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Photo by Charles Mattox
Carl Russell Hair, 83, was in Nicholas District Court and pled guilty to charges related to an August incident when he allegedly attempted to lure two young girls into his car.

Hair takes deal

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An elderly registered sex offender will have to stay out of Nicholas County for the next two years or face three months in jail as a result of a plea agreement reached in Nicholas District Court last week.

Carl Russell Hair, 83, appeared for a scheduled preliminary hearing Dec. 11. Such a hearing is conducted to see if probable cause has been established to have felony charges bound over to a future grand jury.

Instead of facing that possibility, Hair and his attorney Jennifer Wittmeyer helped close a deal instead

with county attorney Dawn Letcher.

"Although Appalled at any criminal activity which renders a child a victim, thankfully, the potential child victims in this matter acted in such a manner as to avoid harm," Letcher said. "The defendant's charge was amended to criminal attempt to commit unlawful transaction with a minor, third degree, because, unfortunately, the evidence would not support a more stringent charge. Furthermore, a plea to this charge carries up to 90 days in jail. As Mr. Hair has served 10 of those days, should he violate any of the terms of his probation, I will request that his probation be re-

voked and he serve the remaining 80 days."

As part of his plea, he can have no contact with any member of the child's family that he allegedly tried to lure into his car that day.

Hair allegedly attempted to lure two young girls into his car in separate instances in August on School Street when the two young girls disembarked from their school bus.

Hair is forbidden to be in Nicholas County for the next two years, or face the consequences of serving 80 days in jail with credit for ten days he has already served.

He must also not commit any violations of the sex-offender registry.

KSP Holiday Safety Checkpoints

The Kentucky State Police at Dry Ridge will be conducting traffic safety checkpoints throughout the post district. These checkpoints will be set up at designated areas on highways where statistics have shown an elevated number of vehicle crashes. During the checkpoints officers will be enforcing laws related to Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol, Licensing of Motor Vehicles and Operators, Registration and Insurance Violations, Seat Belt and Child Restraint violations along with Motor Vehicle Equipment Violations.

Below is a list of traffic safety checkpoint locations. These roadway locations include, but are not limited to:

Nicholas County	Bourbon County	Fendleton County
KY 32 between mile point 1.854 and 01.181	US 460 between mile points 0.000 and 21.933	US 27 between mile point 0.349 and 19.453
KY 36 between mile point 1.427 and 12.851	US 68 between mile points 0.000 and 10.069	KY 22 between mile point 0.500 and 18.716
KY 68 between mile point 0.000 and 11.811	US 27 between mile points 0.000 and 15.335	KY 17 between mile point 0.200 and 13.564
	Bracken County	Robertson County
	KY 10 between mile points 0.064 and 20.941	KY 165 between mile point 0.200 and 15.763
	KY 8 between mile points 0.000 and 18.967	KY 539 between mile point 0.000 and 5.852
	KY 9 between mile points 0.000 and 19.857	
	Grant County	
	US 25 between mile point 0.000 and 23.229	
	KY 22 between mile point 0.430 and 15.560	
	I-75 between mile point 143.739 and 165.400	
	Harrison County	
	US 62 between mile point 0.000 and 22.248	
	US 27 between mile point 0.000 and 54.046	
	KY 36 between mile point 0.000 and 15.543	

Traffic Safety Checkpoints are a valuable tool used to promote the safety and well being of the public as well as providing police with visibility and interaction with the community. Checkpoints are utilized throughout the Commonwealth to help promote highway safety. Local police and county agencies may also assist the Kentucky State Police in conducting these Traffic Safety Checkpoints. All checkpoints will be set up in accordance with state law and in compliance with Kentucky State Police policy and procedure.



Photo submitted
Timmy 'Timbo' Mitchell 23, and Brittany Dawn Ruble, 18, both of Carlisle, lost their lives in a tragic, two-vehicle accident on Myers Road at approximately 3 p.m., Dec. 10.

Auto accident claims local couple

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A tragic, two-vehicle accident on Myers Road, just northeast of Carlisle, claimed the life of a Nicholas County High School senior, and her fiancé, a former Fleming County student, at approximately 3 p.m., Dec. 10.

Brittany Ray Dawn Ruble, 18, a senior at NCHS, and Timmy "Timbo" Mitchell, 23, her fiancé, were killed instantly when the vehicle they were in, a 1998 Hyundai four door, driven by Mitchell, slid on the wet road surface while traveling in the eastbound lane, spun out of control and struck an oncoming 1990 GMC truck traveling in the westbound lane, which was driven by Kenneth Wallace, 63. The car that came to rest over an embankment, just off the road.

Mitchell and Ruble were killed instantly and were pronounced dead at the scene by Nicholas County Coroner, William Clark.

Wallace was treated and later released from the Nicholas County Hospital with no life-threatening injuries.

No charges have been filed in connection with the accident.

The accident occurred midway between the couple's separate homes with each victim living with their parents.

Mitchell had just dropped off his two younger brothers at their home and was taking Ruble home, according to Mitchell family members.

Mitchell and Ruble lived only one mile apart from one another and were less than one-half mile from Ruble's home when the accident occurred.

"They'd just left the house after letting out his brothers," said father Timmy Mitchell when talking about his son and the events that day in a voice heavy with sorrow.

"I guess it's just lucky he dropped his brothers off before taking Brittany home.... He was the best kid anyone could ever ask for. Brittany was a sweet girl. She was here a lot and ate supper with us several times. She was just a real sweet girl... They loved each other."

Nicholas County Firefighters, under the guidance of Fire Chief Mark Hughes, worked closely and diligently with Nicholas County EMS personnel to treat and extract the couple from the wreckage.

Kentucky State Police Detective Kevin Flick, of the Dry Ridge Post, continues to lead the accident investigation. KSP Trooper Dwayne Leon and Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett are assisting Flick with the investigation.

All classes were cancelled at the campus of Nicholas County Schools Monday, Dec. 15, in memory and honor of Brittany, whose funeral was held that same day in the NCHS gymnasium.

Mitchell's funeral was held Sunday, with Clark Funeral Home of Carlisle making all final arrangements.

Bill of Rights Day

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At 9:00 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, Nicholas Countians who happened to be in the downtown area were surprised to hear a woman's voice echoing from the courthouse. Before long, a handful of curious onlookers gathered.

The woman, standing on the courthouse steps, raised a bullhorn to her mouth and began again, "Today is Bill of Rights Day," she explained. "And so I am here to read the Bill of Rights to you." And then she proceeded to read the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, more commonly known as the Bill of Rights.

She had just completed reading the third amendment when concerned county officials came out to see what was going on. Apparently, no one had filed for a permit or



Photo by Stephen Scalf
Exercising her Freedom of Speech
Marsha "Constitution Lady" Foster reads the Bill of Rights from the Courthouse steps.

But when officials learned that she was only reading a portion of the constitution, they allowed her continue without further interference.

The woman was Marsha Foster, who was wearing a sign that said "Bill of Rights Day".

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