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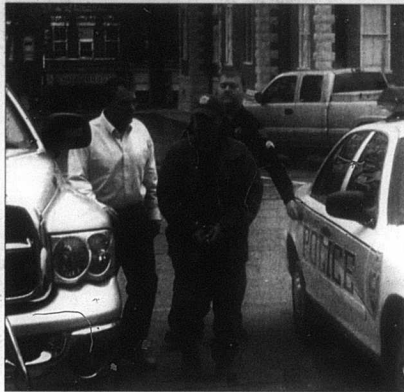


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Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes and Carlisle Police Sgt. Darrell Layne escorted Paul Douglas Jolly to the Carlisle Police Station during his December arrest. Investigators praised the efforts of Hughes in assisting with the location of the stolen property and those who allegedly took it.

Grand Jury indicts two

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Two Nicholas County men were indicted by the grand jury Jan. 5 for allegedly taking part in the theft of a vehicle belonging to a Nicholas County firefighter.

The theft occurred while the firefighter was battling a house fire.

Paul Douglas Jolly, 45, and Douglas E. Hunt, 31, both of Nicholas County, were each indicted on the charge of felony theft by unlawful taking, \$300 or more.

Both were also indicted on the charge of being persistent felony offenders. Jolly was indicted on the charge of persistent felony offender, first degree, and Hunt was indicted on the charge of persistent felony offender, second degree.

The theft charge, which both men were indicted on, occurred Dec. 29, 2008.

Both allegedly took a vehicle belonging to Nicholas

County Volunteer Firefighter Scott Allison while Allison and fellow firefighters were battling a fire at approximately 3:30 a.m., Dec. 29 on Johnson's Chapel Road at the home of the late Donnie Cameron.

Allison's vehicle was later recovered in Harrison County, submerged in the Licking River.

Investigators say Jolly and Hunt deliberately forced the vehicle into the river, where it received extensive damage.

"They tied the steering wheel and drooped it into gear," said Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Bennie Buckler.

Investigators also say Jolly and Hunt removed items from Allison's vehicle, a 1998 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer.

"They took out some golf clubs, CDs and a Christmas present Mr. Allison had already wrapped up for his daughter," Buckler said. "We recovered those items. It looks like they

were going to sell them." Buckler testified before the grand jury before the indictments were returned. Buckler worked closely with Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett on the case and both Buckler and Garrett praised the tireless efforts of Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes. Hughes assisted investigators in locating the vehicle and gathering information about the theft, even though he had battled the Cameron home fire for many hours. His assistance was further appreciated due to the fact that during the fire, a portion of the roof collapsed on him and his son as they hurriedly tried to remove Cameron's personal property from the burning home.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt but rather a procedural step in the judicial system. All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty.

Recovering from tragedy and loss

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In the wake of a tragic two-vehicle accident, which claimed the lives of NCHS senior Brittany Rubie, 18, and her boyfriend Timmy "Timbo" Mitchell, 23, on Dec. 10, Rubie's mother wanted to extend her sincere thanks to those who tried to rescue her daughter and boyfriend from the wreckage. She also wanted to thank her many family members and friends who have helped her endure the tragedy.

Although Brittany Rubie and Timmy "Timbo" Mitchell were boyfriend and girlfriend, Brittany was preparing for college and excited about a future career in nursing. She had received a letter of acceptance from Eastern Kentucky University and a Christmas card from the university welcoming her as an incoming freshman for the 2009 nursing program, but Brittany never had the opportunity to read either, as the accident claimed her life before she had a chance to read those pieces of mail.

"Brittany was a wonderful child," her mother Cindy Evans said. "I couldn't have asked for a better child. God gave her to me for 18 years and I'm grateful for that. Brittany Ray was loved by lots of people she had her friends in school, but her best friend in the world was her grandmother Joannie Evans, who was one of the most important people in her life.

Miss. Evans said she was very appreciative of the emergency responders who came to Brittany and Timmy's aid that day. "And my church family has been a great help to me. I don't think I could have survived this without their help. And I know that Brittany is with me

in a lot of ways and always will be." She said Pastor Phillip Mattox has given the family spiritual guidance and helped strengthen their faith in the Lord. Brittany's family members say it is the small things that remind them of their lost loved one. And it's those small things that touch their hearts the deepest.



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The late Brittany Rubie is shown with her niece Nevaeh.

Change to School Delay Procedure

Effective immediately the procedure for a One-Hour delay will be changed for Nicholas County Schools.

When on a One-Hour delay school will begin at 9 a.m. and be dismissed at 3:45 p.m. Buses will run normal routes on a one-hour delay both morning and afternoon.

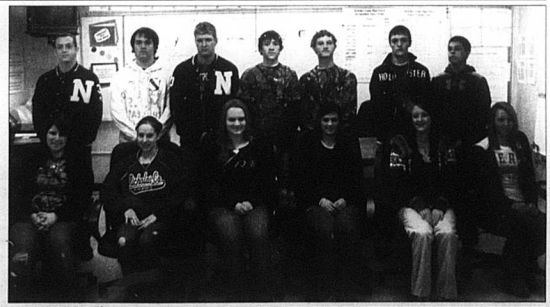
These notifications will be made through television, radio and the district telephone notification system.

FOR THOSE WHO DROP STUDENTS OFF EARLY - schools will be open at 7 a.m. for supervised early drop-off, however the afternoon session of the 21st Century Program will be cancelled.

Winter Homecoming Court selected for 2009

Photo by Hank Bond

Members of the Nicholas County High School winter homecoming court include, left to right front, Whitley Bailey, Kayla Livingood, Lacey Hardin, Jessica Gilkerson, Larissa Craycraft, and Laken Howard. Not pictured, Chelsea Markland. Back row, left to right, Wes Hopkins, Justin Little, Brandon Price, D.R. Purvis, Tyler Hunt, Anthony Kiskaden and Shane Mattox. The homecoming game will be Saturday, Jan. 17 as the Bluejackets entertain Bracken County. The homecoming dance will follow the ballgame.



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