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the Carlisle Mercury to refrain from printing any specifics learned about a possible motive, number of those involved in the violent act, or caliber and type of gun used to murder the couple, as it may hinder the investigation.

What can be shared is that there was a massive police presence at the scene and officers from at least three law enforcement agencies worked diligently and professionally to secure the crime scene and collect what some responders have described as "a large quantity of physical evidence."

Five officers from Kentucky Sate Police Post 12 in Frankfort joined KSP Trooper Shain Stephens from Post 6 in Dry Ridge, and at least three detectives with the Scott County Sheriff's Office, on the scene moments after the homicides were reported.

Sources say the couple was discovered by a female friend of Vivian Gray.

Scott County - Coroner John Goble and his deputy coroner Tom Moss arrived immediately.

They pronounced the couple dead at 11 a.m. that morning.

Goble, a former officer with the Kentucky State Police praised the efforts and professional actions of law enforcement personnel present.

He also struggled with the assignment, as he, like so many, was a friend of Jim Gray.

"I knew Jim very well. He was simply a great guy," Goble said. "Due to the nature of the ongoing investigation I am limited in what I can say, I can say that there were no defensive wounds that would indicate any sign of a struggle and no defense mechanism or defense weapon came into play during the homicide. This was a very disturbing scene.... Very....Very...Very disturbing. I want to commend the firefighters and the emergency medical responders as well as the officers on the scene who did everything they could, and conducted themselves in a very professional manner."

KSP Post 12 Public Information officer Ronald Turley was on the scene and assisted with the collection and gathering of evidence with his fellow officers and those of the Scott County Sheriff's Office.

"We did gather good evidence but I can't comment on the specifics of any ongoing investigation," Turley said.

KSP Trooper Stephens received praise from Goble and others present for his attention to detail and professionalism during the investigation, but downplayed his role stating, "I simply helped secure the scene and ran errands for the other investigators."

Detective Jack Patrick of the Scott County Sheriff's Office is leading the investigation and is being assisted by two other detectives and Scott County Sheriff Bobby Hammons. Neither Hammons nor Patrick could be reached for comment as The Carlisle Mercury prepared to go to press.

Anthony Gray, who works at Yale Kentuckiana near Versailles, Ky., said he spent the Saturday before last with his father as they spent several hours shopping at flea markets.

"We did everything together my whole life. I'd been putting in a lot of hours at my job and it was really nice to spend the day with him that day. He loved going to flea markets.

"He loved trading and he genuinely loved just talking and dealing with people. He was very generous, and he enjoyed being a barber and spending his time at the variety store. He especially loved old farm tools.

"If someone came in and saw a piece of furniture they needed and dad knew they had fallen on hard times, well, he would mark the price way down and then he would tell them to take his truck if they needed a truck to haul anything with. He was a very generous person. I stopped by there and made sure the animals were all feed a few times last week and every time I stopped in the local folks would all stop by and give me food and tell me how much my parents meant to them. Most would tell me that dad had loaned them some piece of equipment and they wanted me to know.

"I told them to use it until they were done and bring it back then as there was no rush. Dad and mom were simply wonderful people. They were members of the Stonewall Church of God and it seems like everyone trusted them as much as they trusted everyone.

"Dad took everyone at their word and he was always ready to help someone in need.

"They both loved people and they loved animals as well. Mom would find injured birds and would take them inside and nurse them back to health for months at a time and then release them again."

They were good, honest, trusting Kentucky people and that makes this even harder to bear. Not just on me, but on the whole community. Mom and dad were

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ily then became what do we do?

The possibility of it working was predicted to be slim, but faced with the alternative there was very little choice.

The potential effect of the surgery could leave Jaiden in a vegetative state.

"What do we do if that happens," King questioned. "We know this child would not want to live that kind of life."

Not knowing what to do, braced with fear, the family knew there would be no way the family or Jaiden could ever give up.

Doctors explained the surgery could take up to three hours.

There were people from Carlisle in large numbers. Ministers, friends and a very large contingent were gathered in the hospital.

"We made the decision to have the surgery. About an hour and a half later the doctors came out and said he had done fine. He was stable and the surgery had gone well."

The procedure included an incision from ear to ear across the top of the skull requiring 50 staples to repair.

They took out a small, diamond shaped piece of the skull, which is then stored in a freezer. It can be preserved for two to three months until it's time to perform surgery to put it back in.

Jaiden was put into a medical coma. It became apparent Jaiden was fighting for every breath of life. Even before surgery he could count, he could respond yes or no, he knew where he was from and he knew his name.

"We knew from all of that he was hanging on wasn't going to give up. His mother said as she smiled.

The second or third day doctors told the support group at the hospital they were going to bring Jaiden back from his medically induced coma.

"We just hoped he would come back and be all right," King said. "Our next goal was to wake up."

When he began to wake up he would respond to different things.

Each day as he recovered his mother would exercise his arms and legs to prevent loss of muscle tone.

Jaiden began to regain use of his muscles, which surprised doctors.

"We knew he understood what was going on. And we were so pleased he still had his motor skills."

The team of doctors making the decision to have this surgery made all the difference.

Although Jaiden could not talk after surgery, he was able to communicate. He blinked, used fingers and when he finally got to the point that he was able to hug his mother, "I was overwhelmed," she said. "I started to cry and wanted to run around the hospital telling people."

For the family and Jaiden it has been a roller coaster ride – and for now it's all straight ahead.

His first venture to home for an event was last week's cruise in. He was moved from UK to Cardinal Hill as part of the rehabilitation process, and has improved to the point he can walk as long as there are people around him in case he loses his footing.

For the family though, "Once he began to communicate I knew he would be all right."

As his rehabilitation continues it's become concentrated on his motor skills. He can talk, and he can write, his functions are nearly back to normal. His mother says his comprehension level may be better than before the accident.

Surgery to replace the piece of the skull is about a month away, and the family hopes for a full recovery.

It has been a long road, from fearing the worst to looking forward to the day this 12-year-old makes his way home for good.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 07-CI-00015

WHITAKER BANK — PLAINTIFF

VS: NOTICE OF SALE

RAY A. SNAPP, ET AL. — DEFENDANTS

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Nicholas Circuit Court entered in the above styled action on April 2, 2007, and to make enough money to satisfy said judgment lien owed Plaintiff as of January 25, 2007, in the amount of $98,054.10, with interest thereon at the rate of 9.75% per annum from said date until paid, and in the amount of $3,222.52, with interest thereon at the rate of 13.25% per annum from said date until paid, plus attorney fees in an amount to be determined, and its costs herein expended including expenses of sale; all as provided in said judgment, the undersigned Master Commissioner will on May 12, 2007, at or about the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse door in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest bidder(s) the following described property known as 0 Crooked Creek Road, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky and 4525 Sugar Creek Road, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky, to-wit:

TRACT A:

I. A certain tract or parcel of land located in Nicholas County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

"BEGINNING at a corner post corner to David Smith; thence in an easterly direction 619 feet along the line of David Smith corner to a post at a creek bank; thence in a northerly direction 653 feet along the line of Cecil Mynear; thence in a northerly direction 1115 feet along the line of grantors; thence in an easterly direction 59 feet to a post; thence in a northerly direction 236 feet to a walnut tree; thence in a westerly, southeasterly and southerly direction 2023 feet along the line of Tipton to the point of beginning, containing 14 acres, more or less, being sold by the boundary and not by the acre."

II. That right-of-way through the land of Clyde C. Smith and Leona Smith in favor of the above property. See Deed Book 85, Page 231.

Tract A being the same property conveyed to Edith Ann Snapp by Clyde C. Smith and Leona Smith, husband and wife, by deed dated April 30, 1991, and of record in Deed Book 85, Page 231, of the Nicholas County Clerk's Office.

TRACT B:

I. A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Nicholas County, Kentucky, in the tributary of Crooked Creek and bounded as follows:

"In the E by the land of Preston Smith; in the S by the land of Tho. Ritchie and in the W by the land of Columbus Smith, running by the land of Columbus Smith running off to a sharp corner in the North and being a part of the same farm second party (Spencer Mynear and wife) resided on and already in their possession and the interest hereby conveyed being the share of Mary F. Martin in said farm the entire boundary above-described containing 31 acres the interest herein conveyed containing about 15 ½ acres."

II. "That right of way through the land of Ricky C. Smith and Kathy W. Smith in favor of the above property. See Deed Book 97, Page 123."

Tract B being the same property conveyed to Ray A. Snapp and Edith A. Snapp, husband and wife, by Ricky C. Smith and Kathy W. Smith, husband and wife, by deed dated July 23, 1997, and of record in Deed Book 97, Page 123, of the Nicholas County Clerk's Office.

Upon the sale of the above-described property, the purchase price shall be payable in cash. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder(s) shall make a deposit of ten (10%) percent of the purchase price and give bond with approved good and sufficient surety thereon for payment of the remaining part of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after the date of sale, said bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and to be a lien on said property and to bear interest at the rate of twel ve (12%) percent per annum from date of sale until paid, which bond and accrued interest can be paid before maturity.

Said property shall be sold as a whole "as is" and free and clear of all liens,

encumbrances and interests of the parties herein but shall be sold subject to:

(a) 2007 and subsequent years ad valorem property taxes which shall be paid by the purchaser(s);
(b) Legal highways, easements, restrictions and stipulations of record affecting said property, and all governmental laws and regulations affecting same;
(c) Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
(d) Any facts that could be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property.
(e) Any right of redemption which may exist.

The Court and the Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser(s). Purchaser(s) shall be entitled to possession of the premises, and a deed will be delivered to the purchaser(s), upon full payment of the purchase price and confirmation of the sale and approval of the deed by the Court.

Following sale of the above-described property, the Master Commissioner shall promptly report same to the Court, and said report shall be held over for a period of ten (10) days for confirmation or exceptions. Anyone desiring to object or except to the sale shall do so by that time or be forever barred.

Joseph H. Conley, Master Commissioner,
Nicholas Circuit Court

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SPORTS

Game One: Somerset uses grand slam in seventh to get past Lady Jackets

SOMERSET - Friday's two-game All "A" Classic softball sectionals series pitting Nicholas County against host Somerset had most all of the dramatics a fan would ever want to see - and then some.

The first game ended when a Somerset player belted a game-winning grand slam in the seventh inning, breaking open a close 2-2 tie game and sending the Lady Jumpers out on top, 6-2.

Somerset junior Chelsea Felts connected on a grand slam in the seventh inning, sending it over the centerfield fence. Before Felts connected on the game-winning, bases-clearing hit, neither team had owned a comfortable lead.

Kristin Floyd got Somerset going in the seventh inning when she drew a lead-off walk. Floyd got to second base when teammate Brittany Dorsey laid down a bunt that found its way through the Nicholas County defense. Somerset's Caiti Cowan loaded the bases in the seventh inning when she pounded a single into the outfield. Felts' home run didn't have any trouble clearing the centerfield fence, giving the Lady Jumpers the 6-2 victory in the opening game of the best two-out-of-three sectional series.

Nicholas County struggled to get its bats going in the opening game of the series. Somerset sent eighth-grader Paige Gadberry out to pitch in the huge match-up. Alianne Tilley, the player who normally pitches for the Lady Jumpers, was out with an injury and unable to pitch. The Somerset pitcher responded nicely to the call, limiting Nicholas County to just a pair of hits. The Lady Jackets only had one earned run, but clearly made the most of their two hits.

Tilley played leftfield for Somerset, instead of her normal pitching position. Ailing from a leg injury, Tilley was still able to tap a double into deep centerfield in the sixth inning of the sectionals opener.

Visiting Nicholas County didn't waste any time in going out in front of Somerset. The Lady Jackets scored in the top half of the first inning and led until Somerset's fourth at-bat.

With two outs in the first inning, Nicholas County's Tara Wilson drew a walk and wasted no time in stealing second base. Wilson, after reaching third base on a passed ball, crossed home plate on a throw from the third baseman back to the pitcher.

Host Somerset tied the game in the bottom half of the fourth inning when Polly West, who had reached base on a single, scored on a Nicholas County throwing error.

The Lady Jackets owned their second and final lead of the game in the top half of the fifth inning when Shelby Sosby drove in teammate Morgan Kelly on a hard-hit triple into right-center field. Nicholas County, however, couldn't add to its 2-1 advantage. Sosby, who connected on the triple with no outs, found herself stranded at third base when three of her teammates failed to reach base.

The Lady Jumpers knotted the game at 2-2 when Caiti Cowan hit an inside-the-park home run in the bottom half of the fifth inning. Somerset had a runner on third base in the sixth inning, threatening to score again, but Nicholas County was able to get out of the inning with the game still tied.

The Lady Jackets were held in check during their final at-bat.

Somerset scored its six runs on eight hits. The Lady Jumpers committed one error.

Nicholas County was charged with two errors in the first sectionals game.

Game Two: Lady Jackets pull out 3-2 win, stay alive

SOMERSET - Faced with possible elimination, Nicholas County found a way to win in game two of a best two-out-of-three All "A" Classic softball sectional series versus host Somerset. After experiencing heartbreak in the opening game against Somerset, the Lady Jackets dished out some of their own punishment in the second game, pulling out a hard-fought 4-3 win over the home standing Lady Jumpers.

Pitcher Shelby Brown recorded the win for the Lady Jackets. Brown continued to pitch well just as she had done in the 10th Region Tournament.

Behind Brown, Nicholas County's usual cast of solid hitters, including Tiffany Wilson, Tierra Wilson, Hollee Bretz and Edwina Fryman, stepped up and provided offensive help.

With the game tied 3-3 in the fifth inning, Somerset junior first baseman Chelsea Felts belted what looked to be the go-ahead home run for the host team. Felts crossed home plate on the round-tripper, making the score 4-3.

The Somerset first baseman, however, removed her helmet while heading to home plate and that goes against the prep softball rules. Nicholas County Coach Barry Bretz protested the home run and the umpiring crew of the small school sectional game ruled in his favor, wiping the home run off of the scoreboard. Somerset could never get the run back. Nicholas County, though, supplied a run of its own, going ahead 4-3.

The Lady Jackets were able to make their newfound lead stick. Nicholas County scored the game-winning run in the fifth inning.

Somerset grabbed the game's first lead, going out in front 1-0 in the second inning when starting pitcher Paige Gadberry drove in teammate Allyson Childers with an RBI double. Childers had reached base on a double of her own.

The Lady Jackets responded with three runs of their own in the bottom half of the second inning and took a 3-1 lead into the third frame. Continuing the back-and-forth battle that was waged in the first game of the highly-contested series, Somerset tied the game at 3-3 with a pair of runs in the top half of the third inning.

Nicholas County pushed across four runs on five hits. The Lady Jackets played error-free in the field while limiting Somerset to just three runs.

Somerset scored its three runs on eight hits. Brown, Nicholas County's talented pitcher, turned away more than one Somerset scoring threat during the sectionals match-up.

Gadberry was stuck with the pitching loss for the Lady Jumpers.

Thanks to Friday's split, Nicholas County will make a return trip to Somerset on Wednesday afternoon for one last deciding game versus the Lady Jumpers.

First pitch for the sectional finale is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The winner of Wednesday's game will move on to the All "A" Classic State Tournament at Louisville's Skyview Park. The double-elimination state tournament, which will consist of eight teams, will be held May 12-13.

Lady Jackets headed back to Somerset for decisive third game

The Nicholas County High School softball team has some unfinished business in Somerset.

After splitting two games of an All "A" Sectional doubleheader with host Somerset, Nicholas County is gearing up for a third and decisive game against the Lady Jumpers.

Each team won a close game Friday. Somerset used a grand slam in the bottom half of the seventh inning, of the first game to get past Nicholas County 6-2. In the second game, Nicholas County held on and won 4-3.

The twinbill had its share of defense and quality pitching. In the offensive department, Somerset held a distinct advantage of the Lady Jackets, despite the doubleheader split and Nicholas County taking the second game and remaining alive in the hunt for a small school state tournament berth.

"After a very long and tiring trip, we did not get anything completed," said Nicholas County first year Head Coach Barry Bretz.

"We did not hit the ball very hard the entire night; except for Shelby Sosby. We played good defense again and survived an elimination game to be able to go back to try and win a trip to the Elite Eight in Louisville. We have to come out and hit the ball better."

The Lady Jackets combined for just 10 hits in the sectional games of the doubleheader. Somerset out hit Nicholas County 16-7 in the first two games.

In the first two All "A" sectional games, Nicholas County faced Somerset eighth-grader Paige Gadberry.

The eighth-grader was filling in for an injured Alianne Tilley, who instead of pitching and playing out of a normal role, played leftfield. The Lady Jackets could see either pitcher in Wednesday's game.

First pitch for Wednesday's game, the third game in the best two-out-of-three series, is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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always happy you couldn't spend a few minutes around dad until he had you laughing about something. It's just real rough and I'm still in shock.

"It seems like to me this has just about broke the trust of the whole community around Corinth and Stonewall. Mom was a great cook and dad's store was like a gathering place.

"The community and myself . . . Well, we're all just very hurt and I would ask that the fine folks in Nicholas and surrounding counties join me and others in prayer. I was helping pick out caskets for mom and dad today.

"And as I was looking at all the beautiful caskets. I remember looking at some of the wooden ones. My parents just loved everything made out of wood-dad with his old antiques and wooden farm implements and mom loved the wooden floors in the home. I don't know . . . It just hurts real bad . . . I want 'em caught, whoever did this. It hurt me bad, and it hurt the whole community bad. I want 'em caught."

Anyone with any information regarding the murders of James "Jim" Gray and his wife Vivian is urged to contact the Scott County Sheriff's Office at 1-505-863-7855 or KSP Post 12 at 1-502-227-2221.

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May 5 - Cookout - Warner's Service Station
10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Helen's Heroes

May 19 - Motor Bike Ride
Information to follow - Helen's Heroes

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