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Criminal News

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WV vs. Rodney Powell Felony No. 08-F-82-M

On the April 6, 2009 came the State of WV by the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and the defendant Rodney Powell and his attorney pursuant to a sentencing hearing being scheduled in this matter for this day. It appears to the Court that the defendant was convicted on February 5, 2009 of the felony offense of Conspiracy as charged in Count 15 of the indictment in Felony No. 08-F-82 and that Rodney Powell was convicted on the January 15, 2009 of the misdemeanor offense of Petit Larceny, a lesser included offense under Count 3 of the indictment in Felony No. 08-F-182, and after making application for probation

and/or other alternative sentencing is now before the Court for sentencing. Upon review of the pre-sentence investigation report prepared in this matter and giving the defendant and his attorney an opportunity to review and comment upon the same, upon giving all parties an opportunity to be heard and upon due consideration, the Court hereby finds that the defendant's application for probation should be denied, and it is so Ordered. It is Ordered that Rodney Powell, upon his conviction of Conspiracy under Count 15 of the indictment in Felony No. 08-F-82, be sentenced to the custody of the Commissioner of the WV Division of Corrections for an indeterminate period of not less than 1 year nor more than 3 years at an appropriate correctional facility designated by said Commissioner. It



is further Ordered that he be given credit for all time previous awaiting disposition of this matter. It is further Ordered that Rodney Powell, upon his conviction of Petit Larceny in Felony No. 08-F-162, be sentenced to the custody of the Southwestern Regional jail for a period of 12 months and that he be given credit for all time previously served awaiting disposition of this matter. It is further Ordered that the sentence imposed herein run concurrently with the sentence imposed in Felony No. 08-F-82. The Court recommends that the Division of Corrections and the Regional Jail assess Rodney Powell for suicidal/psychological issues and that he receive treatment for substance abuse while incarcerated. The Court is not ordering any restitution to the victim in Felony No. 08-F-162 because of circumstances. The Victim can pursue his loss civilly. *Continued on page 2.*

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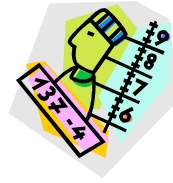
Special points of interest:

- FACES Community Meetings every month on the 2nd Thursday at 12:00 noon at the McDowell County Public Library.
- HOPE Coalition Meeting every month on the 4th Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the McDowell County Public Library.

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It is further Ordered that the defendant be assessed the court costs and all cost involved in the prosecution of these matter, and the State of WV is hereby granted a decretal judgment in the amount of said costs. The Court advised the defendant of his rights to appeal the sentencing in these matters, including the necessity of filing notice of intent to appeal within 30 days of entry of this order. It is further Or-

dered that the surety on Rodney Powell's bond be discharged and that he be forthwith placed in the custody to the Sheriff of McDowell County to be transported to the Administrator of the Southwestern Regional Jail, as a state prisoner, to be held for the Commissioner of Corrections, who is directed to forthwith come forward and take



custody of Rodney Powell and house him in a state correctional facility where he shall serve his sentence.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward attested copies of the herein Order to counsel of record,

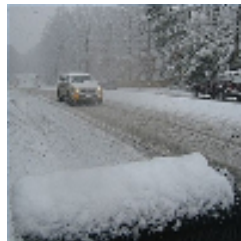
McDowell County Adult Probation Office, Southwestern Regional Jail and Commissioner of the WV Division of Corrections.

How to Survive Breaking Down in Your Car When It's Below Freezing

Just as flat tires and motor troubles can break you down on a lonely road in the summer, the winter adds to those possibilities with icy roads that cause your car to slide into a ditch or low visibility caused by blowing snow. You may be able to walk safely in the summer but that is neither wise nor possible in severe winter weather.

1. Always keep emergency supplies in your car according to the weather. You wouldn't think about setting off across the desert on a hot day without water and shoes "just in case" and neither should you drive in winter conditions without taking warm clothing along including coat, hat, gloves, and snow boots. It's also a good idea to keep an old blanket, a road flare, first aid kit, and some duct tape in the trunk.

2. If you find that you are unable to drive because of poor visibility or your car slides off the road, stay in your car! Most people who die from exposure do so because they left their vehicle.



3. Make sure all the windows are up all the way. If a window has an air leak, you can use duct tape to seal it (if you have any in your car) or wait for you breath frost to seal it. Don't try to force fabric into the crack because you may cause the window winding assembly to fail, making the window not stay up all the way. Just stay out of the draft until it freezes over.

4. Turn off the car. Snow may

have blocked the tail pipe on your car which would allow deadly gasses to build up in your car if it were running. Don't be tempted to "turn it on for just a minute". Leave it off!

5. Turn the headlights on, emergency flashers, parking lights, etc. This may help someone to locate your car.
6. Put on all your winter gear. If you find that you are getting cold even with all the warm clothes on, tear open a seat cushion and pull out the stuffing. Stuff it in the sleeves of your coat and in the legs of your pants. The idea is to insulate yourself against the cold.
7. If you have no service on your cell phone, leave it on anyway. Some phones still send out a signal that may help emergency to find you.

Beavers Pleads Guilty To 2nd Degree Murder As posted in The Welch News on November 18, 2009

Jesse Lee Beavers, 24, of War, has plead guilty to second degree murder in connection with the 8-29-07 death of Henry "Hank" White, also of War. Beavers, who entered his guilty plea on 11-9-09, will face a prison sentence of not less than 10 years nor more than 40 years when he is sentenced by Chief Circuit Judge Booker T. Stephens on 1-14-10. After being reported missing by his family, White's body, concealed by brush and other debris, was found near Johns Branch on 9-3-07. An autopsy by the state medical examiner's office determined that White had died of a single gunshot wound to the head. No drugs were

detected in his body and a small amount of alcohol that was found was attributed to decomposition of the body, McDowell Prosecuting Attorney Sid Bell said. McDowell County Chief Field Deputy Mark Shelton led the investigation. "Chief Deputy Shelton did an outstanding job in this case," the prosecuting attorney said. "Witness interviews placed Beavers in White's automobile on the day the victim was reported missing. Shelton's videotaped interrogation of Beavers resulted in an admission that Beavers had shot White in order to steal a bottle of prescription

pain medication that the victim was keeping for his father." "The victim was only 26 years old and had never been know to cause any problems for law enforcement officers or anyone else," the prosecuting attorney said. "Tragically, his murder can be attributed to the continuing destruction caused in our community by the illegal sale of prescription drugs and the drug and the drug abuse and addiction that result from those crimes." Deputy Sheriff Roger Deel and other officers provided substantial assistance to Chief Deputy Shelton, Bell said. Bluefield attorney McGinnis E. Hatfield, Jr., represents Beavers.

HOME SAFE HOME

The holidays should be a magical time for children. Yet each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 8700 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. In addition, Christmas trees are involved in about 400 fires annually, resulting in 20 deaths, 70 injuries and an average of more than 15 million in property loss and damage. Young children are particularly at risk for injury from sharp objects, such as glass ornaments, or from well-intentioned gifts of toys that are not appropriate to their age. Here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatric and the US Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Safer Trees & Decorations

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant."
- When purchasing a live tree,

check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break.

- When set up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption.
- Use only noncombustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.
- Take special care to avoid decoration that are sharp or breakable.

Bright Ideas for Lights

- Indoors or outside, always use lights that have been tested for safety.
- Check each set of lights, new

or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connection, and throw out damaged sets.

- Use no more than 3 standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage.
- Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.

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Never put off until tomorrow what you can do
the day after tomorrow.
— Mark Twain

CHRISTMAS FUN FACTS



1. The Song White Christmas is the biggest selling Christmas single of all time.
2. The word Christmas is Old English, a contraction of Christ's Mass.
3. The first president to decorate the White House Christmas tree in the US was Franklin Pierce.
4. Electric lights for trees were first used in 1895.
5. The first Christmas cards were invented in 1843, the Victorian Era.
6. It's a "Wonderful Life" appears on TV more often than any other holiday movie.
7. "Rudolph" was actually created by Montgomery Ward in the late 1930's for a holiday promotion. The rest is history.
8. "The Nutcracker" is the most famous Christmas ballet.
9. "Jingle Bells" was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas Songs.
10. If you received all of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas", you would receive 364 presents.
11. The poinsettia plant was brought into the US from Mexico by Joel Poinsett in the early 1800's.
12. Holly berries are poisonous.
13. Contrary to common belief, poinsettia plants are non-toxic.
14. In 1843, "A Christmas Carol" was written by Charles Dickens in just 6 weeks.
15. The first state to recognize the Christmas holiday officially was Alabama.
16. Christmas became a national holiday in America on June, 26 1870.
17. Coca Cola was the first beverage company to use Santa for winter promotion.
18. More diamonds are sold around Christmas than any other time of the year.
19. In Mexico, wearing red underwear on New Year's Eve is said to bring new love in the upcoming year.
20. The name Santa Clause is not mentioned once in the popular Christmas poem "The Night