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Athens, Tennessee

More Information Released on Suspect Arrested in Deadly Athens Shooting



An arrest warrant reveals new details about the moments after a deadly shooting in Athens Wednesday that later led to the capture of a suspect in Bradley County Thursday. Last Friday, an arrest warrant says Athens Police responded to Harris and Leveck Street in reference to a shots fired call. Dispatchers notified officers that one of the victims had checked himself into Starr Regional ER for his wounds. According to the warrant, officers on scene heard loud screams from the backyard of a residence. The officers found a witness near a second shooting victim. The warrant says that victim, a juvenile, died from wounds to the chest and arm. The witness told officers he heard several gunshots then a pause, followed by a couple of more gunshots. The warrant says he searched the area and found the second victim lying on his back a few feet away from a tent on his property. The witness told officers that when he heard the gunshots, he observed a male running towards the railroad tracks wearing red ball shorts and a dark colored t-shirt. The warrant says the witness then called 911 and waited on police and EMS to arrive due to his friend being shot. Detectives found a black pistol lying

in the backyard of a home on Harris Street. Officers received verbal consent to search the area around the house and an outbuilding on the homeowner's property. While checking the outbuilding for potential evidence, the warrant says detectives found a small Glock magazine lying on the floor with bullets loaded in the magazine and four spent 9mm shell casings lying on the floor. Moving towards the front of the residence, officers found two spent 9mm shell casings lying on the grass portion of the driveway. Surveillance video identified the shooter as Carlos Quintana. (see photo) Footage showed Quintana taking off on foot towards the train tracks and running towards the outbuilding and then towards Tell Street. The surviving victim was seen on camera slowly running towards a neighbor, who flags down a vehicle, and gets a ride to the hospital. Quintana was found hiding in a house in Bradley County Thursday night. Sheriff Joe Guy says they assisted Athens Police along with ATF, Drug Task Force, US Marshals, the TBI, and the Bradley County Sheriff's Office with arresting Quintana. He was taken to the McMinn County Jail and booked under a \$1,000,000 bond. It was discovered that Quintana is a convicted felon in McMinn County with recent probation violations and was arrested in 2022 by Athens Police for attempted robbery. Investigators are also searching for a second unidentified suspect. Charges are pending for the second suspect pending additional digital forensic evidence which is being processed. **Source:** NewsChannel9



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Athens Council to Tackle Park, Street, and Safety Projects in Meeting Today



The Athens City Council will hold a work session today, August 11 at 5 p.m. to cover a wide range of city projects and initiatives. The meeting will feature presentations from the Athens Area Council for the Arts, the Council Advisory Committee, and Wold Architects & Engineers regarding Fire Station #3. Council will discuss the installation

of poles and banners at Veterans Park, the sale of property at 2201 Decatur Pike, and bids for Heritage Park renovations and resurfacing nearly four miles of city streets.

Other topics include a retail package store compliance application, downtown property acquisition for parking and dumpster consolidation, amendments to court costs, and declaring surplus fire hose equipment. Resolutions on health and safety grant programs, the Hammerhill Road sidewalk survey results, and the purchase of replacement garbage dumpsters are also on the agenda.

The session will close with councilmember updates, including appointments, street light installations, cemetery signage improvements, and election-related charter amendments, before concluding with board and committee matters.

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens City Schools Board of Education will be meeting at the Athens City Middle School Auditorium today, Monday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m.
- The McMinn County Election Commission will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 26, at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The Commission will conduct any election business that may legally come before the board. The meeting agenda will be posted on the bulletin board at the Election Office and on the Commission's website by Wednesday, August 20.
- The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will now take place at the McMinn Senior Activity Center, 205 McMinn Ave., Athens, TN. The public is always welcome—membership is not required to attend.
- Athens Community Theatre will open its 2025-26 Table Read series with Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House* on Tuesday, Aug. 26 and Amy Herzog's 2023 adaptation on Thursday, August 28, both at 6 p.m. in the Peggy Dow Performance Center. Table Reads are free, open to the public, and held at The Arts Center in Athens.

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Two Injured in Construction Fall Near Niota



Two men were injured Saturday afternoon after falling from a roof during a construction project on County Road 267.

The incident occurred around 2:00 p.m. in the 500 block, where authorities say both men, in their 30s, fell approximately 12 to 14 feet.

Fire crews stabilized the patients at the scene before transport. One man was taken by ambulance to the University of Tennessee Medical Center, while the other was airlifted by Life Force helicopter to the same facility.

Responding agencies included AMR, Niota Rural Fire Department, North McMinn Rural Fire Department, and Life Force. Niota Fire Department served as incident command, with the helicopter landing in a nearby field.

Photo by David Prater, Niota Rural FD

Subaru Rear-Ends Tractor in Englewood, Minor Injury Reported



A Friday morning accident on Highway 39 East at County Road 432 resulted in a minor injury after a 2024 Subaru collided with a stopped tractor-trailer.

According to authorities, the crash occurred around 8:30 a.m. when the driver of a

2006 Peterbilt tractor was waiting at a traffic light for bridge construction. The Subaru's driver failed to stop and struck the rear of the tractor.

The Subaru driver sustained a small laceration and was treated at the scene by AMR personnel but was not transported to the hospital.

Englewood Police Department, McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and Englewood Rural Fire Department responded to the scene. The Tennessee Highway Patrol, with Trooper Jaylon Skipper, is investigating the crash.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD




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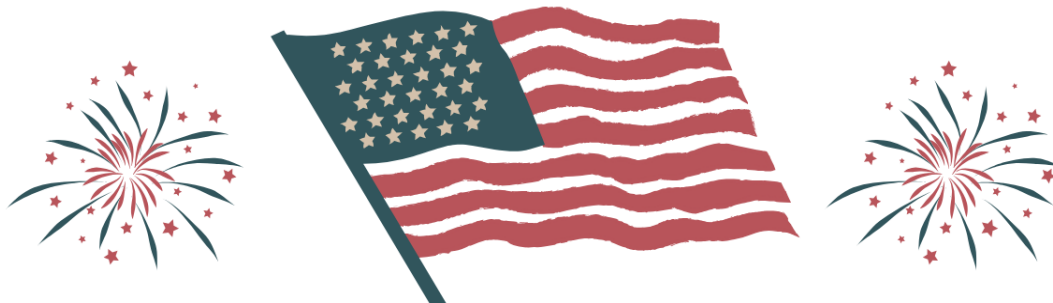


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Obituaries

Anna Inez Crump, 97 of Delano, passed away on the morning of Thursday, August 7. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 11 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Green Hill Cemetery, Tuesday, August 12 for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Julia "Beckie" Rebecca Torbett, 72 of Athens, passed away on Friday, August 1, after a prolonged illness. She was of the Baptist faith. She will be remembered through the many lives she touched. In keeping with her wishes, a private memorial service will be held at a later date. The family deeply appreciates the outpouring of support and prayers during this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens, TN and the Cody family are honored to assist the family during this time.

Cecil Hill Underwood, 84 of Decatur, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 6. He was of the Baptist faith. As the owner and operator of C & J Trucking, Cecil poured his heart into his work as a truck driver, a role he held with pride. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Pisgah Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 - 7 p.m., on Tuesday, August 12, in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Underwood family.

Larry Goforth, 61 of Englewood, passed away on Wednesday, August 6. A Memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 14 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday prior to the service at the funeral home. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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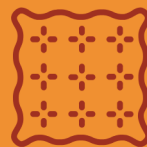
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