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## Murder Suspect Under House Arrest?

People are asking why Joseph Wielzen, the man accused of killing an Etowah teenager, was out of jail and able to go wherever he wanted while awaiting trial. WTVC, NewsChannel 9, has done some investigating and here's what they discovered. Wielzen was arrested on June 21, 2018, nearly a year after the body of 18-year-old Kelsey Burnette was found. He was charged with felony murder and aggravated rape and bonded out last September after his bond was reduced from \$200,000 to \$30,000. When he was released, the court clerk said he was on house arrest. However, court documents show that Judge Sandra Donaghy did not put any restrictions on where Wielzen could go while out on bond. He was ordered to wear an ankle monitor, but he was not required to stay at home. NewsChannel 9 says it learned that two months ago, the same judge agreed to remove the monitoring device. He was ordered not to go near Kelsey Burnette's family or their home, but his location would not be tracked. Wielzen is back in jail, arrested last week for vandalism. At the time of Miss Burnette's murder, he was a juvenile. However, he will be tried as an adult.

## Sheriff Alert: Burglary Suspect

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy is asking the public for help in identifying and locating the woman pictured to the right. She is a suspect in a burglary on County Road 48 on May 5th. If you can identify her, call Detective Tim Carver at 745-5620.



### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS

- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department advises that Keith Lane from Powers Path to Crestway Drive and the PARKING LANE on Crestway Drive from McMinn Avenue to Keith Lane will be closed today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Athens City Schools "Rachel's Challenge Event."
- ✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be graduate Julie Miller, talking about her mission trips. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#)

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## Obituaries

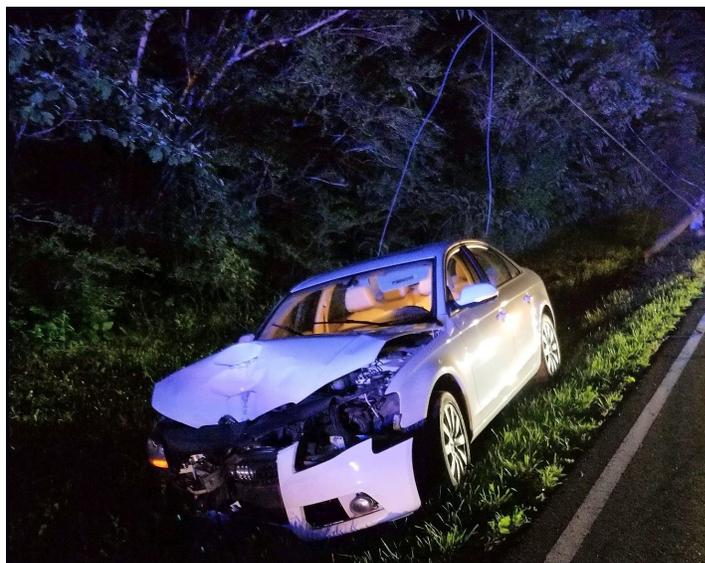
- ♦ **Alice Lucille Wilkerson**, age 91, of Sweetwater, died recently at home. She volunteered in numerous activities such as delivering books to children in the community. Memorial services will be held this coming Saturday at 12 noon at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Naomi Nell Johnkins**, age 78, of Athens, died last Friday. She was a cosmetologist. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at St. Mark's A.M.E. Zion Church, with visitation from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Donna Michelle Harris-Adcox**, age 46, of Etowah, died Monday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- ♦ **Laurence "Larry" Stephen Slocum**, age 71, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He worked for several companies in Indiana from 1968-2003, and retired with 23 U.S. patents. A Celebration of Life and Homegoing will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks ended higher as investors assessed the potential of a trade deal between the U.S. and China. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 207 points or 0.8% to 25,532. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 23 points or 0.8% to 2,834, And the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 87 points or 1.1% to 7,734.

## Late Night Wreck on CR 442

Just before midnight Monday on County Road 442, the driver of this 2012 Audi A4 narrowly escaped serious injury when he clipped a power pole knocking it down. The Englewood Rural Fire Department, AMR, and the McMinn County Sheriff's office responded. Sgt. Ben Fetter investigated the accident.

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**1859** - Pierre Curie, co-discoverer of radium, was born in France. He and his wife, Marie, shared the Nobel Prize for Physics for discovering radium.

**1918** - The world's first regular air mail service was established between Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York. The aircraft used was a Curtiss "Jenny" biplane.

**1918** - Country singer Eddy Arnold was born. He was known as the Tennessee Plowboy. His hit records included "Anytime," "Cattle Call," and "Make the World Go Away."

**1930** - Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard a United Airlines flight from San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**1948** - Hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

**1972** - Alabama Governor George Wallace was shot and critically wounded at a presidential campaign rally in Laurel, Maryland.