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Benjamin Crofts, one of four suspects in a recent home invasion and shooting incident, has been taken into custody. (Click or tap [HERE](#) to read our original news story) According to Sheriff Joe Guy, a joint investigation and operation by the Sheriffs Office, the Athens Police Department, and Drug Task Force with assistance from the Cleveland Police Department and Athens Fire Department, Benjamin Crofts, of Pennsylvania Avenue in Etowah, was taken into custody after an extended stand-off and search at a residence on Ohio Street in Athens on Monday night. Crofts was booked into the McMinn County Jail at 9:22 p.m. Monday night and charged with aggravated robbery and resisting stop. His bond was set at \$80,000.




Community News You Can Use

- The VFW Auxiliary is hosting Trunk or Treat at the VFW in Athens on Saturday, October 26 from 4-6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures: Madison Avenue from Hill Street to Green Street, Washington Avenue from Church Street to Green Street, Hornsby Street from Church Street to Green Street, White Street from College Street to Bank Street, N. Jackson Street from College Street to Highway 30, Long Street from Washington Avenue to Madison Avenue, and Baxter Street from Washington Avenue to Highway 30. These closures will be from Friday, October 11 at 4:00 p.m. until Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this closing is for the 2024 Pumpkintown Festival. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

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Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Larry Leon Stovall, 75, born in Etowah, passed away on Monday, September 23. He attended J.L. Cook and McMinn High Schools. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. Larry hosted many gatherings over the years. The family will rest his vessel, Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am at New Zion Cemetery in Etowah, TN. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Juanita Overstreet Powers, 91 of Niota, passed away on Saturday, September 28, peacefully in her home. She was a dedicated member of the First Baptist Church of Niota. A graveside service and interment will be held today, 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 1st at Webb Cemetery in Madisonville. Arrangements by Bierley-Hale Funeral Home, Madisonville.

Joyce Ward, 80, of Englewood, TN, passed away on Saturday, September 28. She was a member of the Conasauga Baptist Church. She loved to cook and was a talented seamstress. Graveside service will be held at 1:00p.m., Thursday, October 3 in Cambria Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Geeldah Webb Vicars, 83, passed away peacefully surrounded by all three of her children on Sunday, September 29. She served as the principal at Amherst School in Knox County school system and also taught special education at Mountain View Elementary School in Etowah. She was a member of Antioch Baptist and First Baptist of Athens. A funeral service will be conducted at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 2 in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home. Interment will be at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 3 at McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 3:00-6:30 pm Wednesday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Geeldah Webb Vicars.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

Roy Jackson, 56 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond; \$1,920.45

Douglas Nichols, 40 of Spring City, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$8,000.

Rufus Collier, 58 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication. No Bond.

Tyreek Moss, 19 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Reckless Endangerment, Evading Arrest, Speeding, and Driving without Due Care. No Bond Reported.

Tandy King, 47 of Calhoun, was arrested by the MCSO for Assault and Vandalism. Total Bond: \$4,000

Brandon Rickheim, 28 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication. Total Bond: \$1,500.

Steven Wattenbarger, 29 of Etowah., was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl for Resale. No Bond.

Dorman Ross, 57 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Filing False Reports. No Bond.

Tony Buckner, 57 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Four Counts of Shoplifting - Theft of Property. Total Bond: \$7,000.

Danielle Swafford, 23 of Riceville, was arrested by the MCSO for Vehicular Homicide. Total Bond: \$63,000.

Cindy Johnson, 42 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$725.40

Anthony Gossett, 33 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Aggravated Criminal Trespass. Total Bond: \$3,000.

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The preceding information was compiled from public sources.



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