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Athens, Tennessee

Lenoir City Man Charged in Crash That Killed Blount County Deputy



A Lenoir City man has been charged in connection with the crash that claimed the life of Blount County Sheriff's Deputy Justin Mowery, according to the Blount County Sheriff's Office.

Authorities said 24-year-old Dalton Michael Bowman faces multiple charges, including evading arrest resulting in the death of a law enforcement officer, a Class A felony. He is also charged with possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, driving on a suspended license, driving without a license, and simple possession of methamphetamine.

Bowman, a convicted felon, was arrested Monday afternoon on a Loudon County warrant and is currently being held without bond at the Loudon County Correctional Facility. Officials said he will later be transported to Blount County for arraignment.

Investigators with the Blount County Sheriff's Office worked alongside the Loudon County Sheriff's Office and the Tennessee Highway Patrol to identify Bowman as the suspect. During his arrest, authorities said Bowman was found in possession of a handgun and approximately six grams of methamphetamine.

Officials also confirmed the motorcycle Bowman was riding at the time of Deputy Mowery's death had been reported stolen out of Loudon County. According to the sheriff's office, Bowman later admitted he knew Deputy Mowery was attempting to stop him when he fled.

The investigation remains ongoing, and additional charges may be filed.

Picture of Dalton Michael Bowman Courtesy of Blount Co. Sheriff's Office

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Athens, Tennessee

AACA Seeks Entries for March "Student Art Show" Through Feb. 18.

Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is pleased to present its annual Student Art Show for middle, high school, and college students of McMinn and surrounding counties. The entry deadline is Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

The exhibit has three divisions: Middle School, High School, and College. There is no entry fee for middle and high school division artists, and those in the college division may enter for \$10 per piece. Information about how to enter, including detailed prospectus and exhibit timeline, is available at:

athensartscouncil.org/student-art-show-prospectus

The exhibit will be on display in the Willson Exhibit Room and Hallway Gallery at The Arts Center, March 13 through April 10, 2026. The Reception and Awards Ceremony for winners is Friday March 27 at 5:00 PM. Viewing hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and during special events.

Athens Planning Commission to Meet Today at Noon



The Athens Municipal-Regional Planning Commission will meet Monday, Jan. 5, at noon in the conference room.

The agenda includes approval of minutes from the Dec. 29, 2025 work session and the Dec. 1, 2025 regular meeting.

Under new business, the commission will hear public comments and consider final plat approval for Porter Clark on property located off Decatur Pike and the unopened Railroad Avenue right of way. The request involves three lots totaling 0.61 acres, zoned B-3 Intensive Business District and R-2 Medium Density Residential.

Commission members will also review and make a recommendation regarding the potential addition of microbreweries and distilleries as permitted uses in the B-2 Central Business District and B-3 Intensive Business District.

Time will be allotted for petitions and requests from the audience, followed by a staff report.

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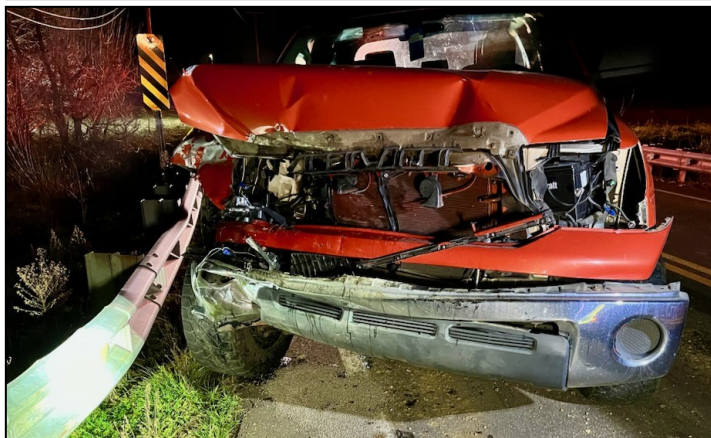
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No Injuries Reported in New Year's Eve Crash Involving Tractor-Trailer



No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle crash on New Year's Eve involving a pickup truck and a tractor-trailer at the intersection of County Roads 422 and 425.

The collision occurred close to 6 p.m. and involved a 2008 Toyota Tundra and a 2021 Peterbilt tractor-trailer. Englewood Rural Fire responded to the scene to assist.

The accident was investigated by Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Andrew Metelits.

Photos provided by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD

The McMinn County Election Commission will be meeting Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 5pm in the Conference Room of the McMinn County Courthouse and will conduct any election business to legally come before the board. The agenda will be posted on the bulletin board at the election office and on the website by Friday, January 16, 2026.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

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Andrew Reed, 44 of Athens, charged with violation of probation for possession of meth, Bond \$1,751.45.

Eric St. Pierre, 58 of Calhoun, charged with DUI, Bond \$1,000.

Michael Frazier, 50 of Athens, charged with burglary and vandalism, Bond \$30,000.

Tyler Watson, 32 of Etowah, charged with failure to appear for drug paraphernalia in criminal court.

Tracy Sherman, 25 of Etowah, charged with state violation of probation for Schedule II fentanyl for resale.

Elijah Marcus, 20 of Tellico Plains, charged with aggravated burglary, vandalism, domestic assault, interference with 911 calls, and underage consumption, Bond \$36,000.

Juan Lopez, 49 of Athens, charged with failure to appear for theft of services under \$1,000, and child support, Bond \$7,000.

David Marorek, 26 of Athens, charged with DUI, and traffic violations, Bond \$2,000.

April Lewis, 45 of Athens, charged with theft of property motor vehicles, Bond \$2,000.

Jennifer Miller, 51 of Riceville, charged with DUI, simple possession, casual exchange of fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$8,000.

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Takiea Green, 22 of Athens, charged with assault, false imprisonment, and disorderly conduct, Bond \$16,000.

Marcus Bradford, 40 of Cleveland, charged with aggravated burglary, and aggravated assault, both in a habitation of two or more occupants, Bond \$500,000.

Robert Brock, 72 charged with driving on a revoked license, altering, falsifying, or forgery of auto title.

William Kinney, 28 of Cleveland, charged with failure to appear for driving on a revoked license, Bond \$4,000.

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



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Obituaries

Barbara Gean Duncan Cook Kincannon, 87 of McMinn County, passed away on Wednesday, December 31. She was employed with Plastic Industries and attended Boyd Memorial Chapel and Nonnaburg House of Prayer. Visitation will be held from 12:00 PM-1:00 PM on Monday, January 5 at Ziegler Funeral Home, with funeral services to be held at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow funeral services at 2:00 PM at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Barbara Gean Duncan Cook Kincannon.

William "Butch" Reed Crabtree, 72 of Niota, passed away on Wednesday, December 31. He was a former employee for Athens Furniture and Creech Fire Co. There will be no formal visitation or service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Jack Clayton, 78 of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, December 31. He loved to collect stamps and coins and he and his wife loved to travel. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Linda Faye Lankford Wilcox, 71 of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, December 31. She retired from NHC of Athens after 15 years. Visitation will be held from 4:00 -6:00 PM on Monday, January 5 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 6:00 PM. Graveside services will be held at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 6 at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Linda Faye Lankford Wilcox.

Scott Mitchell Moses, 63 of Madisonville, passed away on Thursday, January 1. Scott was a member of Notchey Creek Baptist Church. Funeral services will be private, per Scott's request. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Moses family.

Patricia Diane Priest Brock, 83, passed away on Thursday, January 1. Patricia lived a life rich in love, devotion, and service, spending over 40 years caring for the elderly. Visitation, followed by a funeral service, took place on January 3 at Good Samaritan Funeral Home in Athens. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in Charge of arrangements.

Kenneth "Bill" William Price, 76 of Athens, passed away on Thursday, January 1. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam where he earned a Purple Heart for his service. Bill later retired from TVA. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 6 at Cedar Grove Cemetery with full military honors. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Kenneth "Bill" William Price.

Phyllis Ann Wilson, 83 of Charleston, passed away at her residence on Wednesday, December 31. Phyllis loved to travel, working in her yard, decorating her home and setting up for entertainment gatherings. She had worked at Bradley Memorial Hospital and McMinn County Health Department. Companion Funeral Home of Athens will receive friends and family for viewing on Friday, January 9 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Funeral Service held on Saturday, January 10 at 1:00pm following with graveside gathering at New Zion Baptist Church. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

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