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MEDIA RELEASE

BRADLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND CLEVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MAKE ARREST IN WINDSHIELD VANDALISM CASES

CLEVELAND, TN (July 2, 2026) — A joint investigation between the Bradley County Sheriff's Office and the Cleveland Police Department has led to the arrest of Christopher James on June 30, 2026, in connection with a series of windshield vandalism incidents reported in the northeast areas of Bradley County and the City of Cleveland.

Beginning in May 2026, both agencies began receiving reports of vehicles being damaged by objects thrown at their windshields while traveling in the northeast portion of the county and city. Due to the similarity of the incidents, detectives from both agencies initiated a coordinated investigation.

Through diligent follow-up and investigative efforts, detectives identified Christopher James as the suspect and determined his vehicle matched descriptions provided by victims.

On June 30, 2026, Christopher James was taken into custody on Michigan Avenue Road while operating the vehicle identified in the reported incidents.

James has been charged with multiple counts of Felony Reckless Endangerment and Felony Vandalism. At this time, a total of nine confirmed incidents have been linked to the investigation.

Further information will be released as it becomes available and appropriate.

About BCSO

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. John Stone is the current chief deputy. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.
