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Monroe County Murder Suspect in Custody



A man wanted for nearly a month in connection with the murder of Steven Douglas Lloyd in Monroe County, Tennessee, has been arrested. Nicholas Wayne Hamlett was taken into custody Sunday at a hospital in Columbia, South Carolina, after a staff member recognized him and contacted police.

According to the Columbia Police Department, a responding officer also identified Hamlett, and his identity was later confirmed using a fingerprint scanner provided by the University of South Carolina Police Department. Hamlett is now in the custody of the Carolinas Regional Fugitive Task Force. Authorities are coordinating his extradition to Tennessee. Hamlett had been on the run since October 18, when he called 911,

posing as "Brandon Andrade," and claimed to be an injured hiker who had fallen off a cliff while fleeing from a bear. Responding officers found a body near the reported location. However, the deceased was not Andrade but Lloyd, a 34-year-old Knoxville man who had struggled with mental health issues and experienced homelessness. Lloyd's identification, which had been reported stolen, were found on his body. Witnesses from a Knoxville shelter identified Lloyd as someone who had been in the area in the weeks leading up to his death, describing him as quiet and respectful.

Investigators believe Hamlett befriended Lloyd to gain his trust, ultimately stealing his identity. Hamlett allegedly used Lloyd's identity multiple times before the murder.

The case remains under investigation as authorities work to uncover additional details surrounding Lloyd's death. *Source: [WBIR](#)*

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Obituaries

Joyce Casteel, 81, of McMinn County went to be with the Lord on November 8. She was a longtime member of Valley Road Baptist Church. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 13 from 4-7 pm at Valley Road Baptist Church in Athens. The funeral service will follow at 7 pm. A graveside service will be held Thursday, November 14 at 11 am at the Valley Road Baptist Church Cemetery in Athens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

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

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Veterans Day Parade



The [Mountain Valley BSM](#) (Blue Star Mothers) were part of the Veterans Day parade in downtown Athens on Saturday. After the parade the Blue Star Mothers turned around and met at the VFW and stuffed 200 Christmas stockings for local troops who are currently deployed. The BSM are mothers, stepmoms, grandmothers, foster moms,

and female guardians who have children serving in the military or children who are veterans. They support each other and their children while promoting patriotism. They meet monthly on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10 am at the Monroe County VFW. To view Saturday's Veterans Day Parade, click [HERE](#) for coverage from Josh Boggess of [Boggess Videography](#)

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High School Football Playoffs By Sam Goodin

McMinn County (6-5) vs Clinton (3-8)

Final: **Cherokees – 38** — Dragons – 14

McMinn's district face-off against Clinton was a strong, much-needed win for the Cherokees. They will advance to the second round of playoffs on Friday.

Passing: Cherokees: Lawson 4/12 for 103 Yds, 1 Td, 1 Int.
Clinton: 152 Yds

Rushing: Cherokees: Dyer 12 carries for 157 Yds, 4 Tds.
Clinton: 21

Total Offensive Yards: Cherokees: 412 Yds
Clinton: 173 Yds

District Standing: McMinn County 2nd

McMinn Central (6-5) @ Sequatchie County (10-1)

Final: **Chargers - 6** — **Indians – 49**

The Chargers could not generate much offense other than a rushing touchdown in the loss to Sequatchie County. This loss ended their season, and they finished fourth in their district.

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Passing: Chargers: Plemons 16/32 for 184 Yds, 2 Int

Sequatchie: 13 plays, 343 Yds

Rushing: Chargers: Hardy 3 carries for 43 Yds

Sequatchie: 22 carries for 127 Yds

Total Offensive Yards: Chargers 223 Yds

Sequatchie: 470 Yds

District Standing: McMinn Central 4th

Grundy County (4-7) @ Meigs County (8-3)

Final: **Tigers – 49** — Yellow Jackets – 12

Last Friday, the Meigs County Tigers defeated the Grundy County Yellow Jackets to advance to the second round of the playoffs. They will now face Giles County on Friday, who put them out last year.

Passing: Meigs: Ricker 5/5 for 107 Yds, 2 Tds

Grundy County: N/A

Rushing: Meigs: Ricker 9 carries for 94 Yds

Grundy County: N/A

Total Offensive Yards: Tigers 365 Grundy County: N/A

District Standing: Meigs County 1 st

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Tennessee Rolls Past Mississippi State in 33-14 Victory at Neyland



The No. 7 Tennessee Volunteers dominated Mississippi State 33-14 in front of a sold-out Neyland Stadium crowd of 101,915 on Saturday night. The win marked Tennessee's 19th consecutive home sellout and improved the Vols' record to 5-1 in SEC play and 8-1 overall.

Running back Dylan Sampson led the way for the Vols, rushing for 149 yards on a career-high 30 carries. His effort pushed him past the 1,000-yard mark for the season and 2,000 yards for his career. Quarterback Nico Iamaleava connected with wide receiver Dont'e Thornton Jr. for a 73-yard touchdown, the longest play for Tennessee this season. Tennessee's offense racked up 452 total yards, with 240 on the ground. The Vols have now surpassed 2,000 rushing yards for the fourth straight season under head coach Josh Heupel.

The Tennessee defense continued its impressive run, holding Mississippi State to just 14 points. The Vols tallied four sacks, nine tackles for loss, and forced two turnovers. Freshman defensive back Boo Carter grabbed his first career interception, while Jayson Jenkins recorded a strip-sack. Tennessee has now held opponents under 20 points in 10 consecutive games, a feat not seen since 1966.

Redshirt freshman kicker Max Gilbert was perfect, hitting four field goals, including a career-long 51-yarder. Punter Jackson Ross averaged 46.3 yards on three punts, while Boo Carter added spark in the return game, averaging 27.7 yards on punt returns.

The game marked Tennessee's 100th Homecoming, improving their record in such games to 77-20-3. Sporting their traditional orange jerseys and white pants with Summitt Blue accents, the Vols continued their dominance in this combination, moving to 16-1 under Heupel.

As the SEC season nears its conclusion, the Vols are riding high on a 10-game night-game home winning streak. Tennessee will look to extend its success this Saturday on the road as the now #6 Vols take on the #11 Georgia Bulldogs, coming off a crushing loss to Ole Miss that had them drop off the AP Top 10 rankings. Tennessee at Georgia will kick off at 7:30 pm EST this Saturday at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA and will be airing on ABC. *Photo Credit: Daniel Hahofer/UT Daily Beacon*



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Athens School and Board Member win State Awards

During its Annual Convention, the Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) recognized architectural firms for their excellence in design by presenting the TSBA School of the Year Awards. Awards were granted in five categories including New Construction of elementary, middle, and high schools, Renovation, and the People's Choice award, which was selected by TSBA membership. Nominees who wished to be considered for the award were asked to submit details on the following criteria: cost efficiency, aesthetics, energy and environmentally conscious design, flexibility-expandability and size and development of site.

According to the TSBA, the Athens City Schools Board of Education received the award of School of the Year in the category of:

New Construction - Elementary School and People's Choice in recognition of Athens PreK-5 School by McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects, Inc. and Design Innovation Architects

TSBA also named five outstanding school board members to the All Tennessee School Board. Members of the board were selected by a panel of judges. The following are the criteria for this award:

- Must have achieved Level IV in the TSBA Boardmanship award program
- Quality of service with emphasis on the previous 12 months
- Participation in board development activities with emphasis on the previous 12 months
- Specific accomplishments of the local board of education during the nominee's term on the board
- Leadership activities at the local, regional, or state level



Chris Adams, of Athens, was one of those named to the All Tennessee School Board. He has served on his board for 16 years, serving as the Chairman since 2022, and is a Level V Master school board member. He currently serves on the marketing committee and tuition committee, and he chaired the Director of School search committee in 2021. While on the board, he has helped successfully consolidate 4 school buildings to construct a new, state of the art, Pre-K – 5th grade school building. His school system continues to exceed the state average in math and reading, and the board continues to maintain its Board of Distinction status. *Source: Julie Lofland. ACS/TSBA*



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