



LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

- On Sunday, August 2, 2026, just before 9:30pm, Kentucky State Police reported a vehicle on I-24 driving at an excessive speed. Deputy Bobby Beeler and a State Trooper made contact with the 2026 Hyundai on I-24 west bound near the 40-mile marker. Deputy Beeler arrested the operator, Sandera L. Reyes-Valenzuela (36), of Granite City, IL and charged her with No Operator's License and Speeding. She was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center and later transported to the Christian County Jail due to an ICE detainer.
- On Sunday, August 3, 2026, around 2am, Deputy Bobby Beeler was dispatched to suspicious incident on KY 730 West. A resident called dispatch to report a dump truck in the yard of neighbor whom he believed to be in the hospital and not at home. Upon arrival, Deputy Beeler located the dump truck with a man passed out. The man was identified as Maxx T. Phebus (32) of Madisonville. He was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespassing-3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief-2nd Degree, Alcohol Intoxication, and Possession of Open Alcoholic Beverage Container in Motor Vehicle. Phebus was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
- On Monday, August 3, 2026, around 3pm, the Eddyville Police Department and Lyon County Sheriff's Office responded to a call regarding a subject who had left Circuit Court and who was driving a Nissan Titan pickup truck on a suspended operator's license. The vehicle and its operator were located on West Dale Avenue. The driver was identified as Brandon S. Ausherman (35) of Cadiz. He was arrested by Sheriff Brent White and charged with Improper Registration Plate (for having a plate on a vehicle in which it was not assigned), No Insurance-2nd Offense, No/Cancelled Registration Receipt, No/Cancelled Registration Plate, Operating on a Suspended or Revoked Operator's License, and Possession of Controlled Substance-2nd Degree. Ausherman was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

- On Monday, August 3, 2026, around 6:30pm, Deputy Bobby Beeler located Elizabeth L. Wright (24) of Eddyville. She was arrested on a McCracken District Court bench warrant for Failure to Appear as it pertained to a Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card case. She later posted a cash bond and was released from custody.
- On Tuesday, August 4, 2026, around 10:42am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams responded to a two-vehicle, injury collision on KY 93 at the KY 293/KY 1055 intersection. His investigation revealed that Valerie P. Travis (68), of Eddyville, was driving a 2013 Ford Edge, crossing KY 93 from KY 1055 when she failed to yield the right of way and pulled into the path of a 2014 Ford F150, driven by Paxton T. Riley (27), of Marion, who was north bound on KY 93 South. Travis had to be extricated from her vehicle by the Eddyville Fire Department. She was later air-lifted to an area hospital due to her injuries. Riley was transported by private vehicle to an area hospital for his injuries. The Eddyville Fire Department, Caldwell County EMS, and Air Evac assisted Chief Deputy Adams with this collision.
- Beginning on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 and continuing until Friday, August 7, 2026, Sheriff's Deputies served arrest warrants on the following offenders:
 - James M. Bowles (45) of Clarksville, TN, was served with a Todd Circuit Court indictment warrant charging him with Harassing Communications, Tampering with Physical Evidence (2 counts), Rape-3rd Degree, Sodomy-3rd Degree, Unlawful Transaction with a Minor-1st Degree, Unlawful Transaction with a Minor-2nd Degree, Procurement or Promoting Use of a Minor by Electronic Means, and Persistent Felony Offender-I. Bowles awaits extradition back to Todd County.
 - Tiffany Wilson (38) of Strunk was served with two (2) Whitley Circuit Court indictment warrants charging her with Tampering with Physical Evidence, Possession of Controlled Substance-1st Degree (Methamphetamine) and Promoting Contraband-1st Degree. Wilson awaits extradition back to Whitley County.
 - Dylan Bracey (36) of Owensboro was served with a Daviess Circuit Court indictment warrant charging him with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument-1st Degree. Bracey awaits extradition back to Daviess County.

- On Friday, August 7, 2026, around 9pm, Deputy Luke Fraley arrested Wayne P. McGee (80) of Eddyville and charged him on a warrant for Violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO. The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the McCracken County Sheriff's Office and requested to serve a McCracken District Court complaint warrant on McGee related to an incident their agency had investigated. McGee was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
- On Saturday, August 8, 2026, just before 7:30pm, Deputies Bobby Beeler and Luke Fraley, along with Kentucky State Police, conducted an investigation in Suwanee at a storage facility. The Sheriff's Office had received a drug trafficking complaint at this location and had conducted surveillance at this location before making contact with Amanda H. Deaton (46), of Kuttawa. A search of a storage unit rented to Deaton was conducted and evidence was seized by the Sheriff's Office. Deaton was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance-1st Degree, (Methamphetamine) and Drug Paraphernalia-Buy/Possess. She was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
- On Saturday, August 8, 2026, around 9pm, Deputies Bobby Beeler and Luke Fraley received a complaint from Kentucky State Police regarding a subject, who was intoxicated, operating a black truck and trying to load a boat upon a trailer, near Barkley Dam. Deputy Beeler located the vehicle traveling east on US 62 West in Kuttawa and after observing it operating recklessly, he stopped the vehicle on Mary Blue Road. Deputy Beeler was met with resistance by the driver upon contact with him. Deputy Fraley and an Eddyville Police Department Officer arrived on the scene and assisted Deputy Beeler in arresting the driver and an intoxicated passenger.

The driver was identified as Cody R. Helton (31) of Paducah. He was charged with No Operator's License, DUI-2nd Offense, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Open Alcoholic Beverage Container in Motor Vehicle. His passenger was identified as Katlynn R. Cutshall (28) of Princeton. She was charged with Alcohol Intoxication in a Public Place-1st or 2nd Offense and HALO Law Violation for attempting to interfere in the arrest of the driver. Both Helton and Cutshall were lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

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