



LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

- On Monday, August 10, 2026, just around 10am, Deputies served a Lyon District Court criminal summons on Stanley Puryear (61) of Eddyville. He was charged with seven (7) counts of Theft by Unlawful Taking. The case involves a period of time while Puryear was an employee of a local business. The case was investigated by Chief Deputy Sam Adams. Puryear is set to appear in Lyon District Court on August 19, 2026 to answer to these charges.
- On Tuesday, August 11, 2026, around 1:38pm, Sheriff Brent White observed a dump truck operating on KY 93 South with no license plate displayed to the rear of the vehicle. He attempted to stop the dump truck on KY 93 near KY 1055. The operator disobeyed multiple directives to stop and turned off KY 93 onto KY 1055 where he continued to disobey directives to stop. The dump truck finally stopped at an abandoned home on KY 1055 where the driver was taken into custody without further incident. He was identified as Maxx. T. Phebus (32) of Earlington. Phebus was charged with Improper Display of Registration Plates, Failure to or Improper Signal, Fleeing/Evading Police-1st Degree, Failure to Wear Seat Belts, and Driving on a DUI Suspended License-2nd Offense. Phebus was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center. Sheriff White was assisted by the Eddyville Police Department and Kentucky State Police.

Note: this is the second time in recent days Phebus has been arrested in Lyon County. In the early morning hours of 08/03/2026 he was arrested by Deputy Beeler after the same dump truck was found in a residential yard and Phebus was found passed out nearby.

- On Wednesday, August 12, 2026, just after 11:30am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams was dispatched to a two-vehicle, collision on KY 93 South. His investigation revealed a 2024 GMC Terrain, driven by Brian Fosse (47) of Princeton, was South and attempted to pass a slower moving vehicle in front of it. Fosse didn't realize a South bound 2018 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Garyth Thompson (50) of Eddyville, had already established the right-of-way when he attempted to pass the line of slower moving traffic, including Fosse's vehicle. The two vehicles sideswiped each other in the same direction. There were no injuries reported in the collision.

- On Wednesday, August 12, 2026 just before noon, Chief Deputy Sam Adams responded to a single-vehicle collision on KY 295 North. His investigation determined Michael Kessler (81) of Fredonia, was driving a GMC Envoy, South bound on KY 295 in the 3600 block, when a deer ran into his lane of travel. Kessler attempted to avoid a collision with the animal before losing control. Kessler's vehicle left the right shoulder, and collided with a concrete driveway corner before coming to rest in an embankment. He was transported by Lyon County EMS to an area hospital for his injuries. The Kuttawa Fire Department, Lyon County EMS, and KYTC Highway Department crews assisted Chief Deputy Adams at the scene.
- On Saturday, August 15, 2026, around 10:30pm, Deputy Luke Fraley was on patrol when he observed a golf cart operating on Buzzard Rock Road near KY 810 South. Deputy Fraley stopped the golf cart on KY 810 South and Chestnut Oak Road. The driver was identified as Michael H. Kissel (54) of Evansville, IN. Following a roadside investigation, Deputy Fraley arrested Kissel and charged him with DUI-1st Offense. Kissel was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

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