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Biby killed in altercation with law enforcement

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Kentucky State Police have officially identified Trigg County Sheriff Aaron Acree as the officer who fatally shot 44-year-old Bennie "Shawn" Biby during an altercation last week at a local residence.

In an updated press release on the incident, KSP noted that the altercation occurred at around 12:45 p.m. Oct. 28 when Acree responded to the residence on Forest Circle near Cadiz. The sheriff discharged his service weapon during the altercation, striking and fatally wounding

Biby, according to information included in the press release.

Trigg County Judge-Executive Hollis Alexander said Acree placed himself on administrative leave that same day and likely will remain on leave until the state police finishes its investigation.

"It's common in these type situations for an officer to be on administrative leave," he said.

The judge-executive said he didn't know when the last officer-related shooting in the coun-

ty was, although he did recall five years ago when Kentucky State Trooper Joseph Cameron Ponder was involved in a pursuit that began in Trigg County and ended in Lyon County.

The suspect in that incident shot Ponder, and the trooper died.

Alexander noted that in the absence of Acree, sheriff's offices in Lyon, Marshall, Caldwell and Christian counties are helping respond to calls in Trigg County; the judge-executive expressed his



Sheriff Aaron Acree

thanks for their help.

Additionally, as of Sunday, Maj. Mike Sandbrink, second in command to Acree, has begun his work with the sheriff's office.

Alexander said the county is continuing to remember Acree and his family as well as the family of the deceased man in its thoughts and prayers.

Kentucky State Police Post 1 released its initial report of the incident on Oct. 28, noting at that time that the post's troopers and detectives were on the scene at the Forest Circle home and were investigating an officer-involved shooting involving

the Trigg County sheriff's office.

They urged residents at the time to avoid that area if possible.

State police later revealed that the incident occurred at 12:45 p.m. earlier in the day, and they identified the victim as Biby. They did not initially identify Acree as the shooter but did so in an updated release dated Oct. 31.

KSP said Acree became involved in an altercation with Biby shortly after arriving at the residence. He discharged

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By Michele Vowell | For the Cadiz Record

Jim Mullen of Cadiz addresses the Trigg County Fiscal Court on Monday night regarding the need for additional signage on the road leading into Lake Barkley State Resort Park.

Cadiz citizens express concern about U.S. 68/80 safety

BY MICHELE VOWELL
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Fearing for the safety of motorists along U.S. 68/80, two Cadiz residents addressed the Trigg County Fiscal Court Monday night in an effort to add signage and a turning lane to both entrances of Lake Barkley State Resort Park.

Jim Mullen and Wayne Gundry told the court during its regu-

lar meeting at the Trigg County Emergency Operations Center, that construction of U.S. 68/80 at the park entrance road — Kentucky 1489 — has led to some potentially dangerous road conditions.

Both park entrances — from the east and west — are difficult for motorists to see, Mullins said. The east entrance, he added, does not have a sign.

Without a turning lane, Mullen said in times of heavy or nighttime traffic it can be dangerous for motorists traveling toward Murray to exit off of 68/80 onto Kentucky 1489.

Mullen noted that across U.S. 68/80 from the east park entrance there are turning lanes that go into cornfields.

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Kentucky native with Cadiz ties to sign copies of her book

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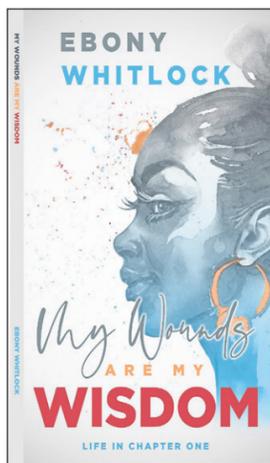
A former Hopkinsville resident with family ties in Cadiz, author Ebony Whitlock reflects on her trials and tribulations with a sense of hope.

After enduring abuse as a child and the tragic losses of family members, Whitlock put pen to paper to write "My Wounds are My Wisdom: Life in

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A former Hopkinsville resident with family ties in Cadiz, author Ebony Whitlock will sign copies of her book Saturday at the Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library.

File photo



Residents attend council meeting to voice concerns

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Several residents were on hand Monday to speak with Cadiz City Council about the Vertical Wellness hemp plant, sharing its effects on their health and other concerns they have about the manufacturer.

Because of a recent surge in cases of the coronavirus, the meeting was conducted virtually via teleconference, and the residents participated alongside council members in the virtual session.

"We are here as a group to let the mayor and city council know how we are affected by Vertical Wellness," said June Ezell, who was the first to share her concerns with the

city officials.

Ezell recounted headaches and worsened asthma from the odor coming from the hemp plant and said the smell also prevented her family from sitting outside or doing any work outside.

She noted that the odor gets in people's homes and in their cars.

"You can't get away from it. It goes with you," she said.

Additionally, Ezell mentioned Trigg County Judge-Executive Hollis Alexander and his recent comments on the radio noting that everyone was working to address the problem. But Ezell pointed out that officials at Vertical

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TCHS staff member tests positive for COVID-19

Trigg County Public Schools was made aware Monday of a Trigg County High School staff member that had tested positive for COVID-19.

The staff member was last in the school building on Thursday, according to a release.

Immediately, the school district began extra deep cleaning and sanitizing procedures throughout the entire school, as per guidelines set by the state. School administrators sent home letters and a phone call to all parents of high school students so that

they could be aware of the positive case, the release stated.

Officials noted that Trigg County Health Department has begun the contract tracing process and will notify any parent or student if they have been in close contact with the staff member and need to be quarantined or tested.

Trigg County Public Schools is committed to the health and safety of our students and staff, officials said in the release.

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Due to publication deadlines, this week's Cadiz Record will not contain Tuesday's election results. We will post results on our website, Facebook page and include an article in the Nov. 11 edition.



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