



Looking Ahead: A New Year of Community and Connection

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HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — As the sun sets on 2025 over the New River Gorge, the staff at the Hinton News would like to extend our warmest wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all our readers, advertisers, neighbors, and friends.

The past year has been one of both

challenges and triumphs for our mountain home. From the bustling activity at the Summers County Courthouse to the quiet beauty of our state parks, we have seen once again what makes our community so special: our ability to stand together. We’ve celebrated the achievements of our youth, from the volleyball courts to the classroom, and we’ve honored the legends of our past

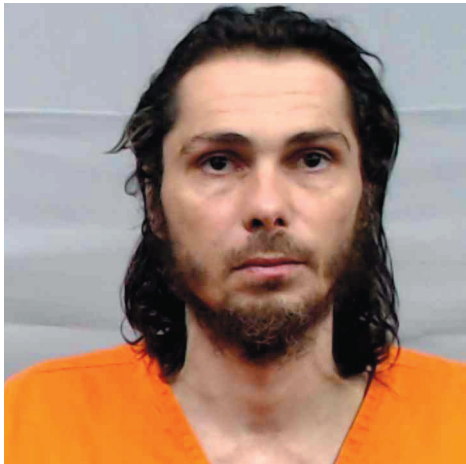
through the dedicated work of local historians.

As we turn the calendar to 2026, we look forward to another year of sharing your stories. Whether it’s a “Peek into Summers County’s Past” or the latest updates from the County Commission, our mission remains the same: to keep you informed and connected to the place we all call home.

We hope your New Year is filled with the simple joys of West Virginia—a brisk morning walk at Pipestem, a friendly greeting on Summers Street, and the peace of a winter evening in the gorge.

From all of us at the Hinton News, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives. Here’s to a bright 2026! Happy New Year, Summers County!

Police: Security footage leads to arrest in Summers Street porch theft



David Lee Terry Jr.

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HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - According to a criminal complaint, on Dec. 18, an officer responded to the vicinity of Summers Street in response to a report of larceny. When the officer arrived at the scene, the victims reportedly told him they had multiple items stolen from their porch at 4:40 a.m. on Dec. 17. The victims also noted they had camera footage of the theft taking place, as well as a list of the stolen items.

The officer watched the camera

footage and saw a male, later identified as David Lee Terry Jr. He was reportedly wearing sweatpants, a hoodie, and a specific kind of black and white shoes. Terry can allegedly be seen on the camera footage entering the porch with his hood up. He is next viewed looking at all the different things on the porch. Then, according to the complaint, around one minute after going onto the porch, he pushes the camera up, but it still shows the doorway of the porch.

The victims gave the officer a list of more than 25 items stolen, valued at over \$1063.

Later in the day, officers received information on Terry’s location. Officers went to the area indicated and found Terry wearing what appeared to be the same clothes and shoes from the video footage from the victim’s security camera. Terry allegedly had several of the items taken from the porch of the victims.

Terry has since been arrested on charges of grand larceny and breaking and entering. He was booked into Southern Regional Jail on Dec. 21, and at the time of publishing, he is still listed as an inmate with bail set at \$7,500.

Multi-Agency Manhunt Underway Suspect Escapes Custody

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Police Department released the following information regarding an incident that happened on Dec. 16:

“The Hinton Police Department is releasing information regarding an incident that occurred on December 16, 2025.

“At approximately 5 a.m., officers responded to reports of a drive-by shooting in the area of Westend/14th Ave and Temple Street. A vehicle discharged multiple rounds while traveling through the area. No injuries were reported. Property damage was reported to a single residence located between 14th and 15th Avenue on Temple. Officers se-

cured the scene and determined there was no immediate threat to public safety.

“During the investigation, Gary Wilson was identified as the primary suspect and taken into custody. At approximately 6:00 p.m., Gary Wilson fled from police custody in the area of the Avis/Hinton Police Department. Mr. Wilson is considered a fugitive and is actively wanted by law enforcement on charges of wanton endangerment and attempted commission of a felony.

“Officers immediately initiated a search, and the incident remains under investigation.

“Mr. Wilson is a 5’11 black male who was last seen wearing a dark grey Carhartt shirt, camo pants, and brown

boots, and weighs around 150lbs.

“Anyone who sees this individual or has information on their whereabouts is urged to call 911.

“You can also send in a tip to Hinton PD by texting “POLICE” to 304-660-3433

“Hinton Police Department wants to thank the multiagency effort in searching for Mr. Wilson. We want to thank the Summers County Sheriff’s Department, West Virginia State Police and the US Marshals Service for their hard work on this case. Their collaboration and swift response were instrumental in the investigation.”

As of the time of publishing, there has been no update. Check hintonnews.com for the latest updates.



Photo courtesy Hinton Police Department

Trooper arrests local man following domestic call on Clayton Judson Road

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J U D - SON W.Va. (WVDN) - According to a criminal complaint, on Dec. 16, around 11:10 p.m., a trooper was dispatched to the vicinity of Clayton Judson Road for

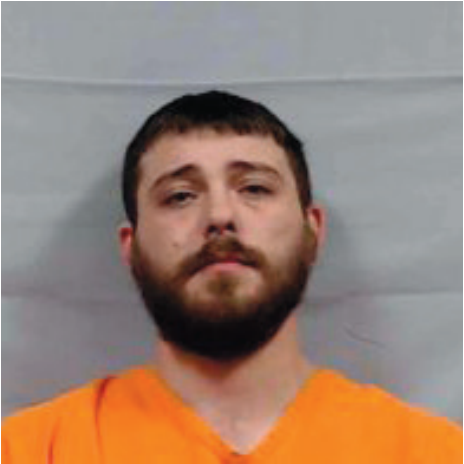
a reported domestic. When the trooper arrived at the residence, he spoke with the victim.

The victim had her vehicle parked away from the residence. According to the criminal complaint, the victim said her boyfriend, later identified as Jacob Boone, had been hitting her throughout the day. The victim reportedly told the trooper that Boone had hit her in the back of the head and busted her lip. She also allegedly said Boone had grabbed her by the leg when she was sitting down. The trooper reports seeing that the vic-

tim’s upper lip was busted and felt a welt on her head. He also reportedly saw fingerprint marks on her left leg.

After this, the trooper made contact with Boone, who reportedly told him that he and the victim had been talking and then got into a fight. According to court records, Boone has previously been convicted of domestic battery. The trooper then put Boone under arrest for domestic battery, second offense.

At the time of publishing, Boone is not listed as an inmate in Southern Regional Jail.



Jacob Boone

