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MEDIA RELEASE UPDATE

**TWO ARRESTED FOLLOWING THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO 7-YEAR-OLD
CHILD'S DROWNING**

CLEVELAND, TN (September 17, 2026) — Following a thorough investigation by the Crimes Against Persons Unit of the Bradley County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, two family members have been indicted by a Bradley County Grand Jury and arrested in connection with the July 13, 2026, drowning death of a 7-year-old child.

Jean Marie Kell, 68, and Dennis Ray Page, 40, both of Old Fort, Tennessee, were each indicted on charges of Felony Murder and Aggravated Child Abuse or Neglect. Both individuals are related to the victim and were responsible for the care of the child at the time of the incident.

Kell and Page were each arrested and booked into the Bradley County Jail on a \$150,000 bond. The investigation began after emergency personnel responded to a report of a 7-year-old child found in a pond at a private residence in southeastern Bradley County. The child was transported to a local hospital, where the child was later pronounced deceased.

Detectives with the Crimes Against Persons Unit conducted a detailed investigation into the circumstances surrounding the child's death, ultimately presenting the case to the Bradley County Grand Jury.

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office commends the Crimes Against Persons Unit and all personnel involved for their thorough and diligent investigative work.

No further details regarding the evidence or specific investigative findings will be released at this time as the case proceeds through the judicial system.

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.
