

# Issues / Programs Report

## Fourth Quarter 2008

### Main Focuses:

Mikolon manhunt, Buckhannon  
Break ins, Election 2008, Lincoln  
Taylor Trial, Westover Robbery

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The licensee of station, WDTV-TV, has determined that the issues listed here were of importance to the community during the past three months, and have aired the following programs to address those issues, during the third quarter, dated October 1 2008 and December 31 2008:

Issue #1: Mikolon Manhunt

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 10/8, 10/9, 10/10

5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 11:00 PM, 6:00 AM shows for 2 to 4 minutes; related stories aired throughout the quarterly period.

Coverage of the search for Kenneth Mikolon, a man from Taylor County, charged and set to be tried for sexual abuse by a parent, as well as first degree sexual assault. While out on bail awaiting trial, Mikolon fled West Virginia, and a national manhunt ensued. WDTV broke this story, and assisted police, as well as the national television show "America's Most Wanted" in their feature on the search for Mikolon. Police and the FBI finally caught up with the suspect in New Mexico. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008, he is still in federal custody there, but will be back in West Virginia to face charges on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Issue #2: Buckhannon Business/Home Burglaries

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 10/22, 10/23, 10/24

5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 11:00 PM, 6:00 AM shows for 2 to 3 minutes; related stories aired through the quarterly period.

WDTV's coverage of the investigations into break ins taking place in Buckhannon. The suspects hit homes, businesses and cars. WDTV began airing the information to help police find suspects. And, with that help and that of the public, police were able to charge a number of people in connection with the crimes.

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Issue #3: Election 2008

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 11/4, 11/5

5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 11:00 PM, 6:00 AM shows, 5 to 60 minutes ; related stories aired through the quarterly period.

WDTV's coverage of the 2008 November general election. WDTV covered all the local, statewide and national races. In our news segments, we updated our viewers every 25 minutes throughout the evening on the local and state results, with live reports from our studios and also with live reports from the local election headquarters, including interviews with election workers and also with winners of local races when they were announced. WDTV worked diligently to get the latest election results to our viewers over the air, and also for those who use our web page, wdtv.com.

Issue #4: Lincoln Taylor Murder Re-Trial

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 11/10 through 11/21

5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 11:00 PM, 6:00 AM shows, 3 to 5 minutes ; related stories aired through the quarterly period.

The coverage of the second murder trial for suspect Lincoln Taylor, in Fairmont. Taylor was charged with the Memorial Day 2007 murder of Derrick Osborne. In the first trial, Taylor was released due to a technicality with the jury, and the trial ended in a mistrial. The re-trial lasted well into two weeks, and became the hot topic of debate in the area, as the defense raised new evidence that implicated Taylor's alleged

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accomplices in the case. After weeks of testimony, the jury came back with a not guilty verdict on conspiracy to commit murder charge and declared a mistrial on the charge of first degree murder charge. Another trial may take place in 2009 on that charge.

Issue #5: Westover Robbery and Shooting

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 12/10, 12/11, 12/12

5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 11:00 PM, 6:00 AM shows for 2 to 3 minutes; related stories aired several times during quarterly period.

Coverage of the investigation and arrests in a robbery and shooting case in Westover, that startled a quiet community just outside of Morgantown. An elderly man was shot and robbed in his home, leading police into a massive investigation, that eventually led to the arrests of 5 people. WDTV aired the suspects descriptions from police, and helped them get the word out to our viewers to be on the lookout for these people. The crime was premeditated, and at this time, police say they expect to make one or two more arrests in the case, as they continue to collect evidence. The victim in the case recovered from the shooting, and many of the items stolen were recovered.