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## Woman shot during home invasion

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A Carlisle woman was shot and left for dead and her home then set on fire just before midnight Feb. 25 after she confronted two men who were apparently robbing her home.

Mary Willoughby White, 60, of South Walnut Street, Carlisle, discovered two men, in dark clothing and wearing hoods in her home and confronted them with a small caliber pistol, according to family and police sources.

A Kentucky State Police press release issued Tuesday states that the intruders were two males wear-

ing dark clothing, hooded sweatshirts and gloves and that they left the scene on foot. Police have confirmed that one was wearing a red hat.

The call, like all 911 calls made in Nicholas County from cell phones, was automatically routed to the Kentucky State Police Dry Ridge Post, who immediately contacted Nicholas County Dispatch.

Carlisle Police Officers Mike Kiskaden and Kenny Brockman responded quickly to the scene, as did members of the Carlisle Fire Department and Nicholas County EMS personnel.

"When we arrived the house was engulfed in flames," said Carlisle Fire Chief Jeff Jefferson.

As Jefferson directed his firefighters, EMS and other emergency personnel carried White to an ambulance where she was then transported to the Nicholas County Hospital and was later transported by a Med Flight helicopter to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, where she was treated and later released.



Photo by Charles Mattox  
Kentucky State Police Arson Investigator Curtis Combs begins his investigation into the arson at the home of Mary Willoughby White Tuesday morning. INSET - Mrs. White.

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Photo by Charles Mattox

### Trailer a total loss

Nicholas County firefighters were called to 2550 Locust Grove Road Monday afternoon at approximately 2:20 to the home of Brad Glass where fire had completely engulfed a mobile home. There were no injuries reported.

## Rescued woman says - "Oh, my God, I'm wrecking"

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A District 9 Transportation Cabinet employee came to the rescue of a pregnant

Carlisle woman and her two young children following a single-vehicle accident on Lake Road in the afternoon of Feb. 21, as an ice storm raged.

"The car flipped two or three times," said Jennifer Grigsby, 34, of Carlisle. "It was a surreal experience. When the car started sliding on the road I thought 'Oh my God I'm wrecking,' but there wasn't anything I could do about it."

Grigsby, a Mason County School teacher who lives on Sycamore Street in Carlisle had been dismissed with the rest of the teachers earlier that day as a severe winter storm moved into northeastern Kentucky. She picked up her two children, Sawyer, her 3-year-old daughter and Abram, her 6-year-old son, and started driving home

across Lake Road. She never made it.

As driving conditions became more treacherous due to rain washing salt from the road and dropping temperatures causing new ice to form, Grigsby's 2004 Mercury Mountaineer slid out of control, struck an embankment, and began turning over and over.

When the vehicle finally came to a rest she was hanging upside down, securely strapped in her seat belt, but unable to release herself.

She feared for the safety of her children, but both were uninjured and assured her that they were safe. "We're OK mommy. We're OK," they said.

She tried to find her phone to dial 911, but it was gone. "I was so scared," she

said. District 9 Maintenance engineer Joe Callahan was on his way to Flemingsburg after coordinating efforts with state road crews to continue distributing salt on the roads as the temperatures dropped and freezing rain and ice began to cover the roads.

He came upon the wreck and immediately took action. "I saw the SUV on its top in the ditch," Callahan said. "I was hoping to goodness that it had been an accident that occurred some time before and the people were out and safe at their home and had just left their vehicle there, but then I heard the kids screaming."

Grigsby was near panicked.

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## DOT officials present recommendations

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials from District 9 made their secondary road recommendations for the fiscal year 2008-2009 to members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court Feb. 20 at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

Randy Stull and Joe Callahan, representatives of District 9 met with fiscal court members and explained the financing available for the rural secondary road recommendations program for 2008-2009.

Aside from financing regular maintenance of nearly 63 miles of roadway in Nicholas County, the Transportation Cabinet will fund several projects totaling \$399,762.

Ky. 3315, also known as Cassidy Creek Road, will receive the bulk of the funding with an asphalt-resurfacing

project slated to cover 6.25 miles, beginning at the junction of Ky. 57 at Spout and terminating at the junction of Ky. 32 at Myers. The total estimated cost of the project is slated at \$293,000.

Ky. 1198 also known as Sharpsburg Road will receive asphalt resurfacing for approximately seven tenths of a mile beginning at the Bath County line and terminating at the Bourbon County line at an estimated cost of \$53,900.

Ky. 57, otherwise known as Gravel Road, will have four tenths of a mile resurfaced with asphalt beginning at the Somerset Creek Bridge. Funding has been estimated to cost \$30,200 for the project.

Approximately \$12,600

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Photo by Charles Mattox  
Jennifer Grigsby, her daughter Sawyer, and son Abram are now happy, safe and snug in their home, thanks to the help of Transportation Cabinet employee Joe Callahan following their accident Feb. 21 on Lake Road.

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