



# NETWORK NEWS



## Criminal News

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WV vs. Marlene Travis  
Felony # 08-F-80-M

On July 27, 2009 the State of WV by the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of McDowell County, and the defendant, Marlene Travis, and by her attorney, pursuant to a sentencing hearing. It appears to the Court that the defendant was convicted on April 9, 2009 of the felony offense of Delivery of a Schedule II Controlled Substance and a Narcotic as charged in Count Four of the indictment, and after making application for probation is now before the Court for sentencing. All parties acknowledged receipt and review of the presentence investigation report. The Court gave the parties an opportunity to comment on the report

and to address the Court regarding sentencing. Upon consideration of the report, comments, and the facts of this case, the Court proceeded to sentence Marlene Travis. It is Ordered that Marlene Travis, is hereby sentenced to the custody of the Commissioner of the WV Division of Correction for an indeterminate period of not less than 1 year or more than 15 years at an appropriate correctional facility designated by said Commissioner, with credit for all time previously served on the charge. It is further ordered that Marlene Travis be assessed court cost and all costs involved in the prosecution, and the State of WV is hereby given a decretal judgment for costs. Upon further consideration of sentencing, it is ordered



that the sentence imposed be suspended and that Marlene Travis is placed on supervised probation to begin immediately for a period of 36 months under terms and conditions imposed by her probation officer and the Court imposing the following specific conditions:

- 1: That the defendant submit to random drug screenings at her own expense at least every 2 months and more often if needed.
- 2: That she stay out of trouble and abide by all terms and conditions imposed by her Probation Officer.
- 3: perform 10 hours of community service per month not in the presence of children.

It is further ordered that the defendant shall not travel out-of-state except to Tazewell County, VA without advance approval from her Probation officer. It was further ordered that her surety be discharged from her bail bond.

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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.

## Kids And Bicycle Safety

Bicycle riding is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent. But it is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it's a vehicle! **Be Cool-** follow some basic safety tips when you ride.

1. Before using your bicycle, make sure it is ready to ride. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly.
2. Wear a properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet. Protect your brain, save your life.
3. Adjust your Bicycle to Fit.
4. See and Be Seen. Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or

at night, you need to be seen by others. Wear something neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors.

5. Control Your Bicycle
6. Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards. Lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves and dogs.
7. Avoid Riding at Night. It is far more dangerous to ride at night than during the day because you are harder for others to see.

Rules of the Road-Bicycling on the

Road

1. Go With the Traffic Flow
2. Obey all Traffic Laws
3. Yield to Traffic When Appropriate
4. Be Predictable
5. Stay Alert At All Times
6. Look Before Turning
7. Watch for Parked Cars

For more information on bicycle safety, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Web site at: [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

## Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is an exciting time of the year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are a few tips:

- ◆ Plan costumes that are bright and reflective.
- ◆ Make sure all items fit well
- ◆ Consider adding reflective tape or

Striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat Bags

- ◆ When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for those with a label indicating they are flam resistant
- ◆ Consider make-up instead of masks to aid with visibility.
- ◆ Carry flashlights

- ◆ Stay in groups
- ◆ Watch for traffic
- ◆ Examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- ◆ Don't forget to brush after eating all of those sweet treats.

## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

General Child Seat Use Information:

- ◆ Buckle everyone. Children age 12 and under in back.
- ◆ Birth to at least 1 year and a least 20lbs infant-only seat/rear-facing or convertible seat used rear-facing.
- ◆ Less than 1 year/20-35lbs. Convertible Seat/used rear-facing (select one recommended for heavier infants.

- ◆ 1-4 years/at least 20lbs to approx. 40lbs. Convertible Seat/forward-facing or forward-facing only or high back booster/harness. Tightly install child seat in rear seat facing forward.



- ◆ 4-8 years unless they are 4'9" (57") tall. Belt-positioning booster (no back, only) or high back belt-

positioning booster. Booster used with adult lap and shoulder belt in rear seat.

- ◆ Never place a car seat in the front seat where an air bag is present. Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing the rear.
- ◆ Seats should be secured to the vehicle by the safety belts or by the LATCH system.

For more information visit [www.wvdot.com](http://www.wvdot.com)

## PLAN A VISIT TO THE ASHLAND COMPANY STORE

Discover the Ashland Company Store—a WV coal company store reborn to its original use, complete with old money vaults and tin ceilings. Relax in a hand made rocking chair, thumb through a novel set in the McDowell County Coal Fields, or sample WV jams, jellies, sauces and other gourmet treats.



The Ashland Company Store is a great place to find authentic WV handmade crafts, including quilts, candles, soaps, coal figurines, and artwork. Read the stories of the crafters, who may apply skills handed down through generations or use unique materials for their products. Check out the schedule to see if one of the local crafters is on site giving demonstrations or

offering a class. Many of the artist accept custom orders for quilts, woodwork, or other art pieces. Take home a special memory of beautiful southern WV.

**Ashland History:** In 1915, the community of Ashland boasted of an inn, two schools, two churches, and a population of 1,500. Miners lived in company-owned housing and were paid in "scrip" rather than cash, which the workers used to purchase nearly everything—food, clothing, and supplies from the company store. Each coal company produced its own unique scrip—highly collectible today! Today Ashland has 29 residents, many of whom worked the mines but now own their coal camp homes and enjoy life in this quit community.

**Coal Fields Museum:** Ashland Store is a living museum of coal history, from the window displays of original merchandise and store records to the special exhibits of coal mining hats, lantern, and dinner buckets. Check out the historic panorama photos—and maybe identify a relative who once worked in the mines. See examples of coal company scrip from many different mines and perhaps even purchase a replica of the Ashland Coke and Coal Company scrip. McDowell County WV was once the largest producer of coal in the US.

For more information visit the Ashland Company store web site at [www.ashlandcompanystore.com](http://www.ashlandcompanystore.com)

## How To Improve Your Car's Gas Mileage

Improving your car's gas mileage can help save at the pump.

1. Slow down. Speeds over 40 mph creates incredible wind resistance that your car must overcome. Traveling at 55 mph give you up to 21% better mileage when compared speed limits of 65 and 70 mph.
2. Shift gears. Running your automobile at high speeds in low gear can use 45% more fuel than if you were in the

right gear.

3. Keep your windows closed on the highway. The increased drag caused by open windows can reduce gas mileage.
4. Drive proactively. Slowing down and speeding up wastes fuel. Also, accelerate before approaching a hill rather than when climbing it. Your engine is forced to work harder on an incline, thus reducing gas mileage.

5. Avoid rough roads. Dirt and gravel roads can reduce gas mileage up to 30%.
6. Keep your car in good working order. Make sure tune ups and oil changes are put to date. Also, make sure your tires are properly inflated.
7. Remove excess weight.
8. Don't idle for long periods of time. If you are forced to sit at an idle, put your care in neutral.
9. Accelerate slowly when the light turns green.



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## Halloween Fun Facts

**"Why do we celebrate Halloween?"** It began in Ireland and then spread to the US where it has become a huge holiday but its true origins lie much further back. Halloween, or Samhein, is based on a pagan belief and is the night when the veil between the worlds is at its thinnest. A night when the dead can re-visit their former home. It was a night when people left gifts of food for their ancestors and trod carefully in order not to offend the less than kindly otherworldly visitors that might be around. It is suspected that many of those who visit are actually not quite so scary and merely want to see what is going on!



Halloween is a popular holiday but there are a few facts that no one knows.....

- \* In Scotland, turnips are carved into Lanterns, not Pumpkins
- \* Halloween is said to be celebrated on the eve of All Saints to scare away evil spirits
- \* Bobbing for apples goes back to the Roman Harvest Festival to honor Pomona, Goddess of Fruit Trees
- \* Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green
- \* The worlds biggest pumpkin weighed in at 1,446 pounds
- \* In Sandusky, Ohio, it is against the law for anyone over the age of 14 to Trick or

Treat

- \* Mexico celebrated the Day of the Dead, not Halloween
- \* Samheingophobia is the fear of Halloween
- \* Halloween is the second most commercially successful holiday after Christmas
- \* Trick or Treat has its roots in Ireland where people would ask neighbors for a contribution to a huge Halloween Feast
- \* Orange is a Halloween color because it is associated with the harvest
- \* 99% of pumpkins sold domestically are for use as Halloween Lanterns

There's a fine line between genius and insanity. I have erased this line.  
- Oscar Levant