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Athens, Tennessee

Search Continues for Suspects in County Road 435 Shooting



The McMinn County Sheriff's Office is continuing its search for two suspects connected to a Friday afternoon shooting at a residence on County Road 435 near Englewood, which left one person critically injured and transported to a Chattanooga hospital.

Investigators have identified Kobe Maurice Jackson, a 25-year-old Black male, described as 5'7", 120 pounds, with brown dreadlocks and brown eyes, as a primary suspect. He is believed to have been traveling in a 2011 blue Ford Fusion, four-door, Tennessee tag 638BHXH. A second unidentified Black male is also being sought.

As of Saturday, Aug. 8, Sheriff Joe Guy confirmed that deputies have located a vehicle connected to the shooting, but both suspects remain at large.

Authorities warn the individuals are armed and dangerous and urge the public not to approach them. Anyone with information is asked to contact McMinn County Dispatch at 423-745-3222 or send a private message to Sheriff Guy on social media.

Community News You Can Use

- **Patriot Memorial Project** will hold a **Veteran Signing Day** on **Saturday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.** in **Englewood**, giving **eligible McMinn County veterans** the chance to sign the American flag mural before its final protective coating; veterans must appear in person with a **DD-214 showing honorable service** to participate.
- The **Athens City Council** will meet for their **work session** on **Monday, August 10 at 5:00pm.**
- **Camp Oo-Tah-Nee-Noh-Chee** will celebrate **75 years** with a **free community Open House** on **Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026, from 2–4 p.m.**, featuring camp tours, stories, songs, memorabilia, s'mores, and more at the camp; parking available at Hornsby Hollow Boat Ramp (handicap parking upon request), with a **rain date of Oct. 25** — donations welcome to help preserve Camp O for future generations.



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TWU to Host 80th Anniversary Battle of Athens Commemoration Aug. 27

Tennessee Wesleyan University, in partnership with McMinn County Government, McMinn County Tourism, and the Living Heritage Museum, will host a special event marking the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Athens on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026, at 6 p.m. in Townsend Auditorium. Admission is free.

The program will feature Steve Byrum, author of *The Battle of Athens*, who will share insights from his research and preview a new documentary highlighting the 1946 conflict and its lasting reforms. Drawing from oral histories, archival film, photographs, newspaper accounts, and newly digitized records, the documentary offers a compelling retelling of the events and their impact on civic responsibility.

Following the presentation, attendees will be invited on a guided walking tour of key sites tied to the Battle. Organizers say the event provides a meaningful opportunity for the community to reflect on its history and honor those who lived through it.

Registration Open for Annual "Open Exhibit" at The Arts Center



Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is pleased to present its annual **Open Exhibit** for residents of McMinn County and the surrounding counties. The entry deadline is **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**.

The exhibit has three divisions: High School, College, and Open. There is no entry fee for high school and college division artists, and those in the open division may enter for \$10 per piece. Information about **how to enter**, including a detailed prospectus and exhibit timeline, is available at:

athensartscouncil.org/open-exhibit-prospectus.

The exhibit will be on display in the Willson Exhibit Room at The Arts Center, **September 25 through October 30, 2026**. Viewing hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and during special events. The awards ceremony and reception on Friday October 2 begins at 5:00 PM in the same location.

The judge for this year's competition is Chattanooga-based artist, Adam Romano, who will be showing work concurrently with the Open Exhibit.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

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Montana McCaslin, 32, of Riceville, charged with drug paraphernalia, and resisting stop.

Charles Thomas, 43, of Englewood, charged with state violation of probation for theft \$1,000 to \$2,500, and child support obligations, has a \$5,000 bond.

Ryan McLaney, 27, of Cleveland, charged with driving on a revoked license and speeding, Bond \$2,000.

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Kimberly Benton, 43, of Athens, charged with simple possession of schedule 6 and schedule 2, drug paraphernalia, criminal trespassing, and public intoxication.

Marquette Hubbard, 44, of Lenoir City, charged with failure to appear for public intoxication.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using public sources.

Obituaries

Dorothy Sue Henry Moore, 74, of Ten Mile, passed away on Thursday, August 6. She served with Meigs County EMS for 16 years. Arrangements took place over the weekend with interment taking place at Moore Cemetery in Decatur. [Ziegler Funeral Home](#) has been entrusted with the care of Dorothy Sue Henry Moore.

A'Ziya Brown, 2 months, passed away on Wednesday, August 5. Survivors and arrangements to be announced. [M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Service](#) in charge of arrangements.

Christine Davis Freeman, 82 of Tellico Plains, passed away on Thursday, August 6. She was a member of Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 11 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in DeHart Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to [Bordwine Funeral Home](#).

Maryann Elizabeth Casey, 44, passed away on Friday, July 31. She built a strong career in healthcare administration, rising quickly at Wood's Memorial before moving into practice management with Tennova and later consulting and RCM leadership with Revele. She ultimately earned her business management degree in 2020. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens. There will be a reception to follow at the church from 2:00-4:00 P.M. [Companion Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Athens](#) is in charge of arrangements.



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