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Athens, Tennessee

Madisonville Man Arrested for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

The Madisonville Police Department Criminal Investigations Division has arrested Jamie Adam Hughes, 32, on charges related to the sexual exploitation of a minor. The investigation began after a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children led CID Sergeant Trey Kilby and detectives to execute a search warrant at Hughes' residence.

Hughes was found in possession of multiple sexually explicit images of minors and was indicted by the Monroe County Grand Jury on February 12, 2025, for one count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor involving more than 100 images. He was booked into the Monroe County Jail with bond set at \$100,000.

The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Source: [Madisonville PD - Facebook \(Aug. 25\)](#)

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Radio Control Association will host its [Annual Fun Fly](#), August 28–30, at the Harry E. Morgan Memorial RC AirPark (126 Co. Rd. 876, Etowah). The event features RC pilots from across the region, food, and a special flying field dedication. Admission is free. More info: [Facebook](#) or contact Bob Miller at 423-453-0269.
- Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is hosting a [Pickin' Party](#) on **Tuesday, September 2**, for anyone and everyone to enjoy a community meal and Bluegrass Jam by Doug Purdy, Buddy McClary, Ralph Jones, Keith Hall, Don Goode, and Stacy Everett. Dinner catered by Biscuit NV begins at 5:30 PM and the music starts at 7:00 PM in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center.

On Thursday, UT Athletics Director Danny White announced that UT men's basketball coach Rick Barnes has signed a [lifetime contract](#), extending his tenure after 10 seasons on Rocky Top.

He has compiled a 232-109 record and led the Volunteers to four Sweet 16 trips, three SEC championships and two Elite Eight berths.

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Church News and Events

- Christ Community Church will host an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the back building at 14 S. Congress Parkway. A bag-a-bargain sale will begin at noon, and all proceeds will benefit the Prom Ministry.
- Rocky Mount Baptist Church (1002 Rocky Mount Rd., Athens) invites Guest Pastor Caleb Howard for their Wednesday service on September 3 at 6:00 pm.
- Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (1923 Pleasant Hill Rd., Ten Mile) will be hosting their Community Meal THIS Saturday from 12pm - 2pm. They will be serving Hotdogs, Hamburgers, smoked sausages, desserts, and drink. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The next Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by New Hope Methodist Church will occur on Thursday, September 4 at 8 a.m. at Maddi Mae's Cafe in downtown Athens. This ecumenical prayer breakfast is open to all men of Christian faith plus those who want to establish a relationship with Jesus. Please contact Marcus Guinn via email at marcus-guinn@gmail.com or 423-507-7769 for more information.
- Thomas Brown will be singing at Lakeview Baptist Church on Sunday August 31, beginning at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 183 County Road 126 in Athens.
- Athens Lutheran Church (710 Forrest Ave., Athens) welcomes their new pastor: Pastor Benjamin Heinz. They also wish to announce their new Sunday service hours. Bible Study begins at 8:30 a.m. and Service begins at 9:30 a.m. *See ad below*
- Join **Watts Bar Community Church** (1517 TN-68, Decatur, TN) on **Friday, August 29, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** for **Testosterone & Testimonies**. Experience powerful worship and hear real-life stories from three men living out their faith.
- [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.

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Driver Injured After Car Strikes Power Pole in Englewood



Just after midnight Wednesday morning, the driver of a Lexus IS250 lost control on McCroskey Street in Englewood, striking a power pole and knocking it down.

The driver was injured and treated at the scene by first responders and AMR before being transported to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens.

Responding agencies included Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Police Department, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and Athens Utilities Board. The accident is under investigation by THP Trooper D.J. Taylor.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD

Three Arrested in Cleveland-Area Human Trafficking Operation

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) agents arrested three men in Hamilton County during an undercover human trafficking operation focused on the Cleveland area. The effort aimed to rescue victims of trafficking and apprehend those attempting to engage in sexual acts with minors.

The following individuals were arrested on **August 19**:

- **James Bedford**, 52, Clearwater, Fla. – one count of Patronizing Prostitution (no bond).
- **Pedro Garcia**, 26, Cleveland, Tenn. – one count of Patronizing Prostitution (no bond).
- **Muhammad Ozair Khan**, 29, Chattanooga, Tenn. – one count of Patronizing Prostitution (bond: \$2,500).

The operation was a joint effort involving the TBI Human Trafficking Unit, Tennessee Human Trafficking Task Force, FBI, Collegedale Police, Cleveland Police, Bradley County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and the 10th and 11th Judicial District Attorneys' Offices. For more information or resources on human trafficking, visit ItHasToStop.com Source: [Local 3 News](http://Local3News.com)

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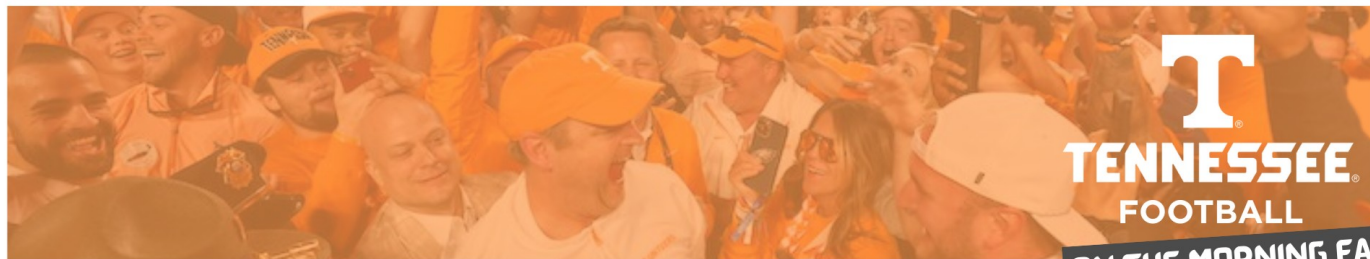
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Vols Gear Up for Season Opener as Heupel Gets Contract Extension



With only one day until the season opener, the No. 24/18 Tennessee Volunteers took Haslam Field Tuesday morning to continue preparations for **Saturday's Aflac Kickoff Game against Syracuse at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta (12 p.m. ET, ABC).**

Defensive Coordinator Tim Banks and Running Backs Coach De'Rail Sims spoke to the media following practice. Banks discussed the challenges of facing an opponent with new starters, noting, "The first game is always different... It's always a chess match, but at the end of the day, we lean on our training and execution." Sims emphasized patience and consistency for his running backs: "We have to get those dirty yards early on, and then the big plays will come. If you allow that to work itself out, good things will happen."

Adding to the excitement around Rocky Top, Head Coach Josh Heupel has received a contract extension through January 2030, following his leadership during Tennessee football's winningest three-year stretch in more than two decades. Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics Danny White said, "Josh has brought Tennessee Football back to its rightful place among the nation's elite programs, and he and his staff have fostered a positive culture within the team."

Heupel has guided the Volunteers to a 37-15 record, 11 wins over Top 25 teams, multiple double-digit win seasons, and the program's first College Football Playoff and New Year's Six appearances. "We took over a program in 2021 during a turbulent time... I am excited about the future of Tennessee Football," Heupel said.

Under Heupel, Tennessee has also excelled off the field. The team set consecutive GPA records, produced 60 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipients in the fall of 2024, and developed a program that emphasizes personal growth, leadership, and community engagement through the eVOLve initiative. The Vols will open the season against Syracuse on Saturday at noon ET, with Heupel entering his fifth season at the helm. *Source: [UTSports.com](https://www.utsports.com)*



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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County 4-H Invites Students to Join



Pictured (from left): Sara Smith, Brooke Cass, and Melissa Coffey of the McMinn County 4-H staff

The McMinn County 4-H program is now signing up students in grades 4-12 for the upcoming year.

For students in grades 4-8 enrolled in the McMinn County school system, 4-H staff will visit classrooms to help with enrollment. Older students and

those interested in additional activities may attend the monthly community 4-H meeting, held the second Tuesday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the McMinn Higher Education Center, 2345 Denso Drive, Athens. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th.

4-H offers students opportunities to participate in contests, events, and hands-on projects designed to build skills for future success. *Source: Sara Smith, UT Extension*

Today In History

1930 - W.A. Spooner was born in England. He created such inverted expressions as "Which of you hissed the mystery class?" Such mixed-up expressions came to be known as "Spoonerisms." Comedian Archie Campbell did several routines using Spoonerisms, including "Beeping Sleauty" and "Rindacella."

1944 - American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

1957 - Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., ended the longest filibuster in Senate history after talking for 24 hours, 18 minutes against a civil rights bill.

1966 - The Beatles performed their last concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

1979 - Hurricane David claimed 1,100 lives and left 150,000 homeless as it swept through the Caribbean and the U.S. east coast.

2005 - Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. The levees failed and 80% of the city was flooded. Over 1,800 people lost their lives and damage totaled \$81 billion.

2008 - Republican John McCain picked Alaska Governor Sarah Palin to be his vice-presidential running mate.

Clarification: In the story we published in [Thursday's \(8-28\) Morning Fax](#), we implied that the Madisonville City Fire Department and the West Polk Fire Department responded to the scene of a major structure fire on County Road 798 near Etowah. Actually, the Madisonville and West Polk fire departments responded to the Englewood and Etowah Fire Departments to standby in case other fire calls were received at those locations. The fire departments that did respond to the actual fire were Etowah Rural Fire, Etowah City Fire, Englewood Rural and Athens Rural Fire Departments.

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