



LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

- On Monday, March 30, 2026, around 7:30am, Sheriff Brent White was dispatched to a two-vehicle collision on KY 1271 in the Eureka community. His investigation revealed a 2007 Chrysler 300, driven by Richard N. Thompson, Jr. (36) of Kuttawa, was west bound when his vehicle crossed the center line and collided in an angled/head-on collision with a 2005 Ford Expedition, driven by Helen M. Evans (45) of Kuttawa. Evans had just negotiated a curve when she observed the Thompson vehicle in her lane of travel. She attempted to take evasive action to avoid the collision but was unable to do so. Both drivers sustained minor injuries, and both refused medical transport at the scene.

Thompson was arrested by Sheriff White and charged with Reckless Driving and Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance-1st Offense. Thompson was later lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

Sheriff White was assisted on the scene by the Kuttawa Fire Department and the KYTC Department of Highways.

Note: see the attached mugshot of Thompson below.



Richard N. Thompson, Jr.

- The Sheriff's Office and County Road Department have received multiple reports of stolen road signs over the last few weeks. Sheriff Brent White said, "Not only do these thefts risk lives, they also rob funds from other line items in the county budget that could be better spent. If you know who is doing this, or where these signs are, please call 270.388.0911 or 270.388.2311. You may remain anonymous. This may be someone outside of our county as we have heard of similar incidents in at least one adjacent county." The Sheriff's Office reports the following number of signs stolen on the following roads in the last few weeks:

1-Bent Tree Lane
2-Birdie Bannister
1-Confederate Road
2-Cummins Lane
2-Horseshoe Bend
1-Indian Hills Trail
2-Lazy K Lane
2-Poplar Creek Road
1-Travis Road
1-Winchester Court & stop sign

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