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Date: September 17, 2020

Reference: Arrest in Robbery Incident in Southern Lyon County

(Confederate, KY)

On September 12, 2020 at 1:53pm, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office and Kentucky State Police were called to a reported armed robbery approximately 9 miles south of Eddyville. The initial 911 dispatch indicated there was a white male who entered the Molloy's Korner convenience store wearing a sweatshirt hoodie and armed with a knife. The offender demanded cash from the clerk. During the robbery, a brief struggle occurred whereby the offender attempted to stab/cut the clerk.

Upon the arrival of Sheriff's Deputies Joe Witherspoon and Seth P'Pool, along with Troopers from the Kentucky State Police, the offender was unable to be located as he had already fled the scene on foot toward KY 274, South of the business location. Law enforcement officers spread out in the area but were unable to locate the offender at that time.

Between September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> deputies with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office continued their investigation and by canvassing the area of the robbery in an attempt to identify the offender.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, deputies were able to identify a male suspect who had been visiting friends in the area over the past week. In addition, Deputies Sam Adams and Seth P'Pool located and seized evidence related to the robbery off Driftwood Drive while searching for the suspect.

At or about 4pm, Deputies Adams and P'Pool located the suspected offender and detained him initially on traffic offenses. He was brought to the Sheriff's Office for questioning. Following an interview conducted by Deputy Joe Witherspoon, the offender was arrested and charged in connection with this case.

The offender was identified as Paul S. Franks (59) of Kuttawa. He was arrested and charged with Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Tampering with Physical Evidence. Franks was previously convicted in McCracken County of Burglary-2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment-1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Assault, Terroristic Threatening, and Violation of EPO/DVO. In addition, he has a previous history of numerous alcohol related offenses and bail jumping in other counties.

The offender was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center by the Lyon County Jailer.

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See photo attached.

