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Lamb let go on same bond; shoots at police minutes later

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A Rockcastle County man who has had numerous run-ins with the law, is now being held in the Rockcastle Detention Center, under a \$500,000 bond, after apparently shooting at police during a pursuit on Monday.

Woodrow "Woody" Lamb, 24, of Calloway, has been charged with attempted murder, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of marijuana and possession of methamphetamine.

He was also charged with several other counts including fleeing and driving on a suspended license, according to his arrest warrant.

Lamb also had body armor in his possession at the time of his arrest.

According to Mt. Vernon City police officer Barry Adams, Lamb ran from him on Monday afternoon, after Adams attempted to stop him, because he (Adams) knew that Lamb was driving on a suspended license. The pursuit began on U.S. 25 near Burr and ended on Calloway Hollow Road, after Lamb wrecked his 1982 Ford truck.

Adams said that during the chase, Lamb fired two shots from a 12 gauge shotgun, through the sliding glass rear window of his truck.

One of the shots hit Adams' cruiser, although Adams did not return fire.

After Lamb wrecked, he left his vehicle and ran into the woods, where Officer Adams and Rockcastle

Deputy Sheriff Ronnie Roark, apprehended him.

Lamb had been in Rockcastle District Court earlier in the day, facing other charges including possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, wanted endangerment, terroristic threatening, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and no insurance.

During his hearing on Monday, Adams was one of the witnesses who testified against Lamb and he was bound over to the Rockcastle Grand Jury on two of the charges.

However, District Judge Mike Henry objected to an increased bond for Lamb.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette argued for the higher bond

because he said that Lamb was a serious danger to society and should be held under a high bond until other court proceedings took place.

Judge Henry disagreed and Lamb was released on the same \$7,500 cash or property bond that he had previously filled.

A lot of people watched him

leave the courthouse and get into his truck - they knew he did not have any license or any insurance, but he drove off anyway," Adams said.

Adams said that he was traveling north on U.S. 25 when he spotted Lamb driving the '82 Ford truck.

Adams pursued Lamb as did Mt.

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Woodrow "Woody" Lamb

Local man arrested for shoplifting: child taken into protective custody

A Mt. Vernon man, who was arrested on Tuesday for shoplifting at Rite-Aid Pharmacy in Mt. Vernon, was in Rockcastle District Court on Wednesday, facing a variety of charges, including possible abandonment of a child.

Mt. Vernon Asst. Police Chief Eddie Delaney arrested Scott Combs, 30, of Bluegrass Inn, Mt. Vernon, after he received a complaint from Rite-Aid employees that Combs was

stealing wheel cleaner from the store.

Besides the shoplifting charge, Delaney also charged Combs with possession of methamphetamine, after the substance was found in his pockets.

The local department of Protection and Permanency were also brought into the case, after it was discovered that Combs had left his 17-month-old daughter in a car, in the parking lot at Rite-Aid.

Because the child was abandoned in the hot car while her father committed a crime, she was placed in protective custody by department officials.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette said that it was likely that child abandonment charges would be filed against Combs, who is being held under a \$12,500, ten percent bond, in the Rockcastle Detention Center.

Delaney said that the windows were down in the vehicle.



Betty Sue Holcomb, of Brodhead, was a passenger in the above RTEC van, which was involved in a three car collision in Berea on Thursday. Mrs. Holcomb died as a result of the accident, which occurred around 10:30 a.m.

Brodhead woman dies after three car accident

A Brodhead woman died after a three car crash around 10:30 a.m. in Berea on Thursday.

According to Berea police, Betty Sue Holcomb, 65, of Brodhead, was a passenger in an RTEC van, when it collided with a vehicle, which had been struck by another vehicle.

According to police, the fatal accident occurred on U.S. 25 north, in the city limits of Berea, near Britton Chevrolet.

Police said that Lavanja H. Phillips, 39, of Mason Lake Road, Berea, caused the accident when she pulled from the North Side Shell, into the path of Larry Sparks, 47, of Hughes Ave, Berea, striking Sparks and causing him to cross into the path of the RTEC vehicle, which was traveling north on U.S. 25.

Police said that Mrs. Holcomb was in a wheelchair in the back of the van and was enroute to Patie A. Clay Hospital for treatment when the wreck occurred.

Apparently, Mrs. Holcomb's wheelchair came loose from its restraints during the accident.

Mrs. Darlene Harris, 42, of Brodhead, was the driver of the RTEC van and Barry Lamb, 23, of Berea, was a front seat passenger.

Both Mrs. Harris and Lamb were treated for minor injuries at Berea Hospital and released.

Phillips and Sparks were also treated and released from the Berea Hospital.

Mrs. Holcomb was taken to Berea Hospital for treatment, transferred to

Fair set to start

on August 4th

The 106th annual Little World's Fair and Rockcastle County Agricultural Fair will kick off Saturday, August 4th in Brodhead.

The annual event will begin with Saturday's Dairy Show and end on Saturday, August 11th with the Mud Races, which begin at 7:30 p.m.

During the week there will be a Demolition Derby, Rodeo and Family Day on Thursday when all rides will be just .25 from Noon to 4 p.m.

There are 754 categories in the Agricultural Fair with judging taking place on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Exhibits will be open nightly from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission to all events for the 106th annual event will be \$7.00 nightly.

The midway will open at 6 p.m. nightly.

Patie A. Clay and then to the University of Kentucky Hospital, where she died.

According to the Fayette County Coroner's office, Mrs. Holcomb apparently died from blunt chest trauma received during the wreck.

Funeral services for Mrs. Holcomb were conducted on Sunday at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead.

ASPI to hold meeting about off road travel

For decades, improper off-road vehicles (ORV) use has been a growing problem in Laurel, Rockcastle and other nearby counties of Kentucky. Our beautiful countryside is important to us; it is not something to be trashed. Last fall, Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest (ASPI) held a constructive meeting among landowners, ORV riders, and other citizens on the issue. The group, composed of about half local ORV riders and half concerned landowners, came to a consensus - agreeing that ORV trespassing on private land would not be tolerated. While a number of ORV riders have become more respectful of the concerns of local citizens, many more continue to rip up the land without regard to the consequences. Bold new actions are needed.

You are invited to a second ORV Citizens' Meeting at the ASPI Nature Center near Livingston on Thursday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m. To get to the ASPI Nature Center, take I-75 and follow the signs to the meeting at the nature center.

We will talk about recent nearby ORV monitoring efforts and discuss what we can do about the continuing ORV problem in the future. Let's improve the quality of life in our communities.

For more information about this

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Anderson in Renfro Valley

Renfro Valley Entertainment Center welcomes back John Anderson on July 28. With a new album "Nobody's Gonna Ail," Anderson is at the peak of his local power. He brings to his

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Rockcastle is Home to National Convention

Over 1,400 cavers from across the United States and some foreign countries are in Rockcastle County this week attending the annual National Speleological Society's (NSS) convention.

Classes are being held daily at the Rockcastle County High School, which is serving as headquarters for the national convention.

Mike Harver, Facilities Chairman and liaison between the NSS and the local school system said this week, that things are going well at the convention.

Cavers are also using the many caves in the area, including Salt Petre Cave, where they have set up a campground on the 304 acre site. The convention will run through Friday.

