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Fugitive found in cruiser theft

A fugitive who is accused of stealing a Carlisle police cruiser last month was arrested Sunday night.

Joshua Abnee, 28, was arrested Oct. 7, without incident, at 102 School Avenue, just before midnight at his mother's Carlisle home.

Abnee was taken into custody by Carlisle police officers Tim Layne, Michael Kiskaden and Kenneth Brockman, and charged with theft by unlawful taking, over \$300 (auto), fleeing and evading, second degree,

and operating on a suspended license.

Nicholas County Trial Commissioner Eric Tedder issued a warrant for Abnee's arrest on Sept. 24, after Carlisle Police Officer Michael Kiskaden filed a criminal complaint against Abnee. Kiskaden's complaint came in the wake of a late-night incident involving a high-speed chase.

"Police have been looking for Abnee since that night. On that night Kiskaden attempted to pull over a

2001 red pickup truck that was missing a tailgate on the evening of Sept. 22. Kiskaden had received complaints earlier that evening regarding the vehicle and the occupants, but when he attempted to initiate a traffic stop in Carlisle the truck sped away.

"They were going in excess of 80 m.p.h. Kiskaden told The Mercury.

The truck led Kiskaden on a wild chase across Nicholas County before ending on Dunn Road.

Jeremy Dunn was the driver.

"Police say Abnee was the passenger.

"After turning onto Dunn Road, Dunn stopped the vehicle," the warrant for Abnee's arrest states. "Affiant (Kiskaden) gave repeated commands to stop and get on the ground." Dunn exited the vehicle from the driver's side and attempted to flee on foot. While Affiant was in pursuit of Dunn, defendant (Abnee) then took unlawful possession/control of

Affiant's police cruiser, attempting to deprive Affiant thereof, with lights and sirens activated. Defendant drove the cruiser an approximate distance of 100 yards, then exited the vehicle and fled on foot, knowingly and wantonly disobeying Affiant's previous direction to stop. Defendant's operator's license was suspended at the time that he had driven the cruiser. The value of the police cruiser exceeds the sum of \$300."

Dunn, who is charged with

DUI and fleeing and evading police, appeared in Nicholas County District Court last week with his attorney, Public Defender Jennifer Wittmeyer. Dunn waived his right to a preliminary hearing, which will result in his case being presented to a future Nicholas County grand jury.

Abnee remains lodged in the Montgomery County Jail on \$10,000 cash bond. He is scheduled to appear in Nicholas County District Court this week.

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Toydrivetime

The Nicholas County Fire Department will be sponsoring a special cookout and motorcycle run Oct. 13 to help raise funds so all Nicholas County children have a very merry Christmas.

The fire department will also be providing food boxes to all Nicholas County families in need.

"Each child will get at least two new toys," Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes said. "Last year we helped over 250 children and provided an additional 75 food boxes for our senior citizens and disabled citizens."

Hughes and assistant project coordinator Stephanie Sosby remind everyone that although the ride will be high-lighted with area motorcycle clubs, everyone who wants to participate will be encouraged to do so regardless of the motor vehicle they drive.

"Hey we don't care if you drive a motorcycle, a car, a truck or tractor," Hughes said with a smile. "We'll all be going by convoy from the farmhouse to Mt. Sterling and everyone is invited to come along."

"Our goal is to make this year's Christmas the biggest and best for everyone possible," Sosby said.

Riders will depart from the farmhouse at approximately 11 a.m. and travel to Walmart in Mt. Sterling for some toy shopping. The cookout will be held at the farmhouse from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Mike Phillips will be one of our grill masters," Sosby said and encouraged everyone to stop by for some tasty treats and support the Christmas effort.

Donations of toys, food or money will be accepted at Mark Hughes Auto Sales, and anyone wishing to volunteer to help is encouraged to call Hughes at 859-749-7207 or Sosby at 707-6336.

"We deeply appreciate everyone that has helped with this project in the past," Hughes said while praising the generosity of the Carlisle and Nicholas County communities.



Photo by Charles Mattox

No injuries

A single-vehicle accident Sunday Oct. 7 on Ky. 32 slowed travel as a 1993 Chevy pickup truck driven by Ollie Eric Wheeler, 37, of Myers Road, Carlisle, ran off the roadway on the right, hit an earth embankment, flipped on its side and came to rest in the south bound lane, according to an accident report prepared by Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler. Wheeler received no life-threatening injuries as a result of the accident, Buckler said.

Acts of vandalism have become cause of concern for Oriole Street and other Carlisle residents

Recent acts of teenage vandalism have upset city residents, and one of them, who has sought police action, is now seeking to forgive the vandals as long as the vandals do not return.

"If kids get by with something less serious it isn't long until they try to get by with something a little more serious."

Fay Kimes, Oriole Street resident

Kimes said she was more than willing to forgive the vandals.

"I'd like for him to come by and say 'I did it and I'm sorry,' she said.

Kimes also expressed concern over the act going unpunished.

"If kids get by with something less serious it isn't long until they try to get by with something a little more serious," Kimes said.

"That can be where all the serious trouble starts. If a youngster is 12, or 13 or 14 years-old they should be home after dark. They should surely be home after midnight at that age."

Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton commented on recent acts of vandalism.

"Several street signs have been taken and some graffiti has appeared beneath some of the bridges in the city," Denton said.

"I feel like there are probably a few incidents that go unreported, but I encourage all citizens to report anything they see that causes them concern.

"That will help us better track any patterns of criminal behavior and we can then alter our patrol routes accordingly if needed."

Kimes summed up her plans.

"I'll be watching for that kid," she said.

Anyone who lives within the city limits of Carlisle who witnesses acts of vandalism or any other crimes is encouraged to contact the Carlisle Police Department at 289-3710.

Woman faces three counts

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A Carlisle woman was arrested last week and charged with three counts of receiving stolen property.

Angeloique K. Beatty, 30, of Bald Hill Road, Carlisle, was arrested Thursday afternoon Oct. 4 by Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton and charged with receiving stolen property (firearm), receiving stolen property, over \$300 (a laptop computer), and receiving stolen property, under \$300 (two boxes of coins).

Carlisle resident Larry Craig reported the items as

stolen earlier in the day and Denton immediately began his investigation.

Beatty was brought to the Carlisle Police Department later in the day and questioned for several hours.

Kentucky State Police officers, including Detective Brett Kirkland, joined the investigation.

Denton recovered all of the stolen property during the investigation, according to his report.

Beatty was taken to the Montgomery County Jail where she posted 10 percent of a \$3,000 bond and was released. She is scheduled to appear for an arraignment in Nicholas District Court.

Murdered man's brother expresses hope for justice as case enters ninth year

The brother of a Nicholas County man murdered eight years ago is expressing hope that his brother's killer(s) may soon be brought to justice.

"I feel like progress is being made in the case," Billy Dixon said Monday of the unsolved murder investigation of his brother Donnie Dixon.

Donnie Dixon was murdered Oct. 4, 1999 at the driveway to his home near the intersection of US-68 and the Headquarters Road.

"There have been no arrests made in connection with his murder."

"Victim was found on his private drive at his residence dead from multiple gunshot wounds," states the Kentucky State Police cold case file of Dixon's murder as posted on the KSP Dry Ridge post website.

Dixon's murder is one of three unsolved murders that have occurred in Nicholas County in the last decade.

David Sadler was murdered at his Abner's Mills Road home March 31, 2003.

Roger Scotty Fulton, who last resided in Bartoville, was found murdered in Johnson Creek near the confluence of Five Lick Creek and Johnson Creek Feb. 29, 2004.

Dixon, Sadler and Fulton all died from gun shot wounds.

Dixon and Sadler were best friends, according to family members.

Both also knew Fulton.

"We have gathered no evidence that suggests any of these murders is connected to one another," KSP Detective Clinton Graves said last week. Graves is the lead investigator on the Dixon murder case and is also working on the Sadler case. He is assisting fellow KSP Detective Chris Jasowak on the Fulton murder case.

Graves remains cautiously optimistic in making public statements regarding various aspects of the investigation, but Dixon's brother said he deeply appreciates the continuing contact Graves has made with himself and other Dixon family members.

Detective Graves has been in contact with our family and has briefed us several times on the progress of Donnie's murder case," Billy Dixon said. "I deeply appreciate that, and I hope the case is resolved within the next year. It's been a very long time."

Anyone with any information regarding the unsolved murders of Donnie Dixon, David Sadler or Roger Scotty Fulton, is urged to contact KSP Post 6 at 1-800-222-5555.

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