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This White County ambulance was on an emergency run traveling through Rock Island when it was hit by a minivan and rolled. The patient was killed while the two ambulance employees were injured.

## Patient killed

### Charges filed against driver of van

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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A patient in the back of an ambulance was killed Thursday in Rock Island when the ambulance with its sirens activated was hit by a minivan.

Killed was Clifton Harville, 60, of Crossville.

Facing numerous charges for causing the wreck is Warren County resident Carol

Simpson, 63. She has been charged with one count of vehicular homicide by recklessness, four counts of reckless endangerment, and one count of vehicular assault.

Injured were ambulance occupants Ethan Dweese, 22, who was driving, and John Hurd, 41, who was in back with the patient.

The crash happened at approximately 4 p.m. at the dangerous intersection in front of Dollar General, which is the

intersection of Sparta Highway and Rock Island Road.

According to Tennessee Highway Patrol Sgt. Kevin Ballew, Simpson was attempting to cross the four-lane from Bone Cave Road to Rock Island Road and the White County ambulance was heading inbound toward McMinnville during an emergency transport when the collision occurred.

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The Highway Patrol says Carol Simpson was driving this minivan when it collided with an ambulance on an emergency run. She faces several charges.



Donald Lee Shields Jr. is led from the courtroom by Phillip "Tank" Young on Friday afternoon. Shields was convicted by a jury on three counts of especially aggravated kidnapping, one count of false imprisonment, and one count of attempted aggravated assault.

## Shields guilty of kidnapping

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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Two days of emotional testimony from his victims produced a guilty verdict against Donald Lee Shields Jr. on Friday afternoon, leaving him facing 25 years in prison for especially aggravated kidnapping.

Shields is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 26 for his role in holding four people hostage at a home on Cherry Springs Road in the Centertown area. The victims were kicked, threatened at gunpoint, and one was tied and hooked to the back of a pickup at one point.

For his defense, Shields maintained

he was at the home periodically, but was not an active part of the kidnapping. He said he came and left during the three-day hostage situation and claimed the victims were free to leave too.

The jury didn't buy that version of events and returned a verdict that agreed with the case presented by prosecutor Matt Colvard.

Shields is one of four people charged with especially aggravated kidnapping in the case. His three co-defendants, Zachery Turner, Ashley Dawn Golden, and Jeffery Scott Pegg, have not had their cases settled yet.

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## From England to McMinnville

### Father Ben drawn to St. Matthew's

Being a follower of Christ is transformative, and some Christians even feel the call to ministry in other parts of the world to spread God's love. That's exactly what brought Father Ben Randall to McMinnville, who, along with his family, relocated here from England a year ago.

When Father Ben's contract was ending at a church in Yorkshire, a bishop in Nashville touched base with him, and he was instantly smitten with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and McMinnville.

"Before my wife left the States to evangelize Muslims near my home, she grew up in safe, small towns in Ohio and Tennessee, and that's what we wanted for our daughter Poppy," said Randall. "It's like heaven dropped a gift in our lap. I never would have thought I would have come to rural Middle Tennessee and here we are."

According to Randall, St. Matthew's is a smaller church but with loads of young families. Around 64 adults and children regularly attend, and the membership is zealously



offer this community -- the principal thing, in fact, is something beautiful and precious -- an ancient form of worship faithful to a model tried, tested and beloved by countless generations of Christians before us," said Randall.

At St. Matthew's, Randall uses a variety of translations and resources to teach the Bible to the young people such as Japanese Manga, which he uses on Sunday to teach small children, and The Kingstone Bible, which is a detailed graphic novel version.

"One of the things we

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From left, Ben, Rebekah and Poppy Randall stand in front of St. Luke's Church, East Morton in the county of West Yorkshire, England. The Randalls were married at the parish church situated at the heart of the village so St. Luke's has a special significance for him and his family.

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