



LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

- On Sunday, August 16, 2026, around 3:15pm, Sheriff Brent White and Reserve Deputy Scott Wathen were dispatched to a vehicle submerged in Lake Barkley at the Kuttawa Springs/Lyon County Boat Ramp off Lake Barkley Drive (KY 295S). The investigation determined a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado High Country pickup truck had been backed down the ramp by Evan Hays (20) of Fulton. After parking the truck on the boat ramp, Hays returned to the courtesy dock to load his personal watercraft. When he got to the dock, he observed his pickup truck rolling backwards into the water. The truck and trailer submerged approximately 60 feet from the shoreline. The Lyon County Water Response Unit's dive team assisted Stinnett's Towing with recovering the vehicle and trailer. No injuries were reported in the incident.
- On Monday, August 17, 2026, around 7:25am, Sheriff Brent White responded to KY 274 approximately ten miles South of Eddyville for a single vehicle, injury collision. The investigation determined a 1997 Nissan Maxima, driven by Benjamin M. Pawlowski (20) of Rockcastle, was Northwest on KY 274 when the driver failed to negotiate a curve. Pawlowski dropped his passenger side wheels off the pavement before overcorrecting, going across both lanes of travel, leaving the opposite shoulder, impacting a ditch, and coming to final rest head-on with a tree. Pawlowski complained of head pain but declined medical transport from the scene. The Eddyville Fire Department and Lyon County EMS assisted Sheriff White at the scene.
- On Monday, August 17, 2026, just after 3pm, Deputies served a Bullitt Circuit Court bench warrant on Michael M. Whitney (37) of Scottsville. Whitney previously failed to pay or appear in court regarding a fleeing/evading police and wanton endangerment case. Whitney awaits extradition back to Bullitt County.
- On Monday, August 17, 2026, just after 4pm, Deputy Bobby Beeler responded to a two-vehicle, injury collision on US 62 West at KY 810 South. His investigation revealed a 2017 Chevrolet Colorado, driven by Ethan D. Day (21) of Kuttawa, was on KY 810 South at the US 62 intersection when he failed to yield the right-

of-way, and pulled into the path of an East bound 2023 Nissan Altima, driven by James W. Davidson (60) of Smithland. Day's and Davidson's vehicles collided on US 62. Davidson was transported by Lyon County EMS to an area hospital for evaluation of his injuries. The Kuttawa Fire Department, Eddyville Fire Department, Eddyville Police Department, Kentucky State Police, and Lyon County EMS assisted Deputy Beeler at the scene.

- On Tuesday, August 18, 2026 around 8:11am, Deputies arrested Adam Jimenez (55) of Far Rockaway, NY and served him with a Campbell Circuit Court indictment warrant charging him with Engaging in Organized Crime. Jimenez will remain in a state corrections facility where he awaits extradition back to Campbell County to face this charge.
- On Friday, August 21, 2026, around 8:20pm, Deputy Luke Fraley located Melissa K. Hinchee (52) of Paducah at a Kuttawa business and arrested her for being a Fugitive from Justice from Dyer County, TN. Hinchee failed to appear in court for a 2017 DUI-related case. Hinchee was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center where she awaits extradition proceedings.

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