



Giles County ends for-profit probation, waives debts

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NASHVILLE (AP) – A Middle Tennessee county can no longer require misdemeanor probationers to pay the cost of their supervision under a consent decree signed by a federal judge last Thursday.

In addition to ending so-called "user-funded probation," Giles County agreed to waive all past debts for anyone with a misdemeanor conviction as of the signing of the decree. And the county agreed to recall all outstanding warrants for violations of misdemeanor probation.

The decree, signed by U.S. District Judge William Campbell Jr., settles a case filed in 2018 in federal court in Nashville. It accused Giles County and the for-profit probation companies it contracted

with of using the threat of jail and longer probation to squeeze money out of indigent offenders.

The plaintiffs claimed their probation was so onerous that they sold possessions and diverted money needed for food, utilities, medicine and rent to pay the fees charged by the probation companies in addition to their court costs.

"Our lead plaintiff, Karen McNeil, lost her housing and slept in a tent because she was so afraid of arrest that she paid her probation fees instead of her rent," said Elizabeth Rossi, lead attorney for the plaintiffs and director of strategic initiatives at Civil Rights Corps. "It's hard to overestimate the stress and trauma of knowing that if you don't make this payment, you might go to jail."

Rossi said the waiver of past debts should clear the way for

people to get drivers licenses reinstated in cases where they were revoked for a failure to pay court-related fees.

After Giles County recalls all misdemeanor warrants, it has 30 days to reassess and re-issue any it chooses under the terms of the consent decree. That includes a new system for determining who can and can't afford to pay court-related costs. The county can no longer collect fees from indigent probationers. The decree also prohibits the county from jailing misdemeanor offenders who violate probation unless they first have a hearing before a judge who determines that detention is necessary.

Giles County agreed to pay \$2 million to settle the lawsuit. The money will be split between the named plaintiffs, their attorneys, and other misdemeanor offenders who were

on probation in Giles County during the period covered by the suit.

A separate aspect of the lawsuit challenged the practice of charging a predetermined bail amount to misdemeanor offenders arrested for probation violations. The predetermined bail did not take into account whether an offender was indigent. In 2019, Campbell ordered the Giles County sheriff to stop jailing people simply because they could not afford bail.

In his ruling, Campbell cited the case of a man who was held for 22 days before his first in-court appearance because he could not afford a \$500 cash bond. Another person was detained 21 days when he could not afford a \$210 cash bond. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later affirmed Campbell's decision.

On the Record week of Jan. 20

Savannah Police Dept.

The following items are derived directly from official Savannah Police Department reports and spokesmen.

Jan. 10

An arrest was made for disorderly conduct.

Jan. 11

Pragnarayan Nirajkomar, 48, Tacoma, Washington, was arrested on charges of DUI, leaving the scene of an accident on Main Street, and violation of the implied consent law.

Jan. 12

Brandon K. Gettings, 29, Scotts Hill, Tennessee, was pulled over on Main Street after police observed his vehicle did not have its tail lights lit but the emergency lights were flashing. Gettings was arrested on charges of fifth offense driving on a suspended license, manufacture/delivery/sale/or possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, and tampering with evidence. A passenger, Bradley J. Davis, Lexington, Tennessee, was arrested on charges of manufacture/delivery/sale/or possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jan. 13

An arrest was made for public intoxication.

Jason W. Deshotel, 43, 270 Pleasant St., was cited on a charge of driving on a revoked license second offense after being stopped on Pickwick Street because the license tag of the vehicle he was operating was not lit after dark.

Ricky E. Taylor, 43, 365 Cravens Drive, was cited on a charge of shoplifting at Walmart.

Erica M. Carnathan, 37, Corinth, Mississippi, was cited on a charge of shoplifting at Walmart.

Jan. 14

Logan K. Frazier, 18, 116

Lynn St., was cited on a charge of simple possession of marijuana. Frazier was a passenger in a vehicle subjected to a traffic stop, and an officer noticed a "ridiculous amount of perfume coming from the vehicle."

Jan. 15

Sarah Lacey, 530 Stout St., said a man identified to police came to her house and slashed her boyfriend's tires, causing \$400 damage. She also said the man had been following them around town all night and had made her uncomfortable.

Corey R. Spears, 31, 700 Pinhook Drive, was arrested on charges of DUI-3, driving while revoked third offense, violation of the implied consent law, failure to give immediate notice of an accident, failure to give information and aid after an accident, possession of open alcohol, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, failure to yield the right of way when entering a highway, aggravated assault (law enforcement), and resisting arrest. According to the report, Spears was involved in a two-vehicle collision on Pickwick Street while attempting to exit the Hardin County Library parking lot, drove away, and was found by sheriff's deputies about an hour later on Tenn. 57, passed out in his heavily damaged Ford F-150 pickup truck. Spears told police he was not there during the accident, but it

was the lady who hit him. Taken to the Hardin Medical Center emergency room to be medically cleared before being taken to jail, Spears reportedly became confrontational. Telling officers to use a Taser on him and "let's make this fun," Spears attempted to grab a sample jug of urine to throw it at them. Officers handcuffed Spears to a bed. During transport to the jail, Spears tried to kick out a window of the patrol vehicle and beat his head against a glass partition between the front and rear seats the entire trip, the report states.

Kyle S. Houser, 36, 75 Sandstone Drive, was cited on a charge of shoplifting merchandise valued at \$216 from Walmart.

McNairy County lawyer censured

The Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court censured a McNairy County lawyer on Jan. 13.

According to a news release from the board, Brian Jackson Petty, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a public censure for violating a rule of professional conduct.

Petty was appointed to represent an indigent client in a dependent and neglect matter in Juvenile Court. Petty created a conflict of interest by sending text messages that were sexual in nature to his client.

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Jan. 17

Jonathan W. White, 51, 1349 Box Elder Road, was arrested on charges of driving on a revoked license, manufacture/delivery/sale/or possession of meth, and possession of drug paraphernalia (glass smoking pipes). A passenger in his vehicle, Melissa J. White, 46, of the same address, was arrested on charges of simple possession of Schedule V, Schedule IV, and Schedule II drugs (gabapentin, alprazolam, and suboxone). A juvenile in the vehicle was released to a family friend. The arresting officer reported he stopped White because he knew his license was invalid.

Jan. 18

John Weeks, 38, 310 Union Camp Drive, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault involving his wife Shanda Weeks.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD THOMPSON, JR.
Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of December, 2021, Letters Testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect to the estate of JAMES EDWARD THOMPSON, JR., who died November 7, 2021, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division of the Chancery Court for Hardin County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or un-matured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 30th day of December, 2021.
/s/ Fallon Thompson, Personal Representative
/s/ Martha S. Smith, Clerk of the Probate Court (1132tp)

SEALED BIDS
The City of Crump is taking sealed bids for a 45 HP tractor 4-wheel drive with remote hydraulic, open canopy and front-end loader. Bids must be turned in by February 21, 2022 at Crump City Hall at 3020 Highway 64, Crump, TN 38327. The city reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

BID NOTICE
The Hardin County Board of Education is currently accepting proposals for bus transportation services for the FY 2022/2023. To request an RFP, please contact Michael Davis at (731)-925-3943. The deadline to submit a proposal is 2pm (CST) on Friday, February 18, 2022, at the Board of Education Office located at 155 Guinn Street, Savannah, TN. There will be a required meeting for anyone planning to submit a proposal held at the Board of Education Office at 10am (CST) on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

CHANCERY COURT AUCTION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.
2 Tracts of real property
Tract 1: 100 acres
Tract 2: 542 acre tract
with 3 bedroom, brick, single-family home
Auction to be held at Cypress Inn Fire Dept.,
3017 Weatherford Creek Rd., Lutts, Tn 38471



Watch for auction signs!
SANDRA PERKINS VS. JAMES BRATTON (ET. AL) 2020-CV-6321
SANDRA PERKINS VS. JAMES BRATTON (ET. AL) 2020-CV-6320
DESCRIPTION: 542 acre tract: Map 189, Parcel 2.00. 3 bedroom, brick, single-family home is on property. Approximately 541 acres are woodlands according to records of the Wayne County Property Assessor
100 acre tract: Map 174, Parcel 15.00. Approximately all acreage is woodlands according to records of the Wayne County Property Assessor
Both properties have large acreages of timber with road frontage. Each tract will be sold separately.
DIRECTIONS: From Natchez Trace Parkway, turn on Weatherford Creek Road. Turn left on Second Creek Road for property location. The auction will take place at the Cypress Inn Fire Department located at 3017 Weatherford Creek Road, Lutts, TN 38471.
REAL PROPERTY: The real property will be sold promptly at 10:01 a.m. A legal description of the property may be had contacting the office of the Clerk and Master during regular business hours at 931-722-5517. This property is located in Wayne County, Tennessee and consists of the following:
542 acres located on Second Creek Road, Lutts, TN: Current Owner: Golena M. Bratton c/o Jennifer H. Elom. Identified as Map 189, Parcel 2.00, in the office of the Property Assessor of Wayne County, Tennessee and further described in Deed Book 127, page 949, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County, Tennessee.
100 acres located on Willie Mauldin Road, Lutts, TN: Current Owner: Golena Mauldon Bratton c/o Shelby Dodd. Identified as Map 174, Parcel 15.00, in the office of the Property Assessor of Wayne County, Tennessee and further described in Deed Book 44, page 231, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County, Tennessee.

TERMS OF SALE: The above real estate will be sold at the property site for cash with 10% down day of sale with the balance due upon confirmation by the Court. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days until February 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., during which time a person may come by the office of the Clerk & Master at the Wayne County Criminal Justice Center, 1016 Andrew Jackson Dr., Waynesboro, and raise the highest bid received at the auction by 10% and depositing 10% of that bid with the court. If the bid is advanced the property will be re-sold on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clerk & Master's Office, Wayne County Criminal Justice Center, 1016 Andrew Jackson Dr., Waynesboro, TN 38485, and that will be the final sale. The high bidder at the final sale will be the buyer upon confirmation of the Chancery Court. Possession passes upon confirmation and delivery of deed. Property taxes through tax year 2021 will be paid from proceeds of the sale. 2022 property taxes will be the responsibility of the buyer.
NO WARRANTIES: The property is offered and sold as is, in the present condition. The Chancery Court assumes no liability for errors or omission in these listings. Although information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable, the Court makes no warranty or guarantee, expressed or implied, as the accuracy of the information herein contained. While court sales are conclusive upon all parties to the action and generally confer a good title, nevertheless, there is no warranty of title. It is for this reason that the buyers and buyers' agents should verify all specifications prior to the sale. **ALL STATEMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE DAY OF SALE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY PRINTED MATERIAL OR PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS.**
This 28th day of December, 2021.
Chassity Martin, C&M, Special Commissioner
W. Andrew Yarbrough, Attorney

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Board of Commissioners of Hardin Medical Center will meet on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospital Board room for the January meeting.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
DELINQUENT 2020 COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES
To Delinquent Taxpayers: You are advised that after February 1, 2022 additional penalties and costs will be imposed on consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for taxes against land; until the filing of such suits, taxes may be paid at my office.
CURRENT 2021 COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES
The 2021 County Property taxes become delinquent March 1, 2022. Pay 2021 County Taxes in the Trustee's Office by February 28, 2022, or by mail to avoid penalty.
The state of Tennessee requires that applications for tax relief on 2021 County taxes and all credit vouchers that have been issued to qualified tax payers must be applied to their taxes prior to March 1, 2022. Credit vouchers will not be honored in any form after February 28, 2022.
Thank you, Linda L. McCasland, Trustee

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 13-7-203 notice is hereby given 15 days in advance, of a public hearing to be held by the Savannah City Commission, on February 3rd, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Savannah City Hall. The hearing is to receive public input on amendments to the Municipal Zoning Map by rezoning property at 1095 Wayne Rd from R-1 (Low Density Residential) property to P.U.D (Planned Urban Development) District. A complete copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available at City Hall during normal business hours. All interested person are invited to attend and comment.

ESTATE SALE
LOG HOMES
PAY ONLY THE BALANCE OWED!
JUST RELEASED: AMERICAN LOG HOMES is assisting estate and account settlement on houses
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Selling for BALANCE OWED with FREE DELIVERY
Model #101, Carolina, \$40,840 BALANCE OWED \$17,000
Model #203, Georgia, \$49,500 BALANCE OWED \$19,950
Model #305, Biloxi, \$36,825 BALANCE OWED \$14,500
Model #403, Augusta, \$42,450 BALANCE OWED \$16,500
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