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WHO WAS KING LOUIS XVI, ANYWAY?



King Louis XVI in better days

What did King Louis XVI of France do to deserve such treatment?

After all, he was Louisville's namesake.

He was the reigning King of France when present-day Louisville was named after him in 1789. "Ville" means city or town, so "Louisville" literally means "the city of Louis." The fleur-de-lis, which Louisville has adopted as its own symbol, comes from the French monarchy's coat of arms.

The reason why Louis XVI was chosen as Louis-ville's namesake was out of gratitude for his role in helping colonial America during the Revolutionary War for independence from Great Britain. In March, 1778, Benjamin Franklin, the United States' first ambassador to France, presented himself before King Louis XVI's court to formalize France's alliance with the fledgling republic. At the behest of the King, who intensely disliked the English, France provided money, troops, armament, military leadership, and naval support to tip the balance of the War in America's favor.

That worked out well for the Americans, but not so great for Louis XVI. The expense of supporting the Americans worsened France's financial woes to the brink of bankruptcy. In response, the King attempted to implement a number of reforms that

only created further division between the upper and lower classes of French society, leading to the outbreak of the French Revolution (which, ironically, was inspired by the American Revolution). Things went from bad to worse in 1792, when the Paris mob invaded the royal palace. He was arrested for treason, and in January, 1793, was executed at the guillotine in the Place de la Révolution. His wife, Marie Antoinette, met the same fate 9 months later.

Some years later, in the 1820's, Louis XVI's eldest daughter, Marie-Thérèse, commissioned a statue of her dear old Dad, and presented it to the French city of Montpellier in 1829. However, the statue, standing 10 feet tall and weighing 9 tons, stood in the town square for less than a year before it fell out of favor, thanks to another revolution, and was stored in a military dungeon, forgotten, until it was rediscovered in 1899. The military then tried to give it to the city's mayor, who tried to give it to the city's university, but they didn't want it, either, so it ended up in the basement of a municipal archives building.

There it remained until 1966, when the good citizens of Montpellier had the bright idea to give the statue away to people who might show it more love than they did. Across the ocean blue it came to our dear city, where in 1967 it was erected at the northeast corner of Sixth and Jefferson Streets.

Recently, however, King Louis XVI has been forced to suffer even more humiliation, as his statue has, unfortunately, been vandalized during the protests that have rocked Louisville in the wake of the Breonna Taylor tragedy.

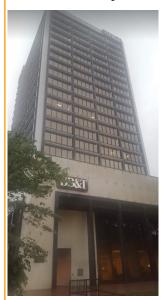
227 years after losing his head at the guillotine, the poor guy still can't catch a break.

To see how King Louis XVI's statue appears today, just turn the page. • BDH

SCENES FROM DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE: JULY 30, 2020



King Louis XVI's statue as it appears today



My old building (One Riverfront Plaza) next to the Galt House - they haven't



The Bristol Bar and Grille, once a popular downtown lunch spot



The CVS Pharmacy at Fourth and Muhammad Ali



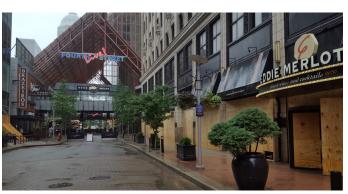
The Breonna Taylor Memorial in Jefferson Square Park.



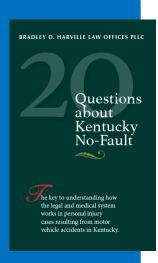
A mural that appears at Main and 11th Streets



The Hall of Justice at 6th and Jefferson Streets



Fourth Street Live looking north from Muhammad Ali -Eddie Merlot's is now closed for good



Current Trends in Personal Injury Law

KRS 507.020 is the statute that defines first degree murder in Kentucky. It requires that an accused must cause the death of a person "with intent to cause the death of such person." Under KRS 507.030, first degree manslaughter requires an intent to cause serious physical injury or extreme mental disturbance which causes the death of a person.

Under KRS 508.060, wanton endangerment in the first degree, a Class D felony (punishable by I-5 years in prison), requires that a person acts under circumstances manifesting "extreme indifference to the value of human life" and

"creates a substantial danger of death or serious injury to another person." Under KRS 508.070, wanton endangerment in the second degree requires "conduct which creates a substantial danger of physical injury to another person," and is a Class A misdemeanor (90 days to 1 year in jail).

The purpose of this exercise is to point out that the police officers who shot and killed Breonna Taylor cannot and will not be charged with first degree murder or manslaughter, because they did not intend to kill her or cause serious physical injury to her. The most they could be charged with is first degree wan-

ton endangerment, but that charge would be very difficult to prove beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Courier-Journal ran an <u>article</u> on July 29 quoting several lawyers, 3 of whom are black, all saying the same thing. I just thought I would cite the actual statutes so you can read them for yourself.

As I wrote in my June 2020 and August 2016 newsletters, any real justice for Breonna's family is going to have to take place through the civil justice system. The difficult truth for many who are justifiably outraged is that the language of our statutes will not support a murder charge.



Casey's Ky. Trivia Question:
Which Kentucky lake has the most
shoreline?

- A. Lake Cumberland
- B. Kentucky Lake
- C Lake Barkley
- D. Dale Hollow

Be the first person to answer correctly by sending an e-mail to bdh@harvillelaw.com and we'll mail you a \$5 Starbucks gift card!

Stupid-Easy Recipe of the Month

Easy Colorful Pasta Salad:

Ingredients:

- 1 package tricolor rotini
- •1 pint grape tomatoes
- •1 can (max 6 oz) pitted ripe black olives, drained
- 4 cups of fresh broccoli florets
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon of pepper
- •1 ½ cups of creamy or zesty Italian dressing
- 1/4 cup of fresh parmesan

Directions: In a large pot, cook rotini as directed (take 1 minute off directions to keep pasta al dente).

During the last 2-3 minutes of boiling pasta, throw in broccoli florets. Drain. Rinse with cold water. Transfer pasta and florets into a large bowl. Add tomatoes, salt, pepper, olives. Toss with dressing. Chill until ready to serve. Add grated fresh parmesan before serving.



dish or a

A great side

meal!

Favorite Pet of the Month

Buck

Meet Buck! This handsome boy with the soulful eyes is a unique poodle/pit bull mix. Buck is not even a year old and already he is such a good dog! He is learning manners, has a gentle demeanor, and likes to be outside with volunteers.

Would you consider adopting Buck to be your forever pal? If so, visit www.barktownrescue.org and fill out an application.

Dana serves on the Board of Directors at Barktown Rescue.

Brad and his family love pets, too!

If you want to tell us about your pet(s), send an e-mail to bdh@harvillelaw.com with a photo and we'll try to put this in a future issue!



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