a disturbance on Center Ridge Road in Southern Lyon County. Upon arrival, it was determined many of the involved parties had left the scene. Deputy Josh Travis later located a vehicle and involved occupants in Lamasco on KY 1097. The driver was determined to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages. Following an investigation, Kristy M. Cotton (48) of Eddyville was arrested by KSP and charged with DUI-1<sup>st</sup> Offense and Failure to Notify Transportation of Address Change. Cotton was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center. The investigation into the initial disturbance was conducted by Deputy Travis and no additional charges are expected at this time.

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