



## LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

1. On Monday, January 10, 2022, around 12:55pm, Deputy Seth P'Pool arrested Colin E. Herndon (26) of Eddyville after he drove to the Courthouse and later to the Public Library with a license which was suspended for a previous DUI conviction and with registration plates which were cancelled by the KY Transportation Cabinet for Failure to Maintain Insurance on the 2008 BMW SUV he was operating.

Herndon was charged with Driving on a DUI Suspended License-1<sup>st</sup> Offense, Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance-1<sup>st</sup> Offense, and No Registration. Herndon was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

2. On Monday, January 10, 2022, around 7:39am, Deputy Seth P'Pool was dispatched to a hit/run collision at the Huck's Travel Center in Kuttawa. His investigation revealed a white, 1999 Ford F150 operated by an unknown driver was backing out of a parking spot when it collided with a parked and unoccupied 2017 Lincoln MKZ owned by Michael Fish (51) of Benton. The Ford F150 fled the scene according to witnesses at the scene. If anyone has information concerning this incident, they are asked to contact the Lyon County Sheriff's Office at (270) 388-2311 or [www.lyonsheriff.com/report-a-crime.html](http://www.lyonsheriff.com/report-a-crime.html).
3. On Monday, January 10, 2022, around 4:40pm, Deputy Joe Witherspoon investigated a two vehicle, non-injury collision on US 62 at the intersection with Outlet Avenue. His investigation revealed a 2020 Ford Escape, driven by Christopher Skinner (49) of Madisonville was stopped in traffic at the stoplight while East bound. A 2010 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Sara Gray (18) of Princeton was also East bound when she rear-ended the Skinner vehicle. No injuries were reported in the collision.

4. On Tuesday, January 11, 2022, around 2:30pm, Sheriff Brent White responded to a reckless driving complaint on US 62 East. He located the vehicle, a 2000 Chevrolet pickup truck, driven by Fredrick O. Riley (60) of Princeton. Riley was stopped on Commerce Street in Eddyville. He was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia-Possession, and Possession of an Open Alcohol Container in a Motor Vehicle. Riley was cited to court for these offenses.
  
5. On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 3:21am, Lyon County Sheriff's Office personnel, Deputy Joe Witherspoon, Chief Deputy Sam Adams, and Sheriff Brent White responded to a robbery complaint at the BP station on Days Inn Drive in Kuttawa. The investigation revealed an unidentified white male came into the convenience store and attempted to make a purchase. During the transaction, the suspect committed a strong-armed robbery of the clerk and fled the store with an unspecified amount of cash before getting into a gray or silver passenger car and fleeing on US 62. The suspect was wearing a black or dark color, hooded sweatshirt and was standing about 5'09" or taller. If anyone has information concerning this robbery, you are asked to contact the Lyon County Sheriff's Office at (270) 388-2311 or [www.lyonsheriff.com/report-a-crime.html](http://www.lyonsheriff.com/report-a-crime.html).
  
6. On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 9:10am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams arrested Troye W. Burris (29) of Kuttawa in Eddyville on West Dale Avenue. Burris was the subject of a Bench Warrant from Logan District Court for Failure to Appear as it pertained to traffic related misdemeanor offenses.
  
7. On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, around 4:45pm, Chief Deputy Sam Adams and Deputy Keith Suits were in the Kuttawa area following up on the earlier robbery complaint when they observed a 2017 Nissan Rogue driving recklessly in the parking lot of the Huck's Travel Center. Chief Deputy Adams attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle; however, it accelerated and turned onto US 62 East bound. With the assistance of Deputy Keith Suits, Deputy Adams was able to stop the vehicle just East of the I-24 interchange. The driver was identified as Michael L. Melton (48) of Gilbertsville. He was found to be in possession of a large amount of Methamphetamine in the vehicle.

Further investigation revealed Melton had two passengers in the vehicle when he arrived at the Huck's Travel Center. One of these subjects was located and identified as James T. Harrell (33) of Calvert City. The second passenger was not located. Melton was arrested and charged with Reckless Driving, Failure to Signal, Failure to Wear

Seat Belts, No Insurance, Trafficking in a Controlled Substance-1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Methamphetamine > 2 grams), and Fleeing/Evading Police-1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Harrell was also arrested and charged with Trafficking in a Controlled Substance-1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Methamphetamine > 2 grams). Both subjects were lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

8. On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, around 10pm, Deputy Keith Suits arrested James L. Berry (33) of Marion and charged him on a McCracken County Bench Warrant for Failure to Appear in court as it pertained to an assault case. Berry was able to post bond and was subsequently released.
9. On Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 8:27am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams charged Michael J. Hulak (34) of Louisville with a warrant for being a Fugitive from Another State. Hulak is wanted in Indiana for auto theft, a felony drug offense, false informing, and DUI. He is lodged in the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex.
10. On Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 9:23am, Chief Deputy Adams charged Tosha Miller (36) address unknown, with a warrant for being a Fugitive from Another State. Miller is wanted in Texas for a felony indictment charging her with felony drug and tampering offenses. She is lodged in the Ross-Cash Correctional Complex.
11. On Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 10:55am, Chief Deputy Adams charged Victoria L. Fischer (46) of Indiana, with a warrant from Switzerland County, Indiana for felony offenses of Possession of Methamphetamine, Maintaining a Common Nuisance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She is lodged in the Ross-Cash Correctional Complex.
12. On Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 11:11am, Chief Deputy Adams served an Indictment Warrant from Harlan County Circuit Court on Lona M. Griffie (40) of Whitesburg charging her with multiple drug related offenses, tampering with evidence, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and being a persistent felony offender in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree. In addition, Griffie was also charged on a Pike County District Court Bench Warrant for Failure to Pay. Griffie is lodged in the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex.

13. On Thursday, January 13, 2022, around 5:45pm, Deputy Keith Suits and a Kentucky State Police Trooper observed a subject known to have a warrant at a business on Broadway in Eddyville. During this arrest, officers saw another subject who also had a warrant and detained both subjects. Further investigation revealed Samuel D. Ritter (48) of Kuttawa was arrested on an Indictment Warrant from Lyon Circuit Court charging him with Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

Melissa L. Appleby (40) of Dawson Springs attempted to hide from officers but was also arrested and charged on a Failure to Appear Bench Warrant from Lyon Circuit Court. In addition, she was also charged with Trafficking in a Controlled Substance-1<sup>st</sup> Degree (> 2 grams of Methamphetamine), Drug Paraphernalia-Possession, and Possession of Marijuana. Both subjects were lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

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***Approved by: Sheriff Brent White***