

# Opry Mills left all wet after court ruling takes \$150M

**NASHVILLE (AP)** — The owners of Opry Mills are asking the Tennessee Supreme Court to reverse a ruling that reduced their 2010 flood insurance coverage from \$200 to \$50 million.

The *Tennessean* reports the Simon Property Group filed an appeal Friday with the state Supreme Court. It seeks to overturn an appeals court decision in favor of Arch Insurance Company.

The Opry Mills mall was caught in the 2010 flooding of the Cumberland River. Ten feet of water submerged the huge shopping center, causing millions in damage.

In January, the Court of Appeals ruled that Opry Mills fell under a \$50 million coverage limit for properties listed in "high hazard flood zones." The appeals court reversed a jury award of nearly \$200 million.

**NASHVILLE (AP)** — Four Nashville men are facing federal firearms charges in the recent thefts of about 125 guns from five area gun stores.

According to U.S. Attorney Donald Cochran's office, a federal grand jury on Wednesday indicted 22-year-old Keith Swanson, 26-year-old James D. Hudgens and 20-year-old Karshma F. Dardy Jr. on charges of conspiracy to steal, possess and sell stolen guns.

Nineteen-year-old Keshawn Martin is charged with possession of a stolen gun.

The prosecutor's office says the gun stores were burglarized between Jan. 10 and Feb. 18. The stores include Whittaker Gun Store in Owensboro, Ky.; Wheeler's Fastway Gun and Pawn in

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Bowling Green, Ky.; Kwik Cash Pawn Shop in Smyrna, and King's Firearms and More in Columbia.

**MEMPHIS (AP)** — Federal prosecutors say four corrections officers in Tennessee have been charged with bringing drugs into a jail.

The U.S. attorney's office in Memphis said Thursday the four officers worked at Northwest Correctional Complex, a state penitentiary in Lake County.

The officers were indicted Feb. 20 on charges they possessed or introduced drugs into the facility, located about 125 miles north of Memphis. All four have pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors say Kiara Bogan is charged with distribution of marijuana. Darreia Johnson is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Both are from Hickman, Ky.

Michael Holland, of Union City, is also charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Robert Sanders, of Newbern, is charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

**NASHVILLE (AP)** — A Tennessee high school football coach is accused of soliciting a 17-year-old female student for sex.

News outlets report 25-year-old Leon Weldon Garlington was arrested Wednesday and fired from the faculty of RePublic High School, a three-year-old charter school.

A Metro Nashville police arrest report says he sent an

Instagram message to the student, asking when her birthday was and expressing disappointment that it was almost a year away. The report says he propositioned her and asked if she had been with an adult, later telling police he knew the messages were wrong.

He previously was an assistant at his alma mater, Brentwood Academy, and played for Tennessee State University.



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"I have to have surgery. I'm the only full-time employee," said Pettrey. "The girls are part time. They can only work 29 hours each. Because of that, the department will have to close early each day while I'm out. The latest time that anyone will be here will be 2 p.m."

Pettrey is asking the community to be understanding.

"I'm asking people to please don't call and give the girls a hard time. It's not their fault the office

is closed early and that they can't respond to every call," said Pettrey. "They get 29 hours each and that's it. The serious calls, like dog bite cases, will be taken by the city's animal control officer. I'm super proud of the fact we have that kind of working relationship where we will step up and help each other out like that when we don't have to. I'm very appreciative."

As soon as Pettrey is released to return to work full time, Animal Control hours will return to normal.

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