

Arrest report for the month of December

Various charges have been filed, and arrests made, in Wilkes County over the course of this past month by local law enforcement agencies. The arrests listed here are taken from the limited information in arrest reports provided by local law enforcement officers and no arrests are left out. An arrest does not imply guilt; criminal charges are merely accusations, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty and convicted. Bond and/or release notes contained in this report are as of December 23.

Rodney Bernard Binns, 43, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy D. King Jr on November 29 and charged with kidnapping, two charges of possession of arms by convicted felons and first offender probation, false imprisonment, aggravated assault, two charges of criminal attempt and possession of firearms or knife while trying to commit crimes, two charges of state probation violation, poss, manu, distrib, etc, vgc, possession of arms by convicted felons and first offender probation, possession of a drug related object, and simple battery. No bond was set.

Micah Taylor Young, 25, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy B. George on December 3 and charged with poss, manu, distrib, ect vgc, possession of a firearm or knife while trying to commit crimes. Required bail was set at \$55,000. No release was noted.

David Ricardo Jefferson, 28, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy M. Land Sr on December 3 and charged with probation violation, poss, manu, distrib, ect, vgc, possession of firearm or knife while trying to commit crimes, possession of arms by convicted felons and first offender probation. No bond was set.

Jaila Banain, 18, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Georgia State Patrolmen Scott Curry on December 3 and charged with driving without a license and lighted headlights required at certain times. Required bond was met at \$790.

Samantha Corey, 20, of Lincolnton, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy D. King Jr on December 4 and charged with open container in vehicle, DUI first offense and failure to drive within single lane. Required bond was set at \$1,069. No release was noted.

Quentin Dwight Sidney Cox, 22, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy M. Richards on December 6 and charged with a bench warrant. No bond was set.

Jason Alexander Price, 43, of Harrison, G.A. was arrested by

Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy M. Richards on December 6 and charged with violation of family violence order. Required bond was met at \$500.

Katrina Lewis Moss, 42, of Grovetown, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy M. Richards on December 9 and charged with driving while license withdrawn and speeding (26-30) miles over the posted limit. Required bond was met at \$2,030.

Jamie Lynn West, 30, of Dewy Rose, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy J. Crookham on December 10 and charged with failure to appear. No bond was set.

Barbara Louise Mullis, 43, of Rayle, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy B. Amos Jr on December 10 and charged with eight charges of forgery in the fourth degree. No bond was set.

Willie Norman, 55, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy D. King Jr on December 13 and charged with driving with suspended or revoked driver's license. Required bond was met at \$1,430.

Julio Ramirez, 27, of Warrenton, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy D. King Jr on December 13 and charged with speeding (26-30) miles over the posted limit and driving without a license (unlicensed/wrong class). Required bond was met at \$1,025.

Yordi Aquino, 24, of Duluth, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy D. King Jr on December 14 and charged with driving while license withdrawn and speeding (26-30) miles over the posted limit. Required bond was met at \$3,290.

Thomas Turner 26, of North Augusta, S.C. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy M. Richards on December 14 and charged with driving while license withdrawn and speeding (26-30) miles over the posted limit. Required bond was met at \$2,000.

Zeffon Rashad Smith, 32, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy B. Amos Jr. on December 15 and charged with criminal damage to property in the second degree, criminal trespass, battery, and cruelty to children. No bond was set.

Travers Kinta Mahoney, 41, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy J. Graves on December 15 and charged with terroristic threats, acts, and criminal damage to property in the second degree. Bond was set at \$12,000.

Meredith Benson, 44, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy Investigator Amos on December 16 and charged with shoplifting.

Required bond was met at \$220.

Brittany Dilley, 30, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy B. Amos Jr. on December 16 and charged with shoplifting. Required bond was met at \$220.

Deirdre Shantel Gardner, 28, of Augusta, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy D. King Jr. on December 17 and charged with D.U.I. alcohol, open container in vehicle, and speeding (26-30) miles over the posted limit. Required bond was met at \$2,368.

Lasheater Perrex Bell, 40, of Athens, G.A. was arrested by Georgia State Patrol Officer Beardsley on December 19 and charged with driving while license withdrawn and violation of window tint law. Bell bonded out.

Cody Wilbanks, 43, of Tignall, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy D. King Jr. on December 19 and charged with driving in violation of limited permit, driving under the influence second offense, and failure to drive within a single lane. Required bond was set at \$1,794.

Sean Patrick Gaskin, 52, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy D. King Jr. on December 20 and charged with speeding, driving with a suspended or revoked license, windshield/windshield wipers broken, mirrors, and open container in vehicle. Gaskin bonded out.

Brittany Dilley, 30, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy T. Elliot on December 20 and charged with two charges of cruelty to children. No bond was set.

Sandra Scott, 46, of Augusta, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy M. Richards on December 21 and charged with speeding (26-30) miles over the posted limit and driving while license withdrawn. Required bond

cloak northern Georgia with their webs... Disease bearing Asian long horned tick found in northern Georgia.

October 14- W-WCHS Senior Emerald Thomas crowned 2021 Homecoming Queen... City council enacts new tax resolution and code violation penalties... 2021 Mule Day Festival celebrate 40th annual with sun and perfect fall weather... Tigers defeat Greene County for huge Homecoming Victory... Washington-Wilkes Historical Foundation presents 'Resthaven Revisited'

October 21- Nathaniel Cullars arrested for battery; investigation ongoing... County Commission approves Kettle Creek Battlefield grant application; signs retired educator proclamation day... Annual Rotary Auction set for November 6 at Fitzpatrick... Board of Education addresses issues with focus placed on content, math and reading standards... Quilt Guild joins fun at Mule Day... Rep. Rob Leverett Named New Chief Deputy Whip of House Republican Caucus.

October 28- Washington Firefighters assist Oglethorpe County Firefighters with raging barn fire... Tigers Maul the Red Devils 44-36... EMT's and fire-fighters train for farm rescues... Toombs House museum starting application process to join National Park program... Friends of Cherry Grove Schoolhouse receive \$7,500 grant... Square-crow competition and the Scare on the Square held downtown on

was set at \$890.

Jeremy Davis McDuffie, 40, of S.C. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy S. Pulliam on December 21 and charged with theft by receiving stolen property and theft by taking stolen property into state. Required bond was set at \$20,000.

Nemarco Shamohn Bennett, 47, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy D. King Jr. on December 22 and charged with driving with

suspended or revoked license. Required bond was met at \$715.

Felicia Milton, 34, of Washington, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy A. Posey on December 23 and charged with theft by taking. Required bond was set at \$1,000.

Kenneth Wayne Bunn Jr., 35, of Monroe, G.A. was arrested by Wilkes County Sheriff Deputy J. Crookham on December 23 and charged with being a hold for Walton County.

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concerns.

Two commission members who were contacted by this newspaper differed. When asked if voting via email is allowed by the commissions bylaws, one commissioner stated, "No, which is why I didn't really respond..." Further maintaining that every penny in their budget allocated to a specific budget item, they stated that the loss of the funds used for the bonuses will disrupt, and potentially hinder, some of the various Parks and Recreation programs for the coming year. "All the money that is in the checking account is for our programs. We have a budget, and the budget says where all that money is going to go. It's not like free money," one commissioner said.

While admitting that Hill's intentions have merit, those two members held that his methods of execution were "wrong." They further stated that Hill assumed responsibility for refunding the money if his actions were found to be erroneous. "But then he told us

that, because I think there were a lot of little side conversations going on, here and there before and kind of in the middle of the meeting, that he basically said, 'Well if I have done anything wrong or illegal, or whatever, I will replace the funds,'" a commissioner said.

"I said if it's wrong, if we did it wrong, we'll do the same thing that we did with the other issue back in June," Hill clarified. He recounted an incident from June of 2021 when the commission's director was found to be working two positions for two companies. The board deducted money from the director's salary to correct the differences. Hill is proposing to do the same thing. "Each employee would have to pay the money back, just as we did with the other guy with the other issue," Hill stated.

The next meeting of the W-W Parks and Recreation Commission will be January 25, at the W-W Parks and Recreation Department and Sports Complex on Lexington Avenue.

The year in review

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Thursday, October 28... Classic South Quilt Guild meeting: gives away several quilts of valor... Washington Little Theatre prepares to celebrate the return of live theatre with their musical revue 'All Together Now!'

November 4- Anderson achieves sweeping win; Cullars and Hill retain seats... Cobb makes W-W history- first player to ever have 1000 yards rushing and 1000 yards passing... Monument unveiled at Smyrna Methodist Church honoring past Wilkes County patriots... Retired Educators Day declared in Georgia; November 7... Tiger seniors recognized before beginning of Lincoln County game... Tigers battle hard but fall to Commerce; hope remains despite defeat... W-W animal shelter receives \$500 grant... 4-H Goat and Beef Show Teams win top honors at Georgia National Fair.

November 11- Washington veteran receives VA honors; Command Sargent Major Samuel Edward Jenkins awarded a memorial star on the wall at the Augusta VA... Tigers heading to play-offs as region champions!... City Council approves Covid bonuses and more despite strife... County Commission approves resolution and fees for 2022... Operation Love and Care on go for this year... W-W marching band scores high marks at competition.

November 18- City Council to hear second ethics complaint: Contention continues over the code of ethics and its application... Wills Memorial Hospital hosts ribbon cutting ceremony for new garden... Luis Ochoa marches in Veterans Day in honor of all who have served America in war... Coach Alex Bradford, from Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School selected as county Teacher of the Year... Tigers smash Gordon Lee 28-7; next up is Brooks County... BOE approves SPLOST inclusion in May 2022 election.

November 25- Tignall store robbed at gunpoint; no leads yet... Wilkes County Emergency services conduct fire evacuation drill... Where is Fort Washington?-excavation areas around the courthouse, digging for evidence... Georgia Ag experience visits Wilkes County- third thru fifth graders gain better understanding of farming... Wilkes County 4-H students compete at Cloverleaf District Project Achievement... Tigers fall to Brooks County despite fierce re-

sistance and valiant resolve.

December 2- Wilkes County Kids toy driver gearing up for holiday season... BOE approves \$16,908 cybersecurity contract renewal... Dollar General constructing new store on N. Mercer Street... Excavation reveals possible traces of Fort Washington, archeologist says... Large crowd attends annual tree lighting... Jay Brown sworn in as Federal Bankruptcy judge.

December 9- China's trade war does affect Georgia's economy; Chris Clark... Wilkes County split between Congressional Districts 10 and 12... Cobb and Harden selected to play in Border Bowl... Lady Tigers battle hard but fall to the Clark Central Gladiators... W-W Historical Museum hosts film crews for the production of new TV show.

December 16- Ethics complaint withdrawn!- Apologies made at City ethics hearing... County commissioners pass resolutions and make annual appointments... School roof repair and purchase of plasma table among BOE's approvals... Tigers slam Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School 82-69... Debate and confusion ensue as city council considers 2022 budget-Approves resolution to acquire the deed for the Washington Historical Museum from the state... Grand Marshalls for Pete Gartrell Christmas Parade of Lights selected: Jennifer Walker Jackson, RN, Jerri Pounds RN, Betsy Strother, and Johnny Wasson.

December 23- Christmas Parade of Lights sees excellent turnout of spectators and contestants... City Council budget debate continues - Washington Fire Department and animal shelter suffer cuts... City accepts land donation for housing development... Honoring Veterans at Resthaven Cemetery with National Wreaths Across America Day... Fatality results from wreck on Tignall Road... Christmas tree recycling drop-off at Thurmond Lake.

December 30- City Council 2022 budget approved... BOE awards annual REACH Scholarships... Wilkes County family suffers loss in vehicle accident... No leads on shots fired on Skull Shoals Road... Headlines chronicle the year 2021... W-WPRD basketball schedule announced... Various arrests made and charges pressed over the month of November... WLT's Beauty and The Beast receives Grant from Georgia Arts Council.

Community Calendar

- First Mondays Lions Club, Lions Club building, 6 p.m.
- First Tuesdays Iris Garden Club litter pickup, various locations
- Second Weds. Fishing Creek Wildlife Action, Harris Rd., 6:30 p.m.
- 2nd Saturdays Litter pickup, meet at CoFC, 8 a.m.
- Tuesdays Washington Kiwanis Club, Woman's Club, 1 p.m.
- Thursdays Washington Rotary Club, Woman's Club, noon
- Fridays Alzheimer's Support, Connely Gallery, 11 a.m.
- January 8 DAR, Woman's club, 11:30 a.m.
- January 10 Woman's Club, clubhouse, noon
- January 11 Iris Garden Club, Robert Toombs House, 10 a.m.
- January 21 Classic south Quilt Guild, First United Methodist Church Wesley Hall, Workshop, 10 a.m.; Meeting, 2 p.m.
- January 24 Civil War Round Table, location TBA, 6 p.m.

Independence United Methodist Church

Invites Everyone to Attend

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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