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FISCAL COURT

Magistrate questions his status as full time

Says he wasn't aware of hour requirement

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Larry Perkins is questioning his full-time status – as opposed to part time – as a Franklin County magistrate after learning that magistrates must work more than 100 hours a month to qualify for certain benefits.

"I've been keeping a log in trying to meet that ... and it's been really difficult," Perkins said at the end of Friday's Fiscal Court meeting, "I've averaged about 50 hours (per month)."

After magistrates are elected, they are given a form asking if they want to work full time or part time. Those that agree to work full time sign a paper that requires them to work more than 100 hours a month in order to keep their full-time status and receive retirement benefits.

Although Perkins took office in January, he said he didn't see this form until a few weeks ago. Judge-Executive Ted Collins said it had been given to him because it wasn't in his personnel file.

Collins said he was confused when Perkins returned the paper to him and noticed he didn't choose to be full time.

"It was assumed by the folks here that he had elected to be full time as well as all the other magistrates," Collins said. "And then just a few days ago, he brought the form back and wrote on there that he did not want to be considered full time ... he was declaring he was part time."

At the meeting, the other magistrates debated whether part-time magistrates could still receive retirement benefits as well as health and life insurance.

Perkins said he thought he received the benefits because he was an elected official, but Collins said he would have to do some research to determine what benefits, if any, he can receive as a part-time magistrate.

A couple of magistrates said they consider themselves to be full time because

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FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT

Court deals with drug issue

2 from last week's 24-person roundup plead not guilty

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Two men who are allegedly part of a Florida-to-Frankfort pill ring have pleaded not guilty to charges of engaging in organized crime.

Neil Clark, 36, and Christopher Kincaid, 37, are accused of being part of a "corporation," which used "runners" to purchase prescription pain-



Neil Clark

killers in Florida to be sold in Franklin County.

Clark has been described as the ringleader and paid for the trips, while Kincaid is accused of serving as one of foremen, or mid-level management personnel, who recruited people and arranged the trips.

Both of the Frankfort men requested a

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Christopher Kincaid

Man caught in big county bust stays out of jail for now

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Anthony Wilhoite will stay out of jail on charges stemming from a drug bust while he works to pay off a \$25,000 debt he owes to a bank under terms of a plea bargain.

As part of the plea deal, Wilhoite, 44, will not be sentenced on the drug charges until January.



Anthony Wilhoite

The agreement will stand as long as he works to pay the \$25,000 debt to Farmers Bank after he was convicted of two counts of a fraud charge.

"He needs to get straight with Farmers Bank before he goes into a penitentiary," Commonwealth's Attorney Larry Cleveland said Friday.

The deal was submitted to retired Franklin Family Court Judge Reed Rhorer, who sat in for Franklin Circuit Judge Thomas Wingate.

Wilhoite faces a 10-year sentence for charges resulting from one of the largest drug busts in Franklin County history.

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3 injured in convertible accident



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Emergency responders work the scene of a two-vehicle wreck Saturday night on northbound Martin Luther King Drive after witnesses say a man driving a Ford Mustang convertible rear-ended another vehicle.

Driver ejected and in serious condition

BY KEVIN WHEATLEY
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A man was airlifted from Frankfort Regional Medical Center in serious condition after he was thrown from his Ford Mustang convertible when he rear-ended another car on Martin Luther King Drive Saturday night.

The man, whose name wasn't immediately available, was driving recklessly northbound toward Kentucky State University when his Mustang hit a four-door Toyota around 8 p.m. Saturday, Frankfort Fire Department Battalion Chief John Haden said at

the scene.

He was possibly in his 20s and found in an inside lane of traffic after he was ejected. His Mustang continued on Martin Luther King Drive, eventually stopping near the median, according to Haden.

A few witnessed the wreck and called 911. A man and woman in the Toyota that was hit from the rear were taken by ambulance with minor injuries, Haden said.

The extent of the man's injuries is unknown, and it's unclear whether alcohol or drugs were a

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GARDEN HONORS DAD'S DREAM

Son of Investors Heritage founder landscaped former liquor store spot

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The late Harry Lee Waterfield, founder of Investors Heritage, wanted to buy and demolish the liquor store next to his headquarters "more than anything."

Frankfort natives likely remember that iconic little building with cement waves and a bold L-I-Q-U-O-R sign on the roof – just as they remember Waterfield as a two-time lieutenant governor and six-time state representative.

His son, Harry Lee Waterfield II, who succeeded his father as president of the insurance company, shakes his head and laughs when he tells the story of what has happened at the corner of Second Street and Capital Avenue.

"That liquor store was the one property he couldn't get,"

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Garth, left, Harry and Whitney Waterfield stand in the newly finished garden behind Investors Heritage.



Brenda Rollins
Midway

"I went to Frankfort Regional for my first mammogram 15 years ago, and I've been going there ever since."

For Brenda's story, look inside.

