

# Coosa Journal

*News & Encouragement from the Coosa County Sheriff's Office*

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*"Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."  
(Psalm 82:3-4)*

*Sheriff Michael Howell*

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Office is here...  
To Serve and Protect**

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## ***Police Officers Prayer***

Lord I ask for courage  
 Courage to face and Conquer my fears...  
 Courage to take me Where others will not go...  
 I ask for strength  
 Strength of body to protect others And strength of spirit to  
 lead others...  
 I ask for dedication  
 Dedication to my job, to do it well. Dedication to my  
 community,  
 To keep it safe...  
 Give me Lord, concern  
 For others who trust me  
 And compassion for  
 those who need me...  
 And please Lord through it all  
 Be at my side...

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# Point of View

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## SIMPLE THINGS

Have you ever thought about the everyday opportunities God gives us to love, care for, and help people take those next steps in the Christlike life?

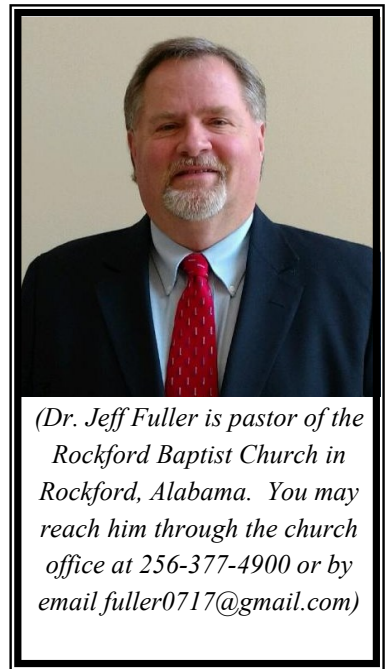
Discipling people does not require an elaborate plan. It may be a family member who is struggling with reading the Bible every day. Or maybe it is the coworker going through a difficult time and needs some TLC (tender, love, and care).

These are opportunities for discipleship. They are right in front of you and all you need to do is pay attention. But we do not know what to do...

When you feel like you do not know what to do, look at Paul's example of what discipleship looks like:

"For you yourselves know, brothers, that our visit with you was not without result...after we had previously suffered...we were emboldened by our God to speak the gospel of God to you in spite of great opposition. For our exhortation didn't come from error or impurity or an intent to deceive. Instead, just as we have been approved by God...so we speak, not to please men, but rather God...we never used flattering...or had greedy motives...and we didn't seek glory from people. Although we could have been a burden as Christ's apostles, instead we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother nurtures her own children. We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. ...You are witnesses, and so is God, of how devoutly, righteously, and blamelessly we conducted ourselves with you believers. As you know, like a father with his own children, we encouraged, comforted, and implored each one of you to walk worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. This is why we constantly thank God, because when you received the message about God that you heard from us, you welcomed it not as a human message, but...the message of God, which also works effectively in you believers." 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 (HCSB)

Paul cared for people just as a mother cares for her children. He did not see people as projects or throw his weight around claiming he was better than everyone else. He wanted others to



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grow in their faith and take the next steps in the Christlike life.

Paul disciplined the Thessalonians by, “encouraging, comforting and urging [them] to live lives worthy of God, who calls [them] into His kingdom and glory.”

Paul encourages us to do the same thing in our everyday life. We can text that friend who is struggling with reading the Bible every morning with a gentle reminder to read. We can comfort the coworker who is going through a tough time by talking to them at work and assuring them that God has everything under His power.

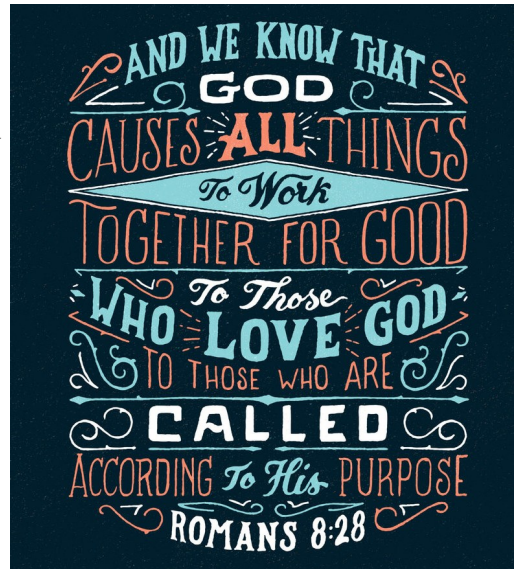
“We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose.” **Romans 8:28 (HCSB)**

When we regularly come alongside someone that needs help it creates a significant form of discipleship. We just need to be there for people. We need to help them take the next steps. We need to celebrate the wins.

Watch today and see the opportunities God gives to you to serve as His disciple; making disciples of Christ; assisting someone in taking the next steps in the Christlike life. To His glory and for His honor.

This is so simple and it is the simple things God uses to make extraordinary things take place.

Until next time...



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July
Calls to Service/Activities	1112	837	892	722	898	949	931
Daily Jail Inmate Average	23	28	36	34	32	34	35
Prisoner Transports Made	9	7	9	9	13	19	10
Incident & Offense Police Reports	67	51	63	43	57	78	64
Arrests Made	26	34	37	31	30	52	37
Warrants Served	33	34	43	70	37	57	23
Traffic Stops	183	61	126	86	208	175	100
Patrol Miles Driven	30,737	24,174	23,797	26,904	30,898	34,966	
Civil Papers Served	30	36	26	31	89	34	43
Pistol Permits Issued	89	135	135	95	96	84	120
DUI Arrests	5	2	3	1	1	3	3
Drug Arrests	7	5	2	0	11	9	14
Sex Offenders Register	15	11	20	8	11	25	15



April's

# *Sheriff's Office*






## **Featured Article**

### *Catalytic Converter Thefts Are On The Rise*

Catalytic converter thefts are on the rise. Several Coosa County citizens and church's have been the victim of this over the last year. Catalytic converters – part of the exhaust system as an anti-pollution device – are popular theft items because of valuable metals inside, including platinum and rhodium. Recyclers pay \$50 to \$200 to legally obtain a failed converter, or one from a junked vehicle. Rhodium is a rare metal that is used in automotive catalytic converters to meet strict emission norms and the price has surged over the past year. According to an NPR report, the price of rhodium has skyrocketed to about \$28,000 an ounce, though only a tiny fraction of that quantity — perhaps worth a few hundred dollars — goes inside each converter. Business with vehicles that have been targeted include churches, daycares, moving and storage companies, restaurants, assorted construction companies, as well as personal vehicles. It takes thieves less than 5 minutes to crawl under the vehicle and cut off the converters. Coosa County Sheriff's office has made several arrests this year, but there are still people coming into the county stealing converters. The Sheriff's Office, like many of the surrounding area departments, have considered using bait cars. One agency was able to catch them in the act as they were watching the bait car in the woods. The Deputy said "If these thieves know we're hiding in the woods watching, maybe they'll think twice before the next time they try to cut one out." Sheriff Michael Howell states "if you have any vehicles that are left unattended for extended amounts of time, you may want to utilize a camera system to help secure your property". He also states "Please report any suspicious activity to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office. If you see anything that seems out of place or unusual, please contact my office at (256) 377-4922".




# SHERIFF'S ACADEMY

The Sheriff's Academy is a free class that is designed to inform citizens of the interworkings of the Sheriff's Office and Law Enforcement. All classes will be held at the Eg11 Building and are projected to be a six (6) week course. Depending on the class it will be held for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. The time and date for these classes will be announced depending on the response from applicants for this academy. The deadline to turn in the registration form is August 31, 2021, by noon.

THE COURSE WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING:

- ♦ A brief history of Law Enforcement in the United States/origins of Sheriffs
- ♦ The roll of the Sheriff's Office in a modern society
- ♦ Arrest/Searches...what is required
- ♦ Weapons...Qualifications and Use of Force
- ♦ How the Jail and Correction operates
- ♦ Patrol and Investigations
- ♦ Court and courtroom procedures





## Registration Form



## SHERIFF'S ACADEMY

Starting Date: September 2, 2021

Time and Class Schedule will be announced later.

**ALL FORMS MUST BE IN BY MARCH 19TH AT NOON.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## News from the Sheriff's



# Reserves

### Move Over

Listening to the news today, I learned two Alabama State Troopers had been injured this week by drivers who had failed to obey the move over law. A distracted driver can be deadly to anyone on the road. This is especially true for the law enforcement officer, EMS personnel, tow truck driver, highway worker, disabled motorist or pedestrian who may be standing on or alongside the road. I understand most people are inquisitive when they see blue, red or yellow lights on the side of the road. Although it is a natural response, drivers must resist the urge to stare and/or "rubberneck" when passing a traffic stop or accident.



Unfortunately, first responders being hit by automobiles is far too common. Many law enforcement officers are either struck by autos or have their vehicle hit by careless drivers. An officer with an agency in a neighboring county shared with me that he has had a vehicle's mirror strike the gun in his holster on different occasions during traffic stops. I have also had to jump out of the way of an oncoming vehicle more than once.

One night I was on the scene of a vehicle fire on Highway 280. The vehicle was off the highway on the shoulder of the road. The fire truck had just arrived and was parked in the fast lane. Our Sheriff's cruiser was approximately fifty yards behind the burning vehicle. We had our blue lights on and the fire truck had its red lights on. Fortunately, the firemen were still pulling the hose off the truck and had not approached it when a vehicle running at highway speed never let up and passed between the fire truck and burning vehicle. You can't make this stuff up!

Alabama's Move Over Law (32-5A-58.2) is an effort to save the lives of those who have to work along the roads of Alabama. Stated simply, when drivers approach any law enforcement vehicle, emergency vehicle, wrecker, utility service vehicle, vehicle displaying flashing lights, or garbage, trash, refuse, or recycling collection vehicle they should, on a four-lane road, move into the lane farthest from the emergency vehicle. If it is not safe to move over, the driver shall slow to a speed that is at least 15 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer.

Don't be a part of the problem. When you see emergency lights, whether blue, red or yellow, SLOW DOWN and MOVE OVER! Remember, first responders put their lives on the line for you every day, please don't take it from them.

By: Joel D. Glover

Coosa County Sheriff's Reserve Unit



**JOKE OF THE DAY:**

A Police Officer was waiting along the side of a highway waiting to catch speeding drivers. There weren't as many violators this day as usual. The State Police Officer sees an old car puttering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five elderly ladies, two in the front seat and three in the back--wide eyed and white as ghosts.



The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... Twenty-two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly. The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error. "But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't uttered a single word this whole time," the officer asks with concern.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 111."

## Reserves Meeting:

### August 10, 2021

### At 6:00 PM at The Reserve Room

### *Newest Reserve Unit Leadership and Members*

Sheriff Michael Howell and the Coosa County Sheriff's Reserve Unit would like to welcome James M Payton and James C Davis to the Unit. We thank them for volunteering their time to helping the citizens of Coosa County.



James M Payton



James Christopher Davis



# CCSO *Serving & Protecting*

## *Sheriff's July*

### *Arrest Report*

- On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Investigator Keel arrested Brad William Boone of Clanton, Al for Theft of Property 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.
- On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Corporal Rudd arrested James Keller Harmon Jr. for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Providing False Name to Law Enforcement, Failure to Appear/ Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Failure to Appear/False Reporting to Law Enforcement. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail without bond.
- On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Corporal Moon arrested Blake Lamarcus Chambliss of Sylacauga, Al for Failure to Appear / Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.
- On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Bradberry arrested Jacob Elijah Robinson of Weogufka, Al for Driving Under the Influence. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Moon arrested Sebastian Paul Cunningham of Notsulga, Al for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Controlled Substance. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$7,500 bond.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Moon arrested Rebekah Lynn Short of Tallassee, Al for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Controlled Substance. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$7,500 bond.
- On July 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Katlyn Symone Leonard of Eclectic, Al for Driving Under the Influence. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Middlebrooks arrested Steven Wayne Williams of Ashland, Al for Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup> and Failure to Appear/ Operating Vehicle without Insurance, Switched Tag, and Driving While Suspended. He was processed into the Coosa County Sheriff's Office on a \$3,000 bond.
- On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Arron Lenard Jackson of Alexander City, Al for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On July 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Robert Xavier Smith of Trussville, Al for Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>ND</sup>, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Open Container. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.
- On July 13<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Rudd arrested Honey Laree Zeigler of Weogufka, Al for Driving Under the Influence. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On July 13<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Rudd arrested Marshall lee Herring of Goodwater, Al for Failure to Appear/ Driving Under the Influence in court. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$760 cash bond.
- On July 13<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Rudd arrested Randy Floyd Ashley of Rockford, Al for Domestic Violence 3<sup>RD</sup> . He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On July 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Bradberry arrested Jim Milton Mims of Sylacauga, Al for Failure

to Appear/Child Support in court. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,500 bond. 11

- On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Michael Shane Bone of Sylacauga, AL for Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>ND</sup> and Carrying a Concealed Weapon Without a Permit. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.
- On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Alysha Lashay Arrington of Sylacauga, AL for Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>ND</sup>. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On July 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Bradberry arrested James Michael Little of Clanton, AL for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.
- On July 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Bradberry arrested Sammy Dontral Patterson of Talladega, AL for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.
- On July 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Bradberry arrested James O'Brian Spears of Kellyton, AL for Probation Violation. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail without a bond.
- On July 21<sup>st</sup>, Corporal Rudd arrested Jaron Tait Compton of Weogufka AL, for Failure to Appear/Receive Stolen Property 2<sup>nd</sup> in court. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$371 cash bond.
- On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy Ward arrested Katlyn Symone Leonard of Eclectic, AL for Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Public Intoxication. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.
- On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Harvey Wright of Ray, AL for Menacing and Making a Terrorist Threat. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.
- On July 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Bradley Hunter Shaw of Equality, AL for Attempting to Elude. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,500 bond.
- On July 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Christian Taylor Harris of Pell City, AL for Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup> and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.
- On July 27<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Bradberry arrested Amanda Michele Cohran of Sylacauga, AL for Failure to Appear/ Speeding. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$1,000 bond.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Jonathan Lebron Harrell of Goodwater, AL for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Pistol by Felon, Resisting Arrest, Attempting to Elude, and Promoting Prison Contraband. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$13,000 bond.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Eric Dwayne Blackmon of Clanton, AL for Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> and Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$7,500 bond.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Thomas Hershel Killingsworth of Clanton, AL for Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> and Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$7,500 bond.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Derrick Heath Lockhart of Clanton, AL for Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> and Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$7,500 bond.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup> Corporal Rudd arrested Dillon Wayne Summers of Alexander City, al for Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On July 29<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Brandon Acklin Scott of Sylacauga, AL for Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup> and Theft of Property 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.
- On July 30<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Bradberry arrested Logan Kyle Gibbs of Goodwater, AL for Failure to Appear / Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed into the Coosa County jail without bond.
- On July 30<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Jim H. Girdner of Equality, AL for Possession of Controlled Substance x4 and Illegal Possession of Prescription Drugs. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$22,500 bond.
- On July 31<sup>st</sup>, Corporal Rudd arrested Scott William McCook for Public Intoxication and Possession of Synthetic Urine.

# Recent News

## Sylacauga Man Arrested for Meth & Other Charges

A Sylacauga man was recently arrested on a drug-related charge and three other charges during patrol. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that Cpl. Mike Rudd and Investigator Scott Hammond were investigating a case of unauthorized use of a vehicle. While on patrol, Rudd encountered a vehicle and ran its license plate.

The tag information came back indicating that vehicle was the one related to the case of unauthorized use. Rudd proceeded to make contact with the driver, 40-year-old James Keller Harmon III of Sylacauga.



James Keller Harmon,



Upon making contact with the driver off of County Road 183 in Weogufka, it was discovered that he had methamphetamine in his pocket. Additionally, Howell reported that Harmon gave the wrong name and date of birth to deputies because he had warrants out on him.

Ultimately, Harmon was arrested July 1 in the Weogufka area on charges of possession of a controlled substance and giving false information to law enforcement, as well as arrested for two warrants for failure to appear. His total bond was set at \$16,500, and as of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.

Anyone who observes or suspects illegal activity is encouraged to report it to the Sheriff's Office at 256-377-4922 or online at [www.coosacountyso.org](http://www.coosacountyso.org). Anonymous tips are also welcome.

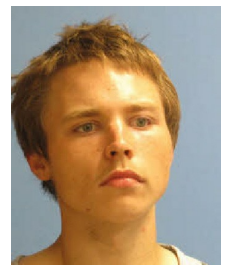
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## Sylacauga Man Arrested for Multiple Charges

A young man from Sylacauga was arrested on multiple charges, including a firearm-related charge and attempting to elude. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that on May 31 Cpl. Rudd and Investigator Hodge were patrolling County Road 29 when they encountered a vehicle driven by an individual for whom they had warrants.

Rudd turned around and attempted to stop the vehicle. However, the vehicle fled and eventually stopped at a residence.

A male got out of the vehicle and fled on foot. A gun with an altered serial number and a glass pipe were found inside the vehicle.



Bardlee Gooden

As previously reported, the female in the vehicle, 23-year-old Ashley Kilgore, was arrested at the time. The investigation also led to warrants being issued for 19-year-old Bradlee Gooden of Sylacauga.

On June 24, Gooden was arrested on the charges of possession of an altered firearm, possession of drug paraphernalia and attempting to elude law enforcement. Howell said that Gooden was also arrested for numerous warrants for failure to appear.

Gooden's total bond was set at \$14,500, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.



## Sylacauga Man Arrested for Attempting to Elude

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A Sylacauga man was arrested for allegedly attempting to elude law enforcement, as well as a drug-related charge. According to Sheriff Michael Howell, Deputy Bradberry and a reserve deputy were on patrol on June 19 when they used radar to clock a speeding vehicle. Upon attempting to stop the vehicle, the driver reportedly pulled the vehicle into the Central Alabama Electric Cooperative parking lot in Rockford, pulled around to the back of the building and turned off the vehicle lights.

However, as the driver began attempting to back the vehicle out, Bradberry pulled in and was able to block the vehicle. The driver allegedly threw a box out of the vehicle, and deputies discovered that the box contained marijuana.

The driver, 43-year-old Nathan Allen Smith of Sylacauga, was arrested on the charges of attempting to elude law enforcement and first-degree possession of marijuana. The marijuana possession charge was elevated to first degree because of Smith having a prior conviction, according to Howell. Smith's total bond for both charges was set at \$10,000. He has since been released on bond to await trial.



Nathan Allen Smith

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## Kellyton Man Arrested for Drugs & Harassment

A Kellyton man was arrested for a drug-related charge and harassment. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that Deputy Scott and a reserve deputy responded to a call of assault on County Road 85 on June 12. Upon their arrival at the scene, they made contact with 36-year-old Terry Kelly of Kellyton.

They conducted an investigation of the assault that had allegedly occurred there. That investigation culminated in the arrest of Kelly, who was charged with harassment.

While being patted down during the booking process at the county jail, law enforcement officers discovered synthetic marijuana in Kelly's pocket. He was then also charged with possession of a controlled substance.

His total bond for those two charges was set at \$5,500. As of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Terry Kelly

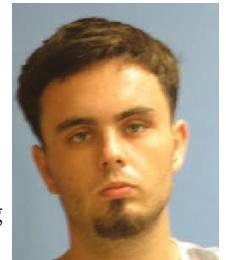
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## Fairhope Man Arrested for Theft from Equality Residence

A young man from Fairhope was arrested after allegedly stealing from an Equality residence. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that in May a report was filed with the Sheriff's Office in which the victim had people working at her home in Equality doing some remodeling. During that process, she reported that someone had stolen her wallet, which contained some debit and credit cards, from her home.

Further investigation identified 18-year-old Michael Uding, who was one of the individuals working at the home at the time, as a suspect.

Uding was arrested on June 14 on the charges of third-degree theft of property and fourth-degree theft of property. His total bond was set at \$7,500, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.



Michael Uding

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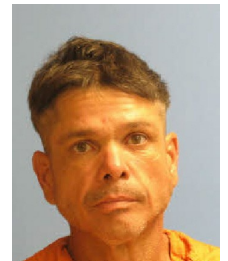
## Tallassee Man Arrested for Drug Charge

A Tallassee man was arrested on a drug-related charge following a routine traffic stop. According to Sheriff Michael Howell, Deputy Ward was on routine patrol in the Equality area when he encountered a vehicle with a switched tag. Ward pulled the driver over and proceeded to conduct a search of the vehicle.

Inside the vehicle he found a crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine. Howell said the substance was tested and confirmed to be crystal meth.

The driver, 50-year-old Shane Madison Jarvis of Tallassee, was arrested on the charge of possession of a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$10,000. As of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Shane Madison Jarvis

## 14 **Good Neighbors and Friends with Tomatoes**

One of my favorites seasons of the year has arrived. When I was a student, I loved summer because it meant a break from school. I had summer jobs, plus I had to help with Mama's 100-acre garden, but I always managed to squeeze in some time for fishing and swimming. The older I get, the less I enjoy summer, but I do love another season that summer brings. With summer comes tomato season. There are few things I find more delightful, or that tickle my taste buds more, more than a big, ripe, red, homegrown tomato. We can go to a grocery store and buy tomatoes most any time of the year, even in the dead of winter. Even those that claim to have been "vine ripened" are obviously missing something...flavor. When those are the only ones we can find, then we have to make do, but when we have the real thing, forget the trips to the store.



Bro. Bill King Columnist

A few years ago, I told you about our raised tomato bed in the back yard. Between the backyard squirrels and the cutworms, that didn't turn out so well. We've also raised a few vines in planters on the deck. This year we didn't raise anything...except grass. This has been about the wettest summer I remember. I put my Weed-N-Feed down at the right time. My grass has looked great and kept me busy mowing every week. I have felt like I was living in Florida with all these daily rain showers. This would have been the summer to have a big garden. While I missed out on my own garden, I have had the next best thing. One of my next-door neighbors, as well as one of my racquetball/pickleball buddies, have had bumper crops this year. They have been so generous with the fruit of their labors, or should that be vegetables of their labor? Actually, botanists consider tomatoes to be a fruit, because they flower and have seeds. I still think of them as a vegetable, because they taste so scrumptious and most flowers do not.

Whatever we call them, I call them delicious. My neighbors and friend have kept me supplied with homegrown tomatoes. They have even gone the extra mile most of the time. They make deliveries! What we do with them, depends on how many they bring. If they bring me only one or two, it's sandwich time. Of course, you can always put them on a juicy hamburger, but I love a plain-ole-simple tomato sandwich. That's two slices of squishy white bread, a generous lathering of mayonnaise (preferably Dukes), salt and pepper. The only thing better than one of those bad boys is two of them! When I'm in the mood for something a little fancier, I may add a thick slice of extra-sharp cheddar. Sometimes I go all out and make a T-B-L-T. What? You've never heard of that! That's my twist on the old classic BLT. Mine has the bacon and lettuce between two slices of tomato, enveloped by two slices of bread. When they deliver sacks full of tomatoes, then it's homemade salsa time. Jean has making salsa down to a fine art, and I have become pretty skilled at emptying those mason jars!

The Apostle Paul, in Galatians, wrote about the fruit of the Spirit. That fruit is not tomatoes, but love, joy, peace, etc. They don't grow in our backyards, but in our lives. Even more so than homegrown tomatoes, when we grow the fruit of the Spirit, and share it with others, it brings a smile to everyone.



# Devotional

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## ‘Anchors Away

By Pam Ford Davis

‘Her biscuits are as light as a feather.’

Compliments go to the cook and her secret recipe is desired by many.

‘His biscuits could anchor the ship.’

That Navy cook would be harassed throughout the fleet.

Do you consider yourself light or heavyhearted?

We’re physically affected by our circumstances. Blood pressure might rise or fall and there may be an increase or decrease in our pulse. Intellectually, we know the actual weight of our heart doesn’t fluctuate; yet, we sense sudden changes.

It’s said that happiness has a person floating on air.

If devastated by loss or bad news... that person has a heavy heart.

Grieving, he or she might even be short of breath.

Are we at the mercy of circumstances?

***“Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs it down, but a good word cheers it up (Proverbs 12:25 HCSB).”***

The Father shared the *good Word*.

He created our hearts; His light can cast out the darkness that weighs them down.

*Anchors away!*

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## Scripture Encouragement

***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created.”***

***(John 1:1-3 HCSB)***

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## Smart Phone App

To download the app.

- Go to your app store
- Search and download the Mobile Patrol app
- Open the app and select Alabama
- Under Agency select Coosa



Some information in the app includes the Jail Population (Detention), Outstanding Warrants, Crime Tips and the Most Wanted in Coosa County as well as general contact information

# Crime

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 CORRUPTION  
 FRAUD  
 TERRORISM  
 ASSAULT  
 KIDNAP  
 RAPE  
 BLACKMAIL  
 HIJACKING  
 MUGGING  
 BURGLARY  
 MURDER  
 SMUGGLING  
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Dear Parents: If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home.

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# ***Important***

## **Contact Information you may need!**

**Take this page and post near your phone or computer for future use.**

### **Coosa County Sheriff's Office**

Emergency Calls 9-1-1—All other calls .....	256-377-4922
Dispatch .....	Option 1
Pistol Permits .....	Option 3
Office .....	Option 4
Board of Registrar's Office.....	256-377-2418
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative .....	256-377-2498
Circuit Clerk's Office.....	256-377-4988
Commissioners' Office .....	256-377-2420
Coosa County E911 Office .....	256-377-1911
Coosa County Extension Office .....	256-377-4713
Coosa County Emergency Management .....	256-935-9484
Coosa County School Board .....	256-377-4913
Central Elementary School.....	256-377-1456
Central High School .....	256-377-4384
Alabama Forestry Commission .....	256-377-4638
County Highway Department .....	256-377-2261
Department of Human Resources .....	256-377-2000
District Judge's Office.....	256-377-4957
First Bank in Rockford.....	256-377-1000
Goodwater Town Hall .....	256-839-6301
Health Partners of Goodwater .....	256-743-1300
Juvenile Probation Officer .....	256-377-2687
Probate Judge's Office.....	256-377-4919
Revenue Commissioner's Office.....	256-377-4916
Rockford Post Office .....	256-377-4698
Rockford Town Hall .....	256-377-4911
Tag Office .....	256-377-4910
Water Authorities	
Kellyton Water Authority .....	256-234-4784
Stewartville Water Authority .....	256-245-0214
Ray Water Authority .....	256-215-3546
Rockford Water Authority .....	256-377-4911



# Programs Offered by...



## Coosa County Sheriff's Office



### The Yellow Dot Program

The "Yellow Dot" program is designed to assist Alabama citizens and first responders in the event of an automobile crash or other medical emergency involving the participant's vehicle. The program can help save lives during the critical "Golden Hour" by improving communication at a time when accident victims may be unable to communicate for themselves. Pick up a "Yellow Dot" folder here at the Sheriff's Office, have your photo taken and printed.

A "Yellow Dot" decal on the driver's side rear window of a vehicle alerts first responders to check in the glove compartment for the corresponding "Yellow Dot" folder. Having this information following a crash helps first responders positively identify the person, get in touch with family or emergency contacts and ensures that the person's current medications and pre-existing medical conditions are considered when treatment is administered for injuries.



### Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a radio transmission system designed to assist law enforcement and rescue agencies in locating lost or missing persons who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Autism, Dementia, or other disorders that may prohibit them from communicating personal information such as who they are or where they live. Project Lifesaver can help provide peace of mind to caregivers. However, it does not replace the need for supervised care.

The transmitter is a small circular radio device on a wristband, approximately the size of a wristwatch. The transmitters and wristbands are worn 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are difficult to remove without the appropriate tools. If the participant becomes lost or missing, the Sheriff's Office and emergency response services have specialized tracking equipment to help isolate the location of the transmitter the participant is wearing. The search will start from the last known location of the participant and work outward until the transmission signal is obtained. The goal is to determine the location of the signal in a quick, timely manner, minimizing the risk of harm to the loved one.

CCSO is proud to participate, along with the other agencies in Alabama, in this very worthy and worthwhile program; Sheriff Howell says this is another way we will live up to our motto, "To Serve and Protect" and he is extremely proud to offer this great service to Coosa County!



### Neighborhood Watch Program

A citizen's involvement program where citizens, in cooperation with their local law enforcement agency, directly participate in the detection and prevention of crime. These citizens keep well informed about their neighborhood and of any suspicious, criminal or dangerous activities that may be occurring. Coosa County has five communities that participate with the CCSO in this program. Their meetings are scheduled every month, the dates and times are indicated.

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| • August 2  | - 6:00 PM | - Union Square |
| • Canceled  | - 6:30 PM | - Richville    |
| • Canceled  | - 6:30 PM | - Smyrna       |
| • August 17 | - 6:30 PM | - Hanover      |
| • August 19 | - 6:30 PM | - Weogufka     |