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Athens Man Charged in Ongoing Child Exploitation Investigation



Special agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force have arrested an Athens man following an investigation into child exploitation.

TBI agents began investigating after receiving a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children about child sexual abuse material (CSAM) uploaded by a **Discord** user later identified as Micah Boring, 25. With assistance from the Athens Police Department, agents executed a search warrant at Boring's residence, seizing multiple electronic devices. A forensic review of those devices revealed thousands of images of CSAM, according to the TBI.

On September 16, the McMinn County Grand Jury returned indictments charging Boring with one count of sexual exploitation of a minor (over 100 images) and one count of aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor (over 25 images). He was arrested on September 30 and booked into the McMinn County Jail on a \$500,000 bond.

Authorities emphasize that all charges are allegations, and Boring is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

The TBI encourages anyone with information regarding online child exploitation to contact the TBI Tipline at 1-800-TBI-FIND, email TipsToTBI@tbi.tn.gov, or report to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline at CyberTipline.org.

More information on online safety and prevention resources can be found at www.tn.gov/tbi and www.netismartz.org.

Source: [TBI Newsroom](#)

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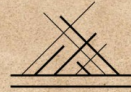
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Athens, Tennessee

Driver Hospitalized Following Crash on County Road 603



Emergency crews responded to a single-vehicle crash Sunday afternoon on County Road 603 near Athens after a 2013 Nissan Armada left the roadway and struck a tree down an embankment. The crash occurred around 3:30

p.m., and the driver had to be extricated after the impact left the door blocked by the tree.

The driver was treated at the scene and transported by AMR to Tennesse Turkey Creek Medical Center for further care. Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Claxton Fire, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene, with Etowah Rural Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Elliott in command. Tennessee Highway Patrol Sgt. Kyle Millsaps is investigating the accident.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Utilities Board (AUB) advises customers that natural gas rates will rise beginning in December due to a 120% increase from its pipeline supplier, East Tennessee Natural Gas (ETNG). The change, approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, takes effect November 1, 2025, and will add about \$0.146 per therm to transportation costs — roughly \$60 more per year for the average household. AUB notes it has no control over the increase, as ETNG is the only pipeline serving East Tennessee. Customers can find energy-saving tips at www.aub.org.
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure: **COLLEGE STREET from Jackson Street to Long Street**. This closure will be from Wednesday, October 22, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.. The purpose of this closure is for the Tennessee Wesleyan University's Medic Blood Drive event. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.
- The Pope Avenue Baptist Church is having a "Fall Revival" tonight thru Friday night at 7:00 pm. Daniel Stewart is doing the preaching each night. The church is located at 301 Pope Street in Athens. For more info call 423-920-7365.

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"The Crucible"

TUESDAY October 28 at 7:00 PM
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Athens Community Theatre (ACT) continues its 2025-26 Table Read season with Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* on Tuesday, October 28, at 7 p.m. at The Arts Center in Athens. The reading will be led by ACT director Autumn Lowry.

Based on the Salem witch trials of the 1600s, *The Crucible* remains one of Miller's most powerful dramas, exploring hysteria and fear within a community.

ACT's Table Reads are free, open to the public, and offer participants the chance to read a role or simply listen. Upcoming table reads are scheduled for November 18, January 13, January 27 (6 p.m.), February 3, April 28, May 19, and July 14.

To receive updates on future table reads, email operations@athensartscouncil.org. More information is available at athensartscouncil.org or by calling 423-745-8781. The Arts Center is located at 320 North White Street in Historic Downtown Athens.

Source: Lauren Brown, AACA

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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

10-20-25

Billy Curtis, 26 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$1,000

Carrie Dugan, 41 of Athens, charged with theft of property.

Craig Smallwood, 50 of Sweetwater, charged with driving on a suspended license, Bond \$4,000

Stephen McDermott, 22 of Athens, Charged with DUI, Bond \$1,000

Cheyenne Moses, 27 of Athens, charged with Schedule II drugs, Bond \$18,000

Nicholas Catone, 20 of Cleveland, charged with DUI underage, Bond \$1,000

Jonathan Henson, 43 of Athens, charged with parole violations.

Natasha McTeer, 41 of Athens, charged with violation of probation, schedule II drugs, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$3,000

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using Public Sources.

Obituaries

Juanita Louise (Womac) Scarbrough, 82 of Athens, passed away peacefully at Parkwest Medical Center on Sunday, October 19 after a courageous battle with cancer. Juanita was a devoted member of East Athens Baptist Church for over 25 years. She was a graduate of McMinn County High School, Tennessee Wesleyan College and The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She became a teacher with the Athens City Schools system where she would eventually be honored as "Teacher of the Year." A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 22, in the sanctuary of East Athens Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from noon-2:00 PM prior to the service. A private family interment will take place at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Athens, immediately following the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Juanita Louise Scarbrough.

Tony Sowders, 78, passed away on Monday, October 20. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Tony was not only a veteran but also a true embodiment of faith. He shared the love of God with everyone he met. A memorial service will be held at Laurel Bank Baptist Church in Friendsville at a later date. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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