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## **NEWS / MEDIA RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**February 7, 2025.**

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### **UPDATE: SHOPLIFTING INVESTIGATION AT RURAL KING**

**Kanawha County, WV – Jon Christopher Halstead has surrendered himself to court deputies today and has been arraigned before a Kanawha County Magistrate in connection with the shoplifting investigation at Rural King in Cross Lanes.**

This follows the earlier identification and apprehension efforts regarding the theft of a **\$999 welder** from the store.

The **Kanawha County Sheriff's Office** thanks the public for their continued support in this ongoing investigation. Further updates will be provided as the case progresses.

For any additional information, please contact **Deputy N.J. Walton** at **304-357-0169** or call **911** if you have any relevant details.

**### END ###**

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## **UPDATE: SHOPLIFTING INVESTIGATION – SUSPECT APPREHENDED**

**UPDATE:** Jimmie Wade LeMaster Jr. was apprehended overnight by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and is currently held at Western Regional Jail.

Deputies continue efforts to locate **Mary Elizabeth Browning** and **Jon Christopher Halstead**. Anyone with information is urged to contact the **KCSO Warrant Division** at **304-357-0157** or the **Patrol Division** at **304-357-0169**.

We thank the community for their support in helping law enforcement hold offenders accountable.

**### END ###**



**Jimmie Wade LeMaster Jr.**

[Photo courtesy of Western Regional Jail inmate search]

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## **UPDATE: SHOPLIFTING INVESTIGATION – CHARGES UPGRADED**

**Kanawha County, WV** – The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office is providing an update on the ongoing investigation into the theft of a welder from the Cross Lanes Rural King. Thanks to an outpouring of support from the community, deputies have successfully identified the two suspects initially captured on surveillance footage. Additionally, further investigation has revealed the involvement of a third suspect in the crime.

As a result of newly obtained information, charges against all three suspects have been upgraded to felony offenses:

- ◆ Jimmie Wade LeMaster Jr., 36, of Cross Lanes – Grand Larceny & Conspiracy
- ◆ Mary Elizabeth Browning, 38, of Nitro – Conspiracy
- ◆ Jon Christopher Halstead, 57, of Cross Lanes – Receiving/Transferring Stolen Goods & Conspiracy

Deputies are actively working to locate and apprehend all three individuals. Authorities urge anyone with information on the whereabouts of Jimmie Wade LeMaster, Mary Elizabeth Browning, or Jon Christopher Halstead to contact the **KCSO Warrant Division** at **304-357-0157** or the **Patrol Division** at **304-357-0169**.

The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office extends its gratitude to the community for their continued support and cooperation. Public assistance plays a vital role in helping law enforcement hold those accountable who commit crimes against local businesses and residents.



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[Original Story]

## **Kanawha County Sheriff's Office Seeks Information on Shoplifting Suspects**

**Kanawha County, WV** – The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in identifying two individuals suspected of shoplifting from the Rural King store in Cross Lanes.

Yesterday evening, a male and female suspect were captured on video surveillance bypassing the final checkout point and loading a welder, valued at \$999, into a black Volkswagen Touareg. The vehicle displayed West Virginia registration plate #D11074A.

The suspects are facing charges of shoplifting and conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor. Authorities urge anyone with information on the identity of either suspect to come forward.

If you have any information, please contact Kanawha County Sheriff's **Deputy N.J. Walton** at **304-357-0169**.



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