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Athens, Tennessee

## Suspect in Fatal Shooting Captured in Bradley County



A man wanted in connection with a fatal shooting in Athens Wednesday afternoon has been arrested following an extensive search involving local, state, and federal agencies.

The Athens Police Department began investigating after officers responded to reports of gunfire near Tell Street and Howard Street. Two men were found with gunshot wounds. One victim, who was conscious at the scene, was transported to a local hospital and later transferred to another facility. The second man was pronounced dead on the scene by EMS. His name has not yet been released.

Based on evidence, investigators identified Carlos Alejandro Quintana, a younger Hispanic male with multiple tattoos, as a person of interest. Authorities warned the public that Quintana was armed and dangerous. Another suspect has been identified, though their name has not been released.

The shooting prompted Athens City Schools and McMinn County Schools to go on "Secure" status as officers searched the area. Multiple agencies assisted in the initial response and search, including the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Rhea County K-9 Unit, Athens Fire Department, McMinn County Sheriff's Office, AMR, the District Attorney's Office, and the FBI.

Following the incident, a coordinated effort between the U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Drug Task Force, Bradley County Sheriff's Office, Athens Police Department, and McMinn County Sheriff's Office led to

Quintana being located at a residence in northeast Bradley County. Deputies with the Bradley County Sheriff's Office took him into custody without incident and transported him to the McMinn County Justice Center to face charges related to the shooting.

Authorities praised the cooperation between agencies for ensuring the suspect's swift capture without harm to the public. The investigation remains active, with an increased law enforcement presence expected in Athens in the coming days.

Source: Frank Clark, Communications Coordinator, City of Athens & Bradley County PD - Facebook

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## McMinn County to Showcase Local Highlights at Tennessee State Fair



McMinn County will once again be featured at the Tennessee State Fair in Lebanon, August 14-23. The fair includes a building dedicated to displays from each of the state's 95 counties.

This year's McMinn County exhibit, created by Brianna Baker of

McMinn County Tourism and Nancy Dalton of Tennessee Overhill, highlights something unique from each town in the county along with a slideshow of events and attractions. This marks the fourth year McMinn County has participated in the fair's county showcase.

Pictured left to right: Nancy Dalton, Tennessee Overhill & Brianna Baker, McMinn County Tourism

*Source: Nancy Dalton, Tourism & Marketing Coordinator, TN Overhill*

## Ribbon Cutting Held for Weichert Realtors The Space Place



The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for new member Weichert Realtors The Space Place, located at 500 Congress Parkway S. in Athens. The business is led by owner Brenda Elliott and broker Crissie Wilson.

*Source: Julie Simbeck, Program Director, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce*

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## Church News and Events

- **Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship** (317 Maple Street, Athens) holds Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00pm.
- **Celebrate Recovery** meets every **Tuesday** at 6:00pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God in Athens. They also meet every **Thursday** at 6:00pm at Watts Bar Community Church in Decatur.
- Are you grieving the loss of someone close to you? Clearwater Baptist Church (964 County Road 180, Athens) is beginning a new session of Grief-Share helping those grieving find hope, comfort, and guidance. Beginning on Thursday, July 17th from 6 pm - 7:30 pm there will be an ongoing (in 13 week rotations) grief support group **that you can join at any time** and is open to the community. For more information visit: [clearwaterbc.org/grief-share](http://clearwaterbc.org/grief-share) (Notify them in advance if childcare is needed.)
- You're invited to attend the 200th Anniversary Worship Service of the Union McMinn Baptist Church this Sunday, August 10th at 10:30 a.m. **See their ad below.**
- Cane Creek Baptist Church (136 County Road 498, Etowah) will be hosting a Revival on August 11-15, 2025 at 7 p.m. nightly. Services will be led by Mason Holliday on Mon., Wed., Fri., and Jimmy Long will lead on Tues., Thurs. There will be special singing nightly. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Kevin Spencer will be singing at Solid Rock Baptist Church (4975 Hwy, 11 S, Calhoun) on Sunday, August 17 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Rocky Mount Baptist Church (1002 Rocky Mount Rd., Athens) will be hosting their Homecoming service with Jerry and Janet Mitchell singing on Sunday, August 17 at 10 a.m. Service begins at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

**Tony Kincaid**, 52 of Cleveland, charged with DUI Violation of Probation, No Bond Reported.

**Crystal Porter**, 33 of Athens, charged with failure to appear on charges of shoplifting, Bond \$1000.

**Jordan Wallace**, 39, charged with driving on suspended license, Bond \$2000.

**Paul Ervin**, 70 Athens, charged with failure to appear on charges of driving on a revoked license. No bond reported.

**James Bridges Jr.**, 71 of Athens, charged with misuse of 911. Bond \$1000.

**Victor Hernandez Diaz**, 43 of Athens, charged with driving without a license. Bond \$1000.

**Janice Owens**, 53 of Sweetwater, charged with driving on a suspended license, false reports, criminal impersonation, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond \$5000.

**Markilla Davis**, 27 charged with false report, identity theft, violation of probation for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear in Coffee County. No bond reported.

**Anthony Davis**, 61 of Sweetwater, charged with evading arrest & reckless driving, Bond \$2000.

**Daniel Tilley**, 63 of Athens, charged with manufacturing meth, Delivery-sale and possession with intent, No bond reported.

**Brandon Jarvis**, 44 of Decatur, charged with violation of probation, No bond reported.

**David Reynolds**, 34 of Sweetwater, charged with violation of probation, and 2 counts of Child Support, No bond reported.

**James Williams**, 64 of Tellico, charged with simple possession-casual exchange of fentanyl, and possession of meth, No bond reported.

The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.

## Obituaries

**Ruth Lucille Myers Bryan**, 96 of Calhoun, passed away on Wednesday, August 6. She was the oldest living member of the Calhoun United Methodist Church, where she taught children's Sunday School, among many other roles. A funeral service will be held at Calhoun United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 9 at 3 p.m. Interment will follow in Calhoun Community Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Ruth Lucille Myers Bryan.

**Creed Foster Bohannon, Jr.**, 81 of McMinn County, passed away on Tuesday, August 5. He was a veteran of the Army with the Tennessee National Guard and member of Clearwater Baptist Church. Graveside services will be held at noon on Friday, August 8 in Clearwater Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

**Annette Williams**, 81 of Englewood, passed away on Wednesday, August 6. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Englewood. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Englewood on Saturday, August 9 at 5:00pm. The family will receive friends from 4:00pm - 5:00pm. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens is honored to assist her family with these arrangements.

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