

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CHRISTIAN CIRCUIT COURT  
Indictment No. 16-CR-00425

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )

INDICTMENT

VS.

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) UOR (0250190)  
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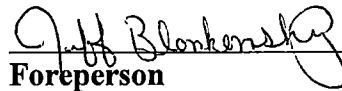
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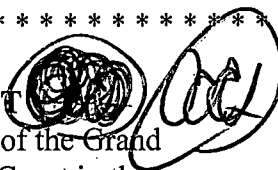
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GARY HADDOCK, Circuit Court Clerk

Det. Stevenson/HPD

BY: , Deputy Clerk  
DIRECT SUBMISSION

VS.

JOHN READ ATKINS,

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

116CR425

ENTERED ATTEST: PAIGE PARKER, CLERK DEFENDANT OCT 09 2019 CHRISTIAN COUNTY KENTUCKY BY <u>pam</u> D.C.
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SO ORDERED this 8th day of October, 2019.

Timothy C. Stark  
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CHRISTIAN CIRCUIT COURT

Prepared by:

Richard Boling  
Commonwealth's Attorney 3<sup>rd</sup> JC

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Sebastian County

## Sheriff's Office

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## Inmate Summary - Atkins, John Read

## Demographic Information

**Name:** Atkins, John Read  
**Global Subject Number:**  
**Sex:** Male  
**Race:** White  
**Height:** 6' 0"  
**Weight:** 220.0 lbs  
**Address:**  
**Aliases:**

## Booking History

2019-00009563

**Booking Date:** 10/4/2019 10:15 AM  
**Release Date:**  
**Prisoner Type:** Fugitive from Justice  
**Total Bond Amount:** \$0.00  
**Total Bail Amount:** \$0.00  
**Booking Origin:** Arkansas State Police Troop H  
**Arrest Location:**

Bond Number	Bond Type	Bond Amount
2019-00016003	NO BOND	\$0.00
2019-00016016	NBR	\$0.00
2019-00016017	NBR	\$0.00
2019-00016018	NBR	\$0.00

Charge Description	Offense Date	Docket Number	Sentence Date	Disposition	Sentence Length	Crime Class	Court Date
Driving While License Cancelled/Suspended/Revoked*	10/4/2019 12:34 PM			Set For Sentencing		Unclassified	11/5/2019 9:0
Criminal Impersonation in the Second Degree - False ID*	10/4/2019 12:34 PM			Set For Sentencing		A	11/5/2019 9:0
Failure to Appear - Class C Misdemeanor*	10/4/2019 12:34 PM			Set For Sentencing		C	11/5/2019 9:0
Contempt of Court--(child support), FTAS, FTRespond Subpoena, FTComply WCO-*	10/4/2019 12:34 PM			Set For Sentencing		C	11/5/2019 9:0
Fugitive from Justice Out of State*	10/4/2019 12:34 PM					C	

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CHRISTIAN CIRCUIT COURT  
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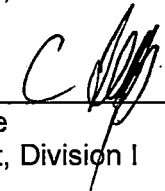
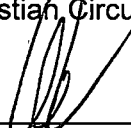
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**ORDER ASSIGNING SPECIAL JUDGE  
(DISQUALIFICATION OF REGULAR JUDGE)**

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ENTERED  
ATTEST: PAIGE PARKER, CLERK  
OCT 07 2019  
CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
BY pac PLAINTIFFS  
DC DEFENDANTS

JOHN L. ATKINS, the regular judge of the 3rd Judicial ☒ Circuit ☐ District Court, Division \_\_\_\_\_, is disqualified in the above-referenced case. No other judge within the judicial circuit or district is available to provide coverage. Accordingly, under the authority granted by the Regional Administration Program Charter, Supreme Court Order No. 2013-13, effective January 30, 2013, it is ORDERED that TIMOTHY C. STARK, the regular judge of the 52 Judicial ☒ Circuit ☐ District Court is appointed to preside in this matter until conclusion or further order.

Date: October 7, 2019

Rene Williams  
Chief Regional Judge

Purchase  
Region of Judicial Circuits/Districts



## Meacham, Karen

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**From:** Meacham, Karen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 2:47 PM  
**To:** Pritchett, Tami; 'Futrell, Pam'  
**Subject:** JOHN READ ATKINS 16-CR-00245

Cirris Hatfield has been appointed the Special Prosecutor in the above case. Ms. Hatfield is the Prosecuting Attorney for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Circuit (Calloway and Marshall Counties). Ms. Hatfield asked for a status of the case and after pulling the file, I told her the Indictment/Bench Warrant had not been served and it was our understanding that the Defendant was out-of-state. Ms. Hatfield asked that we notify her once the Indictment has been served. Ms. Hatfield's phone number is 270-255-9695.

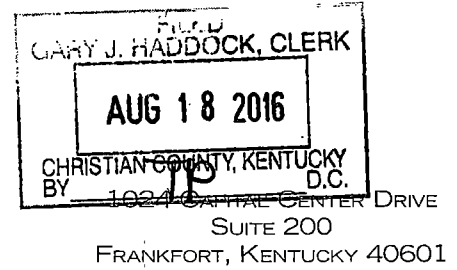
I am printing a copy of this email for the file.

KAREN MEACHAM  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK  
CHRISTIAN CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE  
100 JUSTICE WAY  
HOPKINSVILLE, KY 42240  
270-889-6539



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ANDY BESHEAR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL



August 15, 2016

Hon. Mark Blankenship  
Commonwealth's Attorney  
43rd Judicial Circuit  
304 North Fifth Street  
P.O. Box 1488  
Murray, KY 42071

*RE: Read Atkins  
Christian County*

Dear Mr. Blankenship:

Pursuant to your agreement to be appointed as Special Prosecutor in the above-styled matter, and in accordance with Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 15, the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for the 42nd Judicial Circuit is hereby appointed to represent the Commonwealth in said matter.

We appreciate your cooperation and if you need assistance from this office, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,  
Andy Beshear  
Attorney General

Shawna Virgin Kincer, Executive Director  
Office of Special Prosecutions  
Phone: (502) 696-5337  
Fax: (502) 573-1637

cc: Hon. Lynn Pryor, Commonwealth's Attorney, 3rd Judicial Circuit  
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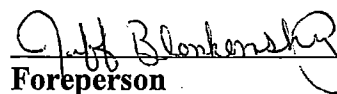
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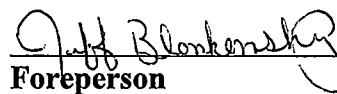
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**ISSUE BENCH WARRANT**

John Read Atkins

DOB:

SSN:

White Male, 6'0, 147 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair

**PRELIMINARY INDICTMENT FORM**

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY VS. READ ATKINS**

**CHARGE (S):**

Forgery, Second Degree

Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this date, the above-named Defendant was brought before the Christian County Grand Jury, charged with the above offense(s). The Grand Jury having heard evidence, and being satisfied that there are sufficient heard evidence, and being satisfied that there are sufficient grounds to believe that the Defendant committed the offense(s) charged (or any other offense), it is therefore ordered that the said Defendant be indicted for the above charge(s).

THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

  
FOREPERSON

**Witness (es):**

Det. Stevenson/HPD