

# SOUTHSIDE

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## ON THE RECORD

### Police/fire

#### Franklin

**Theft**  
300 block of South Home Avenue: A resident reported that someone stole his wife's ring from their home on Feb. 10 or Feb. 11. He told police the ring was valued at nearly \$14,000.

#### Property-damage accident

10 a.m. Thursday — U.S. 31 South and Ransdal Drive

#### Greenwood

**Burglary**  
400 block of East Pearl Street: A woman reported that someone broke into her home between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday and stole 40 DVDs and 30 CDs. Several shelves had been ransacked, and her bed had been torn apart.

#### Shoplifting

Von Maur, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported that a girl attempted to steal a shirt from the store. She was arrested on a charge of theft and released to her mother.

#### Criminal mischief

• 800 block of Kings Mill Road: It was reported that someone spray-painted gang graffiti over several areas in an apartment complex, including a trash bin, entrance sign, shed and building between 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

• Value City, 1218 U.S. 31 North: An employee reported at 9:22 a.m. Thursday that someone flattened two tires and scratched the side of her car Wednesday night.

#### Jail bookings

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Johnson County jail:

Shandy C. Freeman, 27, 675 Joy Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$1,000 bond.

Mona Lou Woods, 44, 23 Brookside Drive, New Whiteland; arrested on a charge of bond forfeiture; held without bond.

Jacklyn Christie Mendez, 29, 301 E. Monroe St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$250 bond.

Jamie Ray Higginbotham, 24, 2307 S. Nineveh Road, Franklin; arrested on charge of domestic battery; released on \$3,000 bond.

Roger Dale Sinclair, 25, 712 Roosevelt St., Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of contempt; held on \$2,960 bond.

Daniel S. Burton, 29, 35 Mildred St., Shelbyville; arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$2,000 bond.

Harold Emmett Parker, 26, 705 S. County Road 825W, Greencastle; arrested on charge of violation of community corrections; held without bond.

Timothy D. Jackson, 21, 9402 E. 42nd St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of carjacking; held on \$8,000 bond.

Michael A. Tucker, 23, 8407 Chittimwood Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on charges of battery, strangulation and criminal confinement; held on \$12,000 bond.

The following person recently was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail:

Patricia Gale Ridge, 32, 775 S. Old U.S. 31, Franklin; held on \$1,000 bond.

#### Births

#### Johnson Memorial Hospital

Kevin and Angela Bowser, Franklin, girl born Feb. 23.

Kelly and Kyle Hendricks, girl born Feb. 22.

Drew and Teresa Jensen, girl born Feb. 22.

#### Meetings

#### Edinburgh

**Town council**, 6 p.m. Monday, town hall, 107 S. Holland St. On the agenda:

Street materials and service bid award, supplement to code of ordinances

#### Franklin

**City council**, 7 p.m. Monday, city hall, 55 W. Madison St. On the agenda: Presentation of five-year strategic plan for Franklin Fire Department

**Board of public works and safety**, executive session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, followed by regular meeting at 6 p.m., city hall. On the agenda: Stop signs in Countryview; retention pond issue in Oak Leaf Manor and city easements for Franklin Community School Corp.

**Park board**, 7 p.m. Monday, Cultural Arts and Recreation Center, 396 Branigin Blvd. On the agenda: Summer staff approval; pool rates and hours; and Beeson Hall beverage services

#### Greenwood

**Board of zoning appeals**, 6 p.m., Monday, city building, 2 N. Madison Ave.

**Planning commission**, 7 p.m., Monday, city building. On the agenda: Plans for a Drover Street Credit Union on 2.16 acres at the northwest corner of East Main Street and Emerson Avenue; Easy St. Condos at 1401 and 1411 W. County Line Road; and amendment to plans for a driveway cut on State Road 135 for 3021 Stella Drive

#### Johnson County

**Advisory plan commission**, 7 p.m. Monday, courthouse annex, 86 W. Court St., Franklin. On the agenda: Spring Hill subdivision; Woods subdivision; Riverwalk subdivision; McKee subdivision; rezoning of eight acres on County Road 775S; subdivision control ordinance; and comprehensive plan update

**Johnson County Citizens Against Substance Abuse**, 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Reach for Youth, 5401 Shelby St. On the agenda: Executive committee will meet.

**Board of commissioners**, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, courthouse annex. On the agenda: Appointments to the Amity fire protection board; changes to exempt subdivisions; discussion of comprehensive plan update; Camp Atterbury resolution; approval of sales and service agreement for typewriters in county clerk office; recommendation of consulting firms for federally funded highway department projects; east-west transportation update; railroad crossings report; revision to the county's bariatric program; and approval to transfer funds in the animal shelter budget

**Technical review committee**, 9 a.m. Wednesday, courthouse annex, 86 W. Court St., Franklin. On the agenda: Construction plan for 191-lot Villages of Lone Pine Farms subdivision at Smokey Row Road and State Road 135

#### New Whiteland

**Town council**, 7 p.m. Monday, town hall, 401 Mooreland Drive. On the agenda: Zoning ordinance update, Metropolitan Planning Organization funding request

#### White River Township

**Township advisory board**, 4 p.m. Monday, White River Township Government Building, 4800 W. Stones Crossing Road. On the agenda: Adoption of Robert's Rules of Orders to meetings; review of state accounting guidelines for townships; review of policies; and year-end report

#### School boards

**Center Grove Community School Corp.** 5 p.m. Monday, administration building, 2929 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood. On the agenda: Discussion of high school project. An executive session will be conducted at 6 p.m. to receive information about and interview prospective employees.

**Center Grove Community School Corp.**, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, administration building. On the agenda: Executive session to receive information about and interview prospective employees

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A Morgantown teen hasn't been seen since Sunday and left her purse and wallet at her home, said a friend of the 18-year-old.



MOWERY

Katie Mowery was scheduled to take health tests with an Army recruiter in Indianapolis on Monday but never showed up for the appointment, Morgantown Town Marshal Charlie Beaver said.

She also hasn't picked up her paycheck, shown up for work at Christy's Café or checked in with the counselors who were helping

### HOW TO HELP

Anyone with information about Katie Mowery's whereabouts should contact the Morgantown Police Department at (812) 597-4604.

her earn a GED at Indian Creek High School. The last person known to have talked to her was a male acquaintance, who spoke to her by phone about 6 p.m. Sunday, Beaver said.

Her parents and officials at the school filed missing-person reports on Thursday, he said.

Police are not treating her disappearance as a crime. Officers have not been inside her home in the Church Street mobile home park in Morgantown, he said.

Deanna Batts, who works at the video store down the street

from Mowery's home, said she is worried.

She befriended the teen shortly after Mowery moved into the mobile home by herself in August. The two talk almost every day, she said.

She said friends went into the home to check on her and found her purse and wallet with money inside. Her jacket and driver's license were gone, though. They reported their findings to police.

The reports are not enough for police to go in and treat the home like a crime scene, Beaver said.

"I want to know she is all right, and I'm sure that is what her parents and everyone else want to know; but she has the right to express her freedom and leave if she wants to," he said.

Beaver said he doesn't see any evidence to assume that a crime

has been committed. He said he understands she was having a difficult time making ends meet on her own and may have left to stay with someone else.

The marshal did drive by the mobile home on Thursday, he said.

Mowery doesn't own a vehicle. But her bicycle is still parked against her home, Beaver said.

The teen dropped out of high school but said she wanted to get her GED so she could join the Army.

Beaver said he has sent information about Mowery to several police networks and has checked several jails to see if she has been arrested.

Other than that, officers are just keeping an eye out for Mowery and asking people if they have seen her.

# Police: Man arrested in carjack attempt

Daily Journal staff reports

One of three people suspected in a January carjacking attempt has been arrested.

Timothy Jackson, 21, 9402 E. 42nd St., Indianapolis, turned himself in Friday, police said.

Another accomplice in the attempted Center Grove area theft remains at large.

Two masked men tried to steal a man's sport utility vehicle in his driveway while he was leaving his home on Driftwood Lane near Smith Valley and Morgantown roads. One man pointed a handgun at the victim before he sped off.

The victim noticed a Pontiac Grand Prix on a side street.

A police officer had stopped that car earlier for circling around the neighborhood, according to police. The officer identified the driver as southside resident Nicole Richards, who was arrested in early February on charges of carjacking and battery.

She told police she planned the crime with two former co-workers, Jackson and southside resident Roger Max Scott, police said. The victim later identified the men from a police photographic lineup, police said.

Jackson is being held at the Johnson County jail on \$8,000 bond.

Anyone with information on Scott's whereabouts may call the sheriff's office at 736-5155. Anonymous tips can be submitted to crimetips@johnsoncountysheriff.com.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### GREENWOOD

#### Woman says she was choked by acquaintance

A Greenwood woman told police an acquaintance choked her and dragged her through her apartment after an argument.

Michael Tucker, 8407 Chittimwood Drive, Indianapolis, was arrested Friday on charges of battery, strangulation and criminal confinement.

Indiana law defines strangulation as applying pressure to the throat or neck of a person to impede normal breathing.

The victim told police she argued with Tucker on Thursday afternoon after he was late to give her a ride to her job. Tucker said they argued but that the argument remained verbal.

When they arrived at her place of work Tucker slapped her in the face, she told police. When her shift ended that night, the pair drove to her Southbridge apartment in silence.

Tucker became upset because she wouldn't speak to him, she told police. He told police he only argued with her.

At the apartment, Tucker straddled her on the bed and began choking her, she told police. He stopped when she began to have difficulty breathing.

She told police she tried to leave, but Tucker dragged her by her arms back to the bedroom and began choking her again.

She called police two hours after Tucker left the apartment.

The victim said she didn't call earlier because she feared she'd lose her apartment if police arrived.

Tucker was arrested on the three felony charges and is being held at the Johnson County jail on \$12,000 bond.

#### FRANKLIN

#### Two taken to hospital after car accident

Two Franklin teens were hospitalized Friday after a traffic accident south of State Road 44 on U.S. 31.

Breanna Moon, 14, and her sister Meranda, 12, were taken to Johnson Memorial Hospital after their father's car collided with another vehicle pulling out of a subdivision.

Ronnie Moon and the other driver, April Phillips, both of Franklin, were treated at the scene.

The collision occurred about 7:30 a.m. outside the Franklin Lakes subdivision, said Eddie Daugherty, spokesman for the Franklin Fire Department.

The girls' injuries, which were described as abrasions, were not serious, he said.

Moon was driving south on U.S. 31. Phillips was turning left out of the subdivision to head

north on the highway.

Phillips said she didn't know what she hit or what hit her, according to a police report.

#### FRANKLIN

#### Owen elected to state press association board

Daily Journal publisher Jeffrey W. Owen has been elected to a three-year term on the Hoosier State Press Association Board of Directors.

HSPA represents daily and weekly newspapers across Indiana. The organization provides industry training, monitors state legislative issues pertaining to open government and access to public records, conducts newspaper contests, operates a statewide advertising program and provides college scholarships.

Owen, who has been publisher since 1998, has led the HSPA newsroom seminar committee. He also was a speaker at the organization's annual meeting in January.

He is past president of Leadership Johnson County's Board of Trustees and currently serves on the boards for United Way of Johnson County, Johnson County Development Corp. and Franklin United Methodist Community.



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