



**Christopher Hodges, Sheriff**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

DATE: April 3, 2025

OFFICE POINT OF CONTACT: Sheriff Hodges

On February 10, 2025, at approximately 06:52 AM The Brown County Communications Center received a call advising that a male subject had been shot at 257 Hickory St., Aberdeen, OH. The response by the Brown County Sheriff's Office, Adams County Sheriff's Office, and The Ohio State Highway Patrol and the proceeding investigation determined that the victim, Kelly Applegate, had been shot in the chest by an unknown male.

On April 2, 2025 deputies from the Brown County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Mason County, KY Sheriff's Office and the Maysville (KY) Police Department arrested Michael Fite (56 year old male), and Jerry Cooper (47 year old male) both from Dover, Kentucky in connection with the shooting.

On April 3, 2025 Deputies with assistance from Mason County (KY) Sheriff's Office and the Maysville (KY) Police Department arrested George Kendall (62 year old male) from the Maysville, Kentucky area on additional charges.

All three subjects are currently being held in custody in Kentucky awaiting extradition to Brown County, OH on charges of Attempted Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Attempted Murder, both a Felony of the First Degree. If you have any information on this case you can contact the Brown County Sheriff's Office, ATTN Sergeant Charles Ernst at (937)378-4435 EXT 126, through the tip line on our website at [www.bcoso.us](http://www.bcoso.us), or anonymously at [www.crime-stoppers.us](http://www.crime-stoppers.us).

The Brown County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Mason County (Kentucky) Sheriff's Office, The Maysville (Kentucky) Police Department, The Adams County Sheriff's Office, and The Ohio State Highway Patrol for their assistance in the initial response and investigation.