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Burglary charges bound over

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Felony burglary charges against Nicholas County brothers Brandon and Clayton Kimes were bound over to the grand jury following a preliminary hearing in Nicholas District Court last week.

Honorable Judge William Probus had the charges of burglary, second degree bound over after hearing testimony from Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Ben-

Buckler was the only witness called to testify on behalf of County Attorney Davy Letcher.

Buckler testified that he was one of several law enforcement officers who responded to the burglary incident and he mentioned Carlisle Police Officer Michael Kiskaden as being among the first officers to arrive on the scene.

According to Buckler's testimony, a family member of the Kimes brothers was in phone contact with Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett following the incident

and Buckler was also in phone contact with Brandon Kimes.

"Brandon contacted me by phone and I asked him to pull over and stop," Buckler said.

Buckler testified that the Kimes brothers did pull over near the outskirts of Carlisle. Buckler said Carlisle Chief of Police William Denton joined him at the location where the Kimes truck stopped.

Kimes brothers at the Willoughby home.

He also testified that the front door of the Willoughby home was damaged.

"Was it a forced entry?" Letcher asked.

"Yes," Buckler answered. Buckler also testified that the vehicle revealed a play station video game identified as being one taken from the Willoughby home.

The Kimes brothers appeared very calm as they sat at the hearing table

with their attorney, Public Defender Jennifer Wittmeyer. They spoke frequently to one another and spoke together with Wittmeyer on several occasions.

Wittmeyer asked Buckler several questions regarding a shooting incident that occurred the morning of her clients' arrest.

Buckler testified that several shots had been fired from one of the eyewitnesses, Martin Kearns, a neighbor of Willoughby's.

Wittmeyer asked Buckler if he had asked her client

about the shooting.

"Brandon said they didn't do anything but the guy just started shooting at them," he said.

Wittmeyer asked if there had been any trouble between the Kimes brothers and Kearns.

Buckler testified that Kearns had recently filed a complaint about a burglary in which several of his father's tools had been stolen.

Wittmeyer asked Buckler if the Play Station found in

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Emergency responders from across the Bluegrass and southern Ohio, salute in honor of the memory of James Earl Travis Fryman, 25, of Carlisle. Fryman's call sign was 409 as a local paramedic with the Nicholas County EMS service. He was killed in a tragic single-vehicle accident Jan. 26 and was buried with full honors Tuesday Jan. 29 in the Paris Cemetery. Fryman was a 2000 graduate of Bourbon County High School.

Community mourns loss of young man

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A young Carlisle paramedic, who dedicated his life to helping others, lost his life last week in a single vehicle accident in Bourbon County Jan. 26.

James Earl Travis Fryman, 25, a paramedic who served the communities of Carlisle, Vanceburg and Portsmouth, with McCord for the past two years, was a dedicated health care provider who loved his job, according to his coworkers. His absence continues to weigh heavily upon his Carlisle coworkers, who have established a makeshift memorial near the entrance of the ambulance service building in the rear of 368 East Main Street.

Fryman's life ended following a single-vehicle accident along Jackstone Road in Bourbon County near where he had visited with family and friends of a recently de-

ceased, volunteer firefighter, his friend, Bobby Bone, who was killed earlier in the week when Bone's vehicle was struck by a train.

Fryman was one of 11 individuals killed on Kentucky roadways last week, according to Kentucky State Police.

Capt. Nelson Sewell, commander of the Nicholas County EMS, described Fryman as a pleasant worker who loved his job and had an excellent personality.

"He was simply an all-around great guy," Sewell said Monday afternoon. "He was always willing to work. He worked whatever we needed him. He was also a part time firefighter."

Coworkers described Fryman as someone who had survived cancer as a child and seemed to be a very calming influence for children in the midst of the tragedies he often responded to.

"He was great," Paramedic Emily Palmer said. "He was

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Governor meets the press at KPA event

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Governor Steve Beshear joined Commissioner of Agriculture Richie Farmer Jan. 25 in Lexington to announce a five-year strategic agriculture plan for the state.

"The need to diversify is growing," Gov. Beshear said from a conference room at the Marriott Resort at Griffin Gate during the winter convention of the Kentucky Press Association. "Agriculture touches everyone. Ev-

ery one of Kentucky's 120 counties has agricultural enterprises."

Beshear introduced the key leaders of the Kentucky Agricultural Council Task Force on the Future of Agriculture, or simply "The Task Force" as Beshear and others often referred to them.

Task Force Chairman Dr. Tony Brannon, Scott Smith, who is UK's Dean of the College of Agriculture, and Kentucky Farm Bureau President, and Bath County native, Marshall Cagle, joined Commissioner Farmer in outlining the plan.

Farmer classified implementing the plan as a "great day for Kentucky agriculture."

The plan incorporates an Agri-Energy development plan, which several members present expressed enthusiasm about.

Farmer said that he was excited about bio fuel production possibilities from wood chips and Switch grass following the press conference.

"We're going to be looking at a lot of ways of turning cellulose-based material into energy," Farmer said and added that the Task

Force was supportive of several agriculture diversification programs.

"But we've got to have a strong market," Farmer said. "We need to do a better job of buying local products and we've got to raise awareness throughout the country. Kentucky farmers are the most energetic, innovative and dedicated people that anyone can imagine."

The Task Force's "Top Ten List" includes funding should be obtained for education, applied research and implementation of more efficient by-product utilization.

"These are not mandates, but simply a model to help guide future endeavors."

Beshear's press conference was next door to a similar one held by University of Kentucky Basketball Coach Billy Gillespie, who had won a surprise victory over Tennessee the night before.

"When you put me up against Billy Gillespie, well, that's not fair," Beshear said with an easy smile as many in the room broke into laughter as the press conference began. Beshear said he identified with the dilemma many journalists had due to

UK's then recent win over number four-ranked Tennessee.

"If I wasn't here I'd be over there," Beshear told reporters as he motioned next door where Gillespie spoke.

Farmer's passion for agriculture is equaled by his love of University of Kentucky Basketball and he shared some brief thoughts on this year's team and the game against Tennessee following the press conference.

"I love watching UK basketball. I always will," he said. "Kentucky fans are a very educated group of basketball fans and Kentucky fans don't like to lose."

Farmer praised Coach Gillespie on his success, and also praised former Mason County star and current University of Tennessee star, Chris Lofton, who now holds the record for most three pointers in South Eastern Conference history.

"Chris is a great shooter," he said. "He's one of the best contested three point shooters I've ever seen. He's hard to stop."

Beshear commented frequently on his open style of governing and said there would be "no secret door-

ways" in the Governor's mansion during his term.

He also compared his style of honest leadership and his pursuit of accurate information to journalists at several times during his address.

"We're battling similar dragons," he said.

Governor Beshear expressed warm regards to the citizens of Nicholas, Bath and Robertson County, and said he looked forward to serving them throughout his term of office.



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Publisher Hank Bond, right, of The Carlisle Mercury talks with Gov. Steve Beshear in Lexington last week.

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