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Virginia is the latest state to legalize recreational marijuana use. Similar bills proposed in Tennessee's General Assembly have been unsuccessful.

Va. Marijuana Law Impact To Be Felt Locally

BY KEN LITTLE
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Legal recreational marijuana in Tennessee isn't likely to happen anytime soon. That's not the case in neighboring Virginia, where a bill allowing recreational marijuana use will make pot products available to anyone crossing the state line. The new law could complicate efforts by law enforcement to curb cannabis use in Tennessee. Local authorities say legal marijuana may also be a menace for other reasons. "I'm going to deal with the law the way it is (in Tennessee). The Greenville Police Department will continue to deal with it in a lawful manner," Greenville police Chief Tim Ward said this week. In Tennessee, possession of up to a half-ounce of marijuana is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum jail term of one year, and a maximum fine of \$2,500. A \$250 fine is mandatory for all first-time convictions, with mandatory minimum fines of \$500 for subsequent offenses. "I certainly don't think at this time the legalization of recreational marijuana in Virginia will affect our laws," Greene County

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Wayneo's World



Wayne Bettis is shown at his self-built air-brushing station, where Wayne's Custom Lures are turned from colorless, epoxy-coated "blanks" into bass fishing bait that looks like a living, swimming bait-sized fish. Below, Bettis' custom bass lure shows the artistry of the realistic airbrush design work that goes into each lure

SUN PHOTO BY CAMERON JUDD

Wayne Bettis Is Up To Some Fishy Stuff These Days



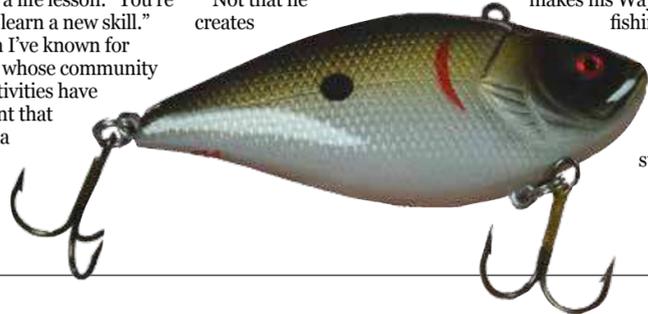
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What may be the most important thing Wayne Bettis learned when he tried his hand at creating customized bass fishing lures had nothing to do with fishing at all. It was instead a life lesson: "You're never too old to learn a new skill." Wayne, whom I've known for many years and whose community and business activities have been so abundant that he's very nearly a public figure, is 69 years old now. It

was only three years ago he began experimenting with taking clear plastic fishing lure "blanks" and turning them into what can only be described as works of beautifully colored art you can hold in the palm of your hand. Not that he creates

his stunning fishing lures just to be pretty. He creates them to catch fish. "I don't make them if they won't catch fish," he told me Thursday in what he calls his "bunker," the spacious den/rec room/studio/man-cave where he personally makes his Wayne's Custom Baits fishing lures one by one. He markets them via the internet and through appearances at outdoor sporting events such as fishing shows.

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FBI Says It Interviewed FedEx Mass Shooter Last Year

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — FBI agents last year interviewed the gunman who fatally shot eight people at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis, the bureau said Friday, as investigators searched the home of the 19-year-old former FedEx employee. Coroners began the slow process of identifying the victims as family members spent hours agonizing over word of their loved ones. The slayings Thursday night marked the latest in a string of

recent mass shootings to rock the U.S. The shooter was identified as Brandon Scott Hole of Indianapolis, Deputy Police Chief Craig McCartt told a news conference. Investigators searched a home in Indianapolis associated with Hole and seized evidence, including desktop computers and other electronic media, McCartt said. Paul Keenan, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Indianapolis field office, said Friday that agents questioned Hole last year after his mother called police to say that her son might commit "suicide by cop." He said the FBI was called

after items were found in Hole's bedroom but he did not elaborate on what they were. He said agents found no evidence of a crime and that they did not identify Hole as espousing a racially motivated ideology. McCartt said Hole was a former employee of the company and last worked for FedEx in 2020. McCartt said he did not know why Hole left the job or if he had ties to the workers in the facility. He said police have not yet uncovered a motive for Thursday's shooting but added that law enforcement officers seized a gun from him last year. McCartt also said authorities

are still identifying the victims and that not all of the victims' families have been notified. Hole started randomly firing at people in the parking lot and then went into the building and continued shooting late Thursday night, McCartt said. He said the shooter apparently killed himself shortly before police entered the building. "There was no confrontation with anyone that was there," he said. "There was no disturbance, there was no argument. He just appeared to randomly start shooting." McCartt said four people were

killed outside the building and another four inside. Several people were also wounded, including five who were taken to the hospital. McCartt said the slayings took place in a matter of minutes. Officials with the coroner's office began the process of identifying victims Friday afternoon, a process they said would take several hours. Police Chief Randal Taylor noted that a "significant" number of employees at the FedEx facility are members of the Sikh community, and the Sikh Coalition later

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SOLOMON KINDICE

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OUTSIDE

Today — Chance of rain. High around 60.
Sunday — Mostly sunny. High around 63.
Monday — Mostly sunny. High around 65.
Tuesday — Mostly sunny. High around 69.
Wednesday — Partly sunny. High around 56.

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