

Belt
 theft. Brandenburg said he didn't know why Belt changed his plans and assaulted Durham. But Belt indicated to police that he killed the five-year-old because the boy had witnessed the assault on his mother. Jessica Durham and James were home alone when according to Jessica Durham, in a statement to KSP, Belt came to her house and told her that her husband was passed out at his house.

Brandenburg said Belt told police he didn't think James would be at home; however, he was, and he went with his mother to Belt's house and stayed in the car while Belt and Durham went inside the residence.

Durham told police that Belt told her that her husband was in a bedroom at the end of a hall. When she went to check, Belt hit her in the head from behind and then tried to choke her. Brandenburg said Durham pleaded with Belt to stop. He then tied her hands behind her with a rope, blindfolded her, and took her back to the car.

She said she could hear her son in the back seat saying, "Mommy, you're bleeding," Brandenburg said.

Belt then drove around for a while, ending up at a secluded location. He got Durham out of the car and told her to sit on the ground so he could bandage her head, but then he hit her again, she told police.

Durham freed one of her hands, the blindfold had slipped, and she fought Belt. During the struggle, he pushed her off a cliff that measured 77 feet.

According to Brandenburg, Belt then took James to another spot, hit him several times in the head, with what he later described as a hollow metal pipe about two feet long, and left his body.

Durham suffered a broken pelvis, a broken leg, and other injuries, but she survived. Two hikers found her the next morning and she told police that Belt was the attacker.

The detective said Belt first denied even knowing Durham or her son, but ultimately, he admitted attacking them.

Belt claimed that he had planned to leave the two in the woods to let that be a lesson not to take money from him before Durham fought back, Brandenburg said.

Belt told police he thought David Durham had stolen \$200 from his wallet in his bedroom, Brandenburg said.

First Responders found James' body on September 11, just over half a mile from

where his mother had been found two days earlier.

Belt is charged with kidnapping Jessica Durham and James, assaulting her, the five-year old's murder, and tampering with evidence. The tampering charge are from the charges that Belt tried to paint over blood on the wall at his house after he attacked Durham the first time in his home.

Belt's next scheduled court appearance is Tuesday November 7th.

Trial
 Court, asserting that Sizemore will be unable to receive a fair trial in Madison County. Prosecutors in the case will now craft their response before Judge William Clouse will make a ruling, Madison County Commonwealth's Attorney David Smith said.

The attorneys cited the vast and widespread media coverage of the case as a reason for the request. In addition to local and state news outlets, national media outlets including NBC, CBS, the Washington Post and the Daily Mail of London all carried stories of Ellis' death, the motion states.

In addition, the attorneys state they hired an expert who conducted a survey of Madison County and found nearly two-thirds of potential jurors in the county believe Sizemore is guilty, and almost half of the potential jurors believe he should receive the death penalty.

The community's response to Ellis' death also lends credence to the argument of Sizemore being unable to receive a fair trial in Madison County, the attorney's assert. Their motion cites several examples of the community's response, including the naming of U.S. 25 after Ellis, numerous displays throughout the community, and fundraisers held for his family.

Changes in venue are sometimes granted in cases where the judge determines publicity of the case has made it likely jurors will be unable to remain partial. But having a change of venue granted is rare, the Los Angeles Times reported in a February 2015 story.

The story quotes Daniel Medwed, a professor of criminal law at Northeastern School of Law in Boston.

"The general idea is that there is a strong presumption in keeping a trial where the crime occurred," Medwed said.

Attorneys representing Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who in 2013

planted bombs at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three people and injuring hundreds, tried unsuccessfully to get his trial moved out of the Boston area due to publicity.

Tsarnaev was convicted and sentenced to the death penalty.

However, trials involving state rather than federal charges are more easily moved, the Los Angeles Times story states. One famous case in which a change of venue was granted is the 1992 state trial of four Los Angeles police officers charged in the 1991 beating of Rodney King. In that trial, jurors in nearby Ventura County acquitted three of the four officers and deadlocked on the fourth.

Sizemore, 36, is charged with murder (police officer), two counts of attempted murder for allegedly shooting at the officers who came to Ellis' aid, first-degree unlawful imprisonment for holding a third person involved hostage as Ellis searched an apartment for the suspect, two counts of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun; attempted first-degree robbery; and two counts of being a first-degree persistent felony offender.

Ratliff faces charges of complicity to murder (police officer), two counts of complicity to attempted murder (police officer) and complicity to unlawful imprisonment.

Their Madison County trial was scheduled for July 2018.

Another person in the case, who drove Sizemore to the location where the attempted robbery allegedly occurred, was sentenced in August to four year on charges of first-degree wanton endangerment, bail jumping and second-degree complicity to burglary.

Sizemore and Ratliff are scheduled to appear in court for their next status hearings on Oct. 27.

Judge
 he's ok.

Senture is still planning on coming to Annville and is working on moving in every day. They are still seeking employees. If you have family or friends, either in the County or out, looking for a job please have them go by and fill out an application. These are good paying jobs starting at \$11.04 per hour They have hired 36 people and need to hire at least 60 to begin work. This is the goal we've been working towards and the type of economic relief we are seeking. With jobs in the community comes benefits

in the community. I would love to see more opportunities brought to our communities so our citizens can not only live at home but shop at home as well. I will do my best to keep everyone updated on the job situation.

We are still working on road improvements in the County. Many roads that are maintained by the County still need resurfacing and other improvements. We have had an Engineer from the Transportation Cabinet examine several of these roads and hopefully will be making a recommendation to Frankfort to fund the blacktop on them. We maintain over 300 miles and just don't have the revenue to do what needs done with a lot of them. You never know what you will receive if you don't ask.

That's where I feel it's important for me to seek these funds for our County. We hope to be successful. God Bless

Inmate
 Work Release', blue jeans and work boots. Engle was in jail serving a sentence for Theft by Unlawful Taking.

Anyone with any information is asked to call local law enforcement or KSP Post 7 at 859-623-2404.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Trooper Derrek Lovett.

Sheriff
 states to bring their poison back into our area to sell to our children. Simple greed and lack of concern for others! Domestic violence, burglaries and thefts occur at a higher rate than in other areas. In short,

drug dealers are a menace to society.

So, what can we do to address the problem? Our police officers work tirelessly to find ways to legally investigate and charge illegal drug dealers. The constitution sets out guidelines that we must obey when investigating a crime. We may know in our hearts and believe someone is dealing drugs, but we must be able to prove it. We cannot automatically barge into someone's home without permission to search unless we have a warrant. Drug dealers do not normally sell to people they don't know, so we must find a witness known by the dealers and we must document every drug buy before we can prosecute the seller. If you can assist the JCSO with drug purchases, please give me a call.

Jackson County in Search for Missing Teen



Jackson County Sheriff Paul Hays said that 16-year-old Cody William Tincher ran away from home last Thursday in the early morning September 21, 2017. Hays said they are concerned because he left home with a semi-automatic pistol, four to five hundred dollars in cash, and his family's truck. The truck is a 2003 White Ford F150 with CB lights and a toolbox in the back. The registration plate number is 355-2AD

Sheriff Hays said Tincher has Reactive Attachment Disorder which can make him volatile in situations he doesn't have control of. Recently, it was discovered that he has not been taking his medication. We need people to be on the lookout for him, but they ask that you don't approach him. If you see him, call the police department or sheriff's office.

He is described as a white male, about 6'1", weighs 250 pounds, has black hair and may be wearing a cowboy hat. Cody likes the ocean and music so he could be in Nashville or as far as Maine, Hays said.

Lane Closure is Set for Tuesday, September 26 as Crews Conduct a Bridge Inspection

MANCHESTER, Ky. (September 25, 2017) – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to have a lane closure on U.S. 25 at the Laurel/Rockcastle line (milepoint 23.9) on Tuesday, September 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The lane closure will allow crews to perform a detailed inspection of the bridge structure. Engineers will be using a Snooper Truck to access the deck substructure on the bridge.

Motorists are advised to use caution during this period and be aware of signage, road crews and other drivers. The work is dependent on weather conditions.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JACKSON COUNTY

The Jackson County Transfer/Recycling Center would like to remind everyone of our continued recycling program. By using the services of West Rock Recycling, we are able to accept the following items at no charge. Plastics #1 and #2 (we do NOT accept plastic bags at the Recycling Center for recycling) and steel food cans must be rinsed. Those items not rinsed, will be considered contaminated and you will be charged a disposal fee.

The labels do NOT have to be removed, we also take the following items if they are sorted; cardboard, newsprint, magazines, phone books, hard back books, junk mail, used oil and various scrap metal (including appliances). Please remember that these paper items must be sorted and separated.

We also have a free weekly collection route for business and industries wishing to recycle.

Any business owner or industry wishing to recycle or a citizen needing information about our drop off center, can contact Shane Harrison or Jason Thomas at 287-7688. The hours of operation for The Transfer Station/ Recycling Center is Monday - Friday 8:00 to 4:00 and 8:00 to noon on Saturday.