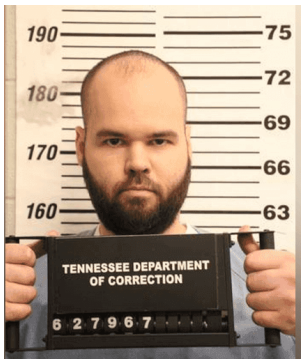
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Double Murder Suspect Faces Additional Charges



A man released from state prison one day before his parents were found stabbed to death in their Athens home is now facing additional charges after allegedly assaulting officers while in custody. According to a Tennessee Department of Safety report, Timothy Paul Libbey was involved in a single vehicle crash in Jefferson County on Nov. 8, 2026. Troopers identified Libbey as the driver of a 2018 Toyota Prius registered to Willis Libbey, but he refused to provide information about himself or the vehicle. Troopers later went to Willis Libbey's residence on County Road 654 in Athens to notify him of the crash. When they arrived, they discovered the bodies of Willis Libbey,72, and Mary Libbey,74, inside the home. Both appeared to have suffered multiple stab wounds, according to the report. Investigators determined the vehicle had been taken without authorization and estimated its value between $14,000 and $16,000. Timothy Libbey was charged with theft of property valued at more than $10,000. Records indicate he was released from state prison on Nov. 7, one day before the crash, after serving a sentence for aggravated assault. While in custody at the McMinn County jail, Libbey allegedly punched a corrections officer on Nov. 9 and later kicked, charged at and spit on multiple officers during separate incidents on Nov. 10, according to arrest affidavits. He now faces additional charges of assault on a first responder and retaliation for past action, along with multiple counts of assault on a first responder stemming from the alleged incidents at the jail. **Source:** Newschannel9.com

Hardaway: Athens City Schools Principal of the Year

Congratulations to Angel Hardaway, named the 2026-27 Athens City Schools Principal of the Year. Hardaway was recognized for her leadership and dedication to students, staff and families and will now advance in the statewide competition. Pictured with Hardaway is Joe Barnett, Director of Athens City Schools.



Community News You Can Use

Athens Utilities Board offices will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day and will reopen at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. Emergency utility crews will remain on standby during the holiday. Customers needing assistance can call the outage line at 1-877-451-3131. AUB also extends its appreciation to all veterans for their service and sacrifice.



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Holiday Hours Update
Nov 29: Closed
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McMinn Couple Files $300,000 Lawsuit Against Hamilton County Over Fatal Crash

A McMinn County couple has filed a $300,000 lawsuit against Hamilton County, alleging a sheriff's deputy was speeding when he crashed into their disabled pickup truck on Highway 111 in Sequatchie County.

The lawsuit stems from an April crash that resulted in the death of Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Landon Faulkner. According to the complaint, Ronnie Hennessee had moved into the left lane to avoid a roadway maintenance crew when his pickup suffered a mechanical failure and became disabled.

The suit alleges Faulkner was traveling at an excessive speed when his patrol vehicle struck Hennessee's truck and trailer. While the complaint does not specify a speed, the plaintiffs contend the deputy's actions caused the crash.

According to the lawsuit, Hennessee sustained injuries that required medical treatment, surgery and rehabilitation. The filing also seeks damages for lost income and diminished earning capacity.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol crash report indicates Faulkner was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the collision, while Hennessee was properly restrained. The report also states Hennessee was not injured in the crash. However, the lawsuit claims his truck's lights were fully illuminated and that an emergency warning light was operating on top of the vehicle when it became disabled.

Following the crash, Faulkner was transported by ambulance to Erlanger's facility in Dunlap, where he was pronounced dead.

The lawsuit also references correspondence from Acrisure Claims Services denying death benefits to Faulkner's family, citing Hamilton County's on-the-job injury policy.

Hamilton County has denied the allegations of negligence and has asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit. The case remains pending. ***Full Lawsuit and Traffic Crash Report available online from [News Channel 9]***





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McMinn County Arrest Report

November 09, 2026

Cody Hardy, 33, of Sweetwater, charged with disorderly conduct.

Leilani Gomez, 22, of Athens, charged with DUI.

Peter Gunn, 23, of Athens, charged with DUI, open container law, and violation of implied consent.

Timothy Libby, 36, of Athens, charged with theft of property. Bond $300,000.

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

Obituaries

Marcella Ann Shelton Shell, 67, of Niota, passed away on Friday, November 6. She was a member of Open Door Baptist Church in Sweetwater. The family will receive friends on Thursday, November 12 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home with a funeral service to follow at 7:00 PM. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, November 13 at Luminary Cemetery in Ten Mile.
Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Marcella Ann Shelton Shell.

Fletcher Lahugh Hudson, 87, of Athens, passed away on Saturday, November 7. Fletcher was a prominent management-side labor and employment attorney in Memphis. He was recognized as one of The Best Lawyers in America for labor and employment law. He served as the national editor of Employment Law in the 50 States. While in Athens, he acted as the President of the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum and served on its board of directors. A memorial service will be at 3 pm Saturday, November 14th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens. Visitation will commence at 2 pm. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.









