



## LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

1. On Monday, December 13, 2021, at 1:15pm, Deputy Joe Witherspoon and Sheriff Brent White responded to a complaint of a vehicle in the roadway facing the opposite direction in Old Eddyville on Lakeshore Drive. A sheriff's deputy assisting the county with storm related incidents found the vehicle parked in a dangerous location in the wrong lane of travel on the street. Further investigation led to the vehicle's two occupants being charged with Trafficking in Marijuana-1<sup>st</sup> Offense, Firearm Enhanced and Drug Paraphernalia-Possession. Multiple containers of marijuana, cash, and firearms were seized. The offenders were identified as follows:
  - Alice R. Morrison (61) of Clarksville, IN
  - Mischelle M. Talley (60) of Clarksville, IN
2. On Monday, December 13, 2021, at 7:19pm, Deputy Keith Suits arrested Chance T. Willis (22) of Eddyville and charged him on a warrant from Caldwell District Court where he failed to appear on a Forgery case. He was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.
3. On Monday, December 13, 2021, at 7:54pm, Deputy Seth P'Pool arrested Rayford McCrae (60) of Visalia, CA on an indictment warrant from Lyon Circuit Court charging him with Trafficking in Marijuana >5lbs. and Drug Paraphernalia-Possession. McCrae is lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
4. On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 5:20am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams and Deputy Joe Witherspoon responded to a disturbance call on Indian Hills Trail. Following their investigation, Deputy Adams arrested Diane M. Ballard (62) of Eddyville, as she was trying to leave the area. She was charged with Public Intoxication and Menacing. Ballard was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

5. On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 2:26pm, Chief Deputy Sam Adams served an indictment warrant from Lyon Circuit Court on William D. Hammons (51) of Kuttawa charging him with Wanton Abuse/Neglect of an Adult by a Person. Hammonds remains lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
6. On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 12:45pm, Deputy Joe Witherspoon responded to a theft complaint in the City Limits of Kuttawa. The investigation revealed a victim inadvertently dropped their wallet in a Kuttawa business and it was then stolen by another patron of the business. Deputy Witherspoon collected evidence, identified the offender, and petitioned District Court for an arrest warrant for the suspect.
7. On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:25pm, Deputy Keith Suits conducted a traffic stop on a 2022 Freightliner on US 62 East. The driver, Jarmone M. Hyde (44) of Union City, TN was arrested for Operating a Commercial Vehicle while his CDL was Suspended, and for Display/Possession of a Cancelled or Fictitious Operator's License. Hyde was the listed suspect in the earlier theft investigation in Kuttawa, investigated by Deputy Witherspoon, and Deputy Suits located the stolen wallet in Hyde's possession at the time of his arrest.

Hyde was also charged on a complaint warrant from Lyon District Court for Theft by Unlawful Taking \$500 - \$1,000, and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card (Attempt) as it pertained to Deputy Witherspoon's investigation. Hyde was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

8. On Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 1am, Deputy Keith Suits responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint near Exit 40 on I-24. Upon arrival, he spoke with William G. Duckworth, Jr. (26) of Lake Park, GA. Further investigation revealed the 2000 Ford truck Duckworth was operating did not have any registration, nor insurance. In addition, Duckworth was found to have concealed approximately 20 psychedelic mushrooms in the vehicle. Duckworth was arrested and charged with Trafficking in Controlled Substance-1<sup>st</sup> Degree, No Registration Plates, and No Insurance. He was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
9. On Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 11:30am, Sheriff Brent White arrested Nichole E. Buckingham (43) and Scott R. Pakkala (46), both of Grand Rivers, and charged them with Theft by Unlawful Taking - \$1,000 - \$10,000 in value. The arrests were the culmination of a theft investigation in the Suwanee community which began in November. Both subjects were lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

10. On Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 8:42am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams took a report of a lost or stolen firearm from a home which was destroyed in the tornado affected area of the county. It is unknown at this time if this item has been stolen or if it was picked up in the storm and deposited as debris.
  
11. On Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 12:07pm, Sheriff Brent White took a report of a stolen flat-screen TV and components from a home which was destroyed in the tornado affected area of the county. The stolen items were known to be in the home on December 15<sup>th</sup> and found to be stolen on this date. If anyone has information about this looting crime, you are asked to contact (270) 388-2311. You may remain anonymous.
  
12. On Sunday, December 19, 2021, at 4:54pm, Deputy Keith Suits and Deputy Joe Witherspoon were given a complaint of a fugitive from justice who was supposed to be in the Eddyville area. Deputy Witherspoon located the suspect's vehicle as it pulled up at the FiveStar convenience store in Eddyville. As he approached the vehicle, the fugitive exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Deputy Witherspoon gave chase around the rear of the building. The offender was identified as Mark A. McKenzie (44) of Eddyville. He was the recipient of a Taser deployment, the first of which was not effective, and the second of which stopped the resistance and allowed McKenzie to be taken into custody without further incident.

A search of McKenzie's person revealed suspected Methamphetamine and paraphernalia. He was charged with Fleeing/Evading Police-1<sup>st</sup> Degree (on foot), Resisting Arrest, Possession of Controlled Substance-1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense (Methamphetamine), and Drug Paraphernalia-Possession. In addition, he was served a complaint warrant from McCracken District Court for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Criminal Mischief-1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Driving without a License/Negligence in Accident, No Insurance, Trafficking in Controlled Substance-1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense (Methamphetamine), Possession of Marijuana, and Drug Paraphernalia-Possession. McKenzie was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

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