

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

Seeking Him

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A.W. Tozer wrote, “Consider how thirsty the friends of God were for God Himself! The great difference between us and Abraham, David, and Paul is that they sought Him and found Him. We accept Him and seek Him no more.”

David was a man who was called “A Man After God’s Own Heart.” He wrote much of the Psalms where we find strength, encouragement, and help in the midst of difficult times in our lives. We learn from David that these “situations” are of our own making, the majority of the time.

Yet, David would lift up his eyes to heaven and say:

“I will praise the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. I will boast in the LORD; the humble will hear and be glad. Proclaim Yahweh’s greatness with me; let us exalt His name together. I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant with joy; their faces will never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him from all his troubles. The Angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them. Taste and see that the LORD is good. How happy is the man who takes refuge in Him!”

*Psalm 34:1-8
(HCSB)*

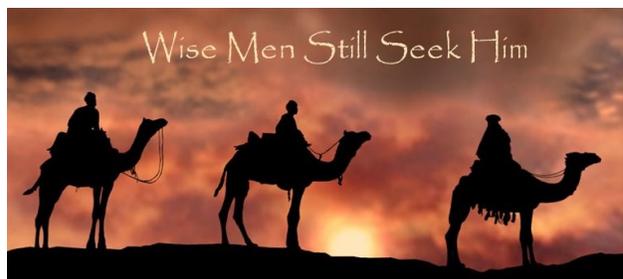
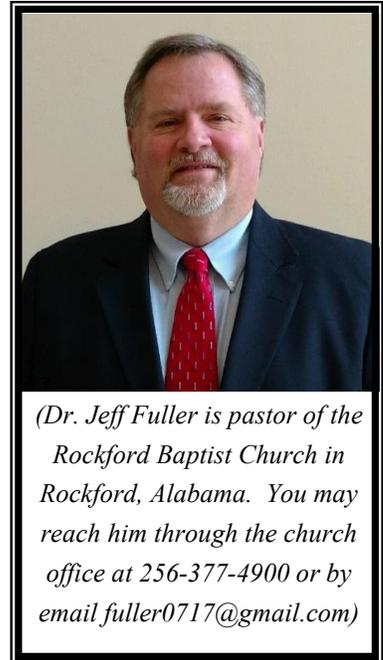
For a man entrenched in ups and downs of life, he was an individual who knew where his help came from; he knew he was not alone.

He would also write:

“The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God.”

Psalm 14:2 (HCSB)

He desires we seek Him. In the good times where the blessings are flowing freely, where life is going on a pleasant path and there is not pain or sorrow, it is so easy to enjoy such a life. Yet, when life crumbles, pain comes, sorrow constricts then we go looking for God; asking the questions pressing in on our mind.



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In these times we accuse God, we complain of our lot in life, we are prone to thumb our nose at the God who has been with us all along.

It was He who was walking along the beautiful path enjoying the sunshine and giving us a slight smile. He is also the one who is walking with us in the troubles, the difficult times and at times holding us or carrying us, but we were not even aware.

We must make it a practice to seek Him in all our ways. We must do as the men of old who sought God in various places, at various times. We must do as the Savior said and seek God first in all our ways, knowing God

is the only way to find comfort.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.”

Matthew 6:33 (HCSB)

It was Isaiah who reminds us to seek God.

“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call to Him while He is near. Let the wicked one

abandon his way and the sinful one his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, so He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will freely forgive.”

Isaiah 55:6-7 (HCSB)

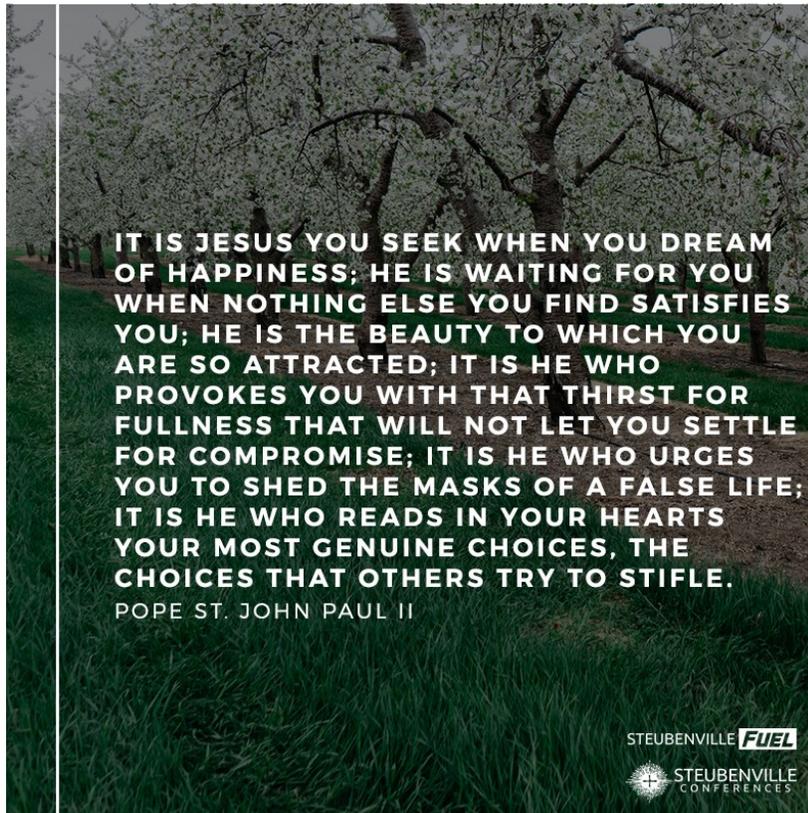
I encourage you, today, to make it a practice to seek Him! Do it through a personal study of God’s precious Word by developing a time

spent with Him. Seek Him through a time spent in corporate Worship with the Family of God, in such a place you will find the help you need for your personal daily walk with God. Take time to seek Him through wise counsel and time with fellow believers who have demonstrated to

you they have been with Jesus.

As you follow a life of seeking God, you will find what you need for life and enjoy the abundant blessings which come through the good and the bad of life.

Until next time...



February

Sheriff's Office

Featured Article

Two former Deputies Fill Open Positions with Coosa County Sheriff's Office

As your Sheriff, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce two new members to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office. These two individuals are no strangers to working in Coosa County. When I took office on January 15, 2019, I was left with trying to hire and fill two deputy positions. I immediately reached out to two people whom I have worked with over the years. I made the decision to hire George Long as my Chief Deputy. George has been in law enforcement for 18 years. George started his law enforcement career with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office in 1996 as a Dispatcher/ Corrections Officer. He then enlisted in the



U.S. Army as an Infantry Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. After he finished his enlistment, he went back to work with Coosa County as a Deputy Sheriff. Sheriff Evans hired George in 2000. George was sent to the police academy and graduated the Montgomery Police Academy in 2001. He worked for Coosa County until 2003 and decided to pursue a career with the Alexander City Police Department. While he was there, he was assigned to the Tallapoosa County Narcotics Task Force, Alex City Special Response Group, and the Criminal Detective Division. George also worked overseas in Iraq from 2006 to 2007 training Iraqi police officers. In 2010 George worked for the US Embassy in

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Afghanistan providing security for diplomats and State Department personnel. George states that he is very excited to be back at the Coosa County Sheriff's Office.

With one position still vacant I reached out to another Deputy who had also served the residents of Coosa County. On January 15, 2019 I hired Matthew Cook to fill the last open position. Matthew Cook started his law enforcement career as a Transport Officer for the Coosa County Sheriff's Office in March of 2010. In October of 2010 he was promoted to Corrections Officer. Matthew became a Deputy Sheriff with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office in November 2011. He graduated the police academy in January 2012. Matthew worked for the Coosa County Sheriff's Office until September 14, 2014. He left Coosa County to pursue a career with Sylacauga Police Department. He is now back with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff. Matthew said he looks forward to serving the residents of Coosa County.



When I took office as Sheriff, I wanted to make sure every open position was filled prior to me taking office. Sheriff Wilson left the Coosa County Sheriff's Office in great shape and I did not want any vacancy to hinder me in serving the



residents the best way possible. Although these two Deputies were sworn in on January 14, 2019, they went right back to work and continued to provide law enforcement services to Coosa County. Please join me in welcoming Chief Deputy George Long and Deputy Sheriff Matthew Cook.

Coosa County Connected to Montgomery Murder in a Human Trafficking Case

A homicide that occurred last summer was recently discovered to allegedly be tied to a human trafficking ring in Montgomery, and the case hits close to home with a connection to Coosa County. The case began with the murder of 51-year-old Melissa Metcalf of Prattville, whose body was discovered in rural Macon County in July. That initial investigation led investigators to a human trafficking ring in Montgomery.

According to reports, Metcalf had been beaten to death, and the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation was called in to assist with the case. Five months later, they arrested 29-year-old Sergio Webb for Metcalf's murder. New details were recently revealed in the case, with the investigation reportedly finding that Webb had sold Metcalf and other women for sex in the Montgomery area. During this investigation, the SBI took a mobile phone number associated with Webb and asked the FBI for help tracking the phone, which is when the Coosa County connection was discovered. The analysis by the FBI revealed that the phone had pinged at a hotel in Montgomery, as well as in the town of Rockford.

Coosa County Sheriff Terry Wilson confirmed that evidence was found at a Rockford address. The Sheriff's Office assisted SBI on numerous occasions with follow-ups in assisting the homicide investigation, according to Wilson. "Because there was some potential evidentiary leads in Coosa County, they called on us to assist them, and we did our job to assist them in a lot of ways," Wilson said. "The Sheriff's Office did assist the SBI in collecting that information and running down individuals that were identified in their investigation that were connected here in Coosa County."

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office became involved in the case in the late summer, around August. Wilson said that he and his staff have been working with the SBI on and off since then. He said that once connections to Coosa County were discovered, SBI agents followed the lead of those connections and "leaned on" the local Sheriff's Office to help with that. He added that they have been working with SBI for the last few months since they were initially called on and said that it finally culminated in "finding and collecting some good evidence that helped them make that arrest." "It is still an ongoing investigation, and there are some things that are still pending that they're looking into," Wilson said. "So we stand ready to assist the SBI in any follow-ups on this terrible tragedy that occurred back in the summer."

Concerning talks of the human trafficking aspect of the case, he said that his office was informed by the SBI that this was a human trafficking case and that his office is going along with what they learn from Montgomery. However, he said that does not necessarily mean that there is any human trafficking going on in Coosa County. Human trafficking, whether in the first or second degree, involves a person subjecting another person to labor servitude or sexual servitude. A human trafficking victim is defined in the Code of Ala-

bama as "any person, including minors, subjected to labor servitude, sexual servitude, or involuntary servitude." Section 13A-6-151 of the Code of Alabama defines labor servitude as "work or service of economic or financial value which is performed or provided by another person and is induced or obtained by coercion or deception."

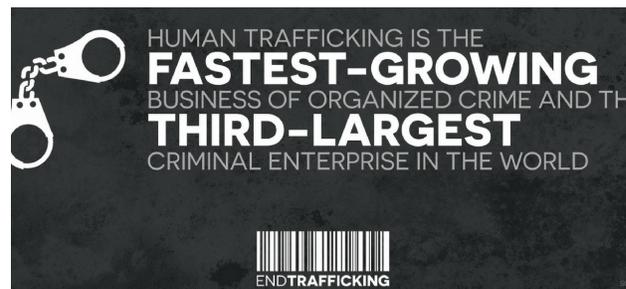
The same section of the Code of Alabama defines sexual servitude as "any sexual conduct...for which anything of value is directly or indirectly given, promised to, or received by any person, which conduct is induced or obtained by coercion or deception from a person." According to the Code, "sexual conduct" includes sexually explicit performances and commercial sex acts, with the latter meaning "any sex act on account of which anything of value is given, promised to, or received, directly or indirectly, by any person."

During this particular case, the SBI reportedly learned that prior to her death Metcalf had been sold to a male to perform sex acts for multiple days. Another human trafficking victim allegedly connected to Webb reportedly spoke to SBI in mid-December and provided detailed information on what ultimately led to Metcalf's death.

According to those reports, the victim was at a Montgomery hotel when Webb had brought Metcalf in from her last job. Metcalf reportedly asked Webb for drugs repeatedly in exchange for her performing the sex acts, and this ultimately led to Webb allegedly beating Metcalf to death. During the preliminary hearing, it was stated that Webb used a lamp in the hotel room to beat Metcalf. After taking her body to Macon County and dumping it near the Tysonville community, Webb and the other human trafficking victim reportedly drove to Rockford where they burned the lamp and some other evidence.

Investigators traveled to Rockford, where, with assistance from the Coosa County Sheriff's Office, they were able to recover what was left of the lamp and the burned evidence. The lamp reportedly matched other lamps in the hotel where the murder occurred. SBI agents arrested Webb on December 12 in Montgomery. District Judge Tiffany McCord bound the case over for grand jury consideration, and according to reports additional charges are expected in this case to account for additional victims. With the investigation ongoing, it is currently unclear how many women were in Webb's human trafficking ring or whether he was operating alone.

Anyone with information on Metcalf's murder or instances of human trafficking are asked to call the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation at 334-242-1142.



News from the Sheriff's



Reserves

There's a New Sheriff In Town

The idiom, there's a new sheriff in town, may be used in various ways in the English language but in our case it means just what it says. After three successful terms, Sheriff Terry Wilson will soon be retired. Sheriff-elect Michael Howell will assume the role at midnight on January 14th. The incoming chief law enforcement officer for the county brings eleven years of law enforcement experience to the position. Ironically, Sheriff Howell's law enforcement career began as a reserve sheriff's deputy in Coosa County. A lifelong county resident, Sheriff Howell is fulfilling a longtime dream.



Having lived in Coosa County his entire life, the new Sheriff is generally familiar with the county but looks forward to getting to know the county and the residents better in the near future. Successful law enforcement has much to do with relationships. Relationships are a two-way street. While the Sheriff will be making efforts to better get to know county residents, county residents should also make the effort to get to know the Sheriff. There are several ways this can be accomplished. Attend a neighborhood watch meeting. Give the Sheriff a call at 256-377-4922 or drop by the office and say hello. Keep in mind, the new Sheriff is about to assume many new responsibilities and obligations that will no doubt require more hours than are available in the day. However, the better relationships he can develop within the county, the better he will be able to handle those duties and obligations.

I appreciate the efforts of Sheriff Wilson and look forward a new day with Sheriff-elect Howell. I know they would both appreciate you remembering them in your prayers.

By
Joel D. Glover
Coosa County Sheriff's Reserve Unit

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

ACCESS
ACCREDITATION
ACTION
ADMISSIBLE
AGENT
ALARM
AUTHORITY
BACKGROUND
BARRIER
BURGLARY
CAMERA
COMMAND
COMMUNITY
CONFIDENTIAL
CONSEQUENCE
CRIMINAL
DAMAGE
DISASTER
DOCUMENT
DURESS
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ENTRAPMENT
EVIDENCE
FELONY
FIREARM
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HAZARD
HEARSAY
PROPERTY
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SCREENING
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SECURITY
TRESPASS



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Reserves Meeting:
February 12, 2019
At 6:00 PM at
The Reserve Room

Top 5 Reserve Deputy Hours January

Doug Smith	93 hrs.
James Ward	51.5 hrs.
Travis Ward	36.5 hrs.
Don Hodge	34 hrs.
Johnathan Rogers..	28 hrs.

Total Reserve Deputy Hours

377 hours



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Sheriff's January *Arrest Report*

- On January 1st Deputy Rudd arrested Christopher Devin Slay from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. He was processed and released on a \$ 6,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 2nd Deputy Jones arrested Olin Eugene Wedge from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana 1st and Carrying a Concealed Pistol Without a Permit. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 20,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 2nd Deputy Jones arrested Eric Jason Landers from, Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st, Carrying a Pistol Without a Permit and Attempting to Elude. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 20,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 2nd Deputy Jones arrested Allison Lori Dennis Wall from Goodwater, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Theft of Property 2nd X 4, Theft of Property 3rd X 2, Harassing Communications, Also Attempting to Elude, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Carrying a Concealed Pistol without a Permit. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond on the Failure to Appear charges and a \$12,500 bond on the other charges. She will remain in the County Jail until her Court date.
- On January 3rd Deputy Richardson arrested Harvey NMN Wright from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Harassment. He was processed and released on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On January 4th Deputy Rudd arrested David Tylan Jones from Goodwater, AL. on a warrant for Receiving Stolen Property 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 10,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 4th Deputy Rudd arrested Marcus Lewis Jackson from Piedmont, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Failure to Display Insurance and Failure to Register Vehicle. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 5th Deputy Rudd arrested Julius Rodriquez Taylor from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Possession of Marijuana 2nd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 7th Captain Hammond arrested Matthew Scott Pettus from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Theft of Property 1st. He was processed and released on a \$5,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 8th Deputy Richardson arrested Steven Dean McClellan from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Reckless Driving, Open Container, Failure to Wear Seat Belt, Driving While Revoked and Attempting to Elude. He was processed and released on a \$ 6,500 bond to await trial.
- On January 8th Deputy Jones arrested Dossie Edward McKinney from Vincent, AL. on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. He was processed and released on a \$ 4,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 9th Deputy Richardson arrested Michael Wayne Cleveland from Alexander City, AL. on the charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 9th Deputy Richardson arrested Timothy Lynn Cleveland from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Domestic Violence 3rd/Harassment. He was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 9th Deputy Richardson arrested Joe Randy Harrell Jr. from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Non-Support of a Child. He was processed and released after payment was made to the Department of Human Resources.
- On January 10th Deputy Rudd arrested Charles Robert Dyal II from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Attempting to Elude, Carrying a Pistol Without a Permit, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$17,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 11th Deputy Jones arrested Demetrius Lashun Adair from Goodwater, AL. on the charge of Attempting to Elude. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,500 bond to await trial.
- On January 11th Deputy Jones arrested on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Display Insurance and the charge of

Attempting to Elude. He was processed and released on a \$ 3,500 bond to await trial.

- On January 12th Deputy Richardson arrested Justin Anthony Wilson from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Attempting to Elude, Carrying a Pistol without a Permit, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Theft of Property 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$35,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 12th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Jeremiah Larry Golden from Kellyton, AL. on the charge of Attempting to Elude. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,500 bond to await trial.
- On January 14th Deputy Davenport arrested Cheryl Leigh Smith from Stewartville, AL. on the charges of Domestic Violence 3rd/Assault, Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Hindering Prosecution 2nd. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 7,500 bond to await trial.
- On January 15th Deputy Davenport arrested James Derek Moore from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 15th Deputy Rudd arrested Elmore Orlando Dudley from Montgomery, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Display Drivers License. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 17th Lt. Keel arrested Preston Dewayne Lindenthaler from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Criminal Littering. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 18th Deputy Jones arrested On January 18th Deputy Jones arrested Normand Gilchrist Kirby from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 18th Deputy Rudd arrested Dustin Leon Carr on warrants for Failure to Appear/Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 20th Deputy Davenport arrested Steven Brian Culver from Stewartville, AL. on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 21st Deputy Lipscomb arrested Isiah Jamaal Beard from Opelika, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Reckless Driving, Possession of Marijuana 2nd, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. He was processed and released on a \$ 3,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 21st Deputy Cook arrested James O'Brien Spears from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Theft of Property 1st and a Grand Jury Indictment for Criminal Mischief 3rd. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,500 bond to await trial.
- On January 22nd Deputy Richardson arrested Roy Shaquan Hall from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On January 22nd Deputy Richardson arrested Brian Keith Smith from Rockford, AL. on warrants for Promoting Prison Contraband 1st and Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 20,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 22nd Deputy Jones arrested Gregory Keith Sinclair from Shelby, AL. on the charge of Public Intoxication. He was processed and released on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On January 23rd Deputy Richardson arrested Kenny Alan Holmes from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Receiving Stolen Property 2nd. He was processed and released on a \$ 5,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 23rd Deputy Richardson arrested Christopher Wayne Oliver from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear / Speeding and Driving While Suspended. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 25th Deputy Richardson arrested Matthew Cameron Jones from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Possession of Marijuana 2nd. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 25th Deputy Jones arrested Obrier Edwards Hall from Goodwater, AL. on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2nd, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st, Possession of a Concealed Pistol Without a Permit and Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 35,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 26th Deputy Richardson arrested Heaven Alexis Pressley from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On January 26th Deputy Richardson arrested Braxton Elias Peyton from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Burglary 3rd, Concealing Stolen Property, Giving False Information to Law Enforcement and Theft of Property 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 55,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 26th Deputy Richardson arrested Caleb Chace Ballard from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 7,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 27th Deputy Jones arrested Dylan Jakob Hay from Weogufka, AL on the charges of Driving Under the Influence and Attempting to Elude. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$4,500 bond to await trial.

Recent News

Weogufka Car Chase Nets Two Arrests

A Sylacauga man and Kellyton woman were arrested following a car chase in the Weogufka community. On January 2, Deputy Frankie Jones was assisting the Weogufka Volunteer Fire Department on a motor vehicle crash involving fire in the Weogufka area. While he was assisting them, he observed a vehicle passing the firetruck.

Jones noticed that the car did not have a tag. He turned around to stop the car, and a car chase ensued. The chase ended at Duke's Trailer Park in Weogufka. As Jones approached the stopped vehicle, two passengers in the back seat exited the vehicle and fled on foot. However, Jones apprehended the driver and front seat passenger.

Upon conducting a vehicle search and inventory, Jones found methamphetamine, a firearm and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. Upon further investigation, it was also discovered that the passenger had seven outstanding warrants.

The car chase and investigation culminated in the arrests of 46-year-old Eric Jason Landers of Sylacauga and 35-year-old Allison Lori Dennis of Kellyton. Both were arrested on January 2. Landers was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, attempting to elude, and possession of a firearm by a violent felon.

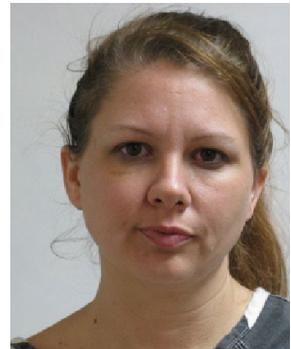
His bond was set at a total of \$20,000 for all four charges. As of press time Landers had been released on bond to await trial.

Dennis was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, attempting to elude, and possession of a pistol without a permit, as well as subject with seven warrants. Her bond was set at a total of \$12,500 for her four recent charges. As of press time she remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.

Additionally, warrants have been obtained for the other two suspects who fled on foot.



Eric Jason Landers



Allison Lori Dennis

A FAMILY BORN NOT FROM A BLOOD LINE
 BUT BONDED IN LIFE BY A BLUE ONE

Sylacauga Man Arrested On Two Drug Charges

A traffic stop in Hanover resulted in the arrest of a Sylacauga man on two drug-related charges.

On January 1, Deputy Mike Rudd was patrolling in the Hanover area when he came upon a swerving vehicle. He performed a traffic stop and noticed the individuals in the vehicle acting nervous and that they kept reaching into the glovebox and the floorboard. After asking them to exit the vehicle, Rudd performed a vehicle search. That search resulted in him finding a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle.

Christopher Devin Slay, 25 years old of Sylacauga, was arrested the same day for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at a total of \$6,000, and as of press time he had been released on bond to await trial.



Christopher Devin Slay

Mt. Olive Man Arrested On Stolen Property

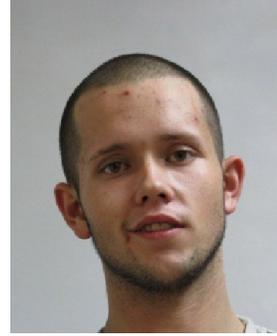
A Mt. Olive man was arrested in connection with a case from late December.

On December 22, a call came in to the Sheriff's Office of a resident needing a deputy in the Mt. Olive area. Upon Deputy Mike Rudd's arrival, he was informed that a vehicle was stuck in the

individual's yard and that the vehicle was possibly stolen. Upon investigation, he discovered that the vehicle had been stolen from Talladega County the previous day.

Because of the subject having possession of the stolen vehicle in Coosa County, 20-year-old David Tylan Jones of Mt. Olive was arrested January 4.

He was charged with first-degree receiving stolen property. His bond was set at \$10,000, and as of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



David Tylan Jones

Sylacauga Man Arrested For Theft & Drug Charges

A Sylacauga man was arrested for a theft-related charge, as well as outstanding warrants relating to another case. In a case that stemmed from January 4, a report was taken in the Weogufka area for the theft of a 4-wheeler and hunting equipment. The Sheriff's Office also received information that there was a report during that same timeframe of a 4-wheeler matching the description given by the victim of the one that was stolen, with it being seen near County Road 183.

Sheriff Michael Howell explained that once they received that report, Investigator Scott Hammond looked into the case and was able to develop a suspect, 20-year-old Justin Anthony Wilson of Sylacauga. Further investigation led to a residence in Sylacauga where the 4-wheeler that had been reported stolen was recovered. Additionally, some of the stolen hunting equipment was also recovered. At that point, a warrant was obtained for Wilson's arrest. He was then arrested last Saturday, January 12, for first-degree theft of property in reference to that case.

Additionally, Wilson was also arrested on warrants relating to the Weogufka car chase case. For those, he was arrested for attempting to elude, possession of a pistol without a permit, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance. His total bond was set at \$35,000 for all five charges. As of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Justin Anthony Wilson

Final Suspects From Weogufka Car Chase Arrested

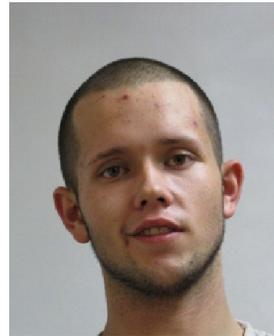
The final two suspects in a case stemming from a recent car chase were arrested, totaling four arrests made in the case. Eric Landers of Sylacauga and Allison Dennis of Rockford were arrested following a car chase on January 2 that ended at Duke's Trailer Park in Weogufka. At the time of that stop, two other suspects had exited the vehicle and fled on foot, and warrants were obtained for those two individuals. Since then, two additional arrests have been made for those suspects, meaning all four individuals allegedly involved have now been arrested.

Justin Anthony Wilson, 20 years old, of Sylacauga was arrested on January 12 on an unrelated theft charge, as reported in an accompanying article in this week's edition. Additionally, Wilson was also arrested on the warrants related to the January 2 car chase in Weogufka. For this particular case, he was arrested on warrants for attempting to elude, possession of a pistol without a permit, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance.

The fourth suspect arrested in the case was 31-year-old Charles Robert Dyal II of Sylacauga. He was arrested on January 10 for attempting to elude, possession of a pistol without a permit, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance.



Charles Robert Dyal II



Justin Anthony Wilson

Odena Man Arrested For Holly Springs Littering

An ongoing problem with littering recently received some closure with an arrest made in the case. On January 17, 31-year-old Preston Dewayne Lindenthaler of Odena, outside the Sylacauga area, was arrested for criminal littering, a misdemeanor charge. Lindenthaler's bond was set \$1,000. He has since been released on bond to await trial.

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that a second individual with Lindenthaler was also arrested on outstanding warrants. Howell spoke of the ongoing problem with trash being dumped in the Holly Springs area and complaints he had heard concerning the matter over the past year.

He explained that the Sheriff's Office has reports dating back to 2015 about the litter issue in Holly Springs. He reported that they now had enough evidence to make an arrest, which resulted in the case with Lindenthaler.

Anyone who suspects or observes illegal activity is encouraged to report it to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office at 256-377-4922 or online at www.coosacountyso.org. Anonymous tips are also welcome.



Preston Dewayne
Lindenthaler

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Matthew 5:9

16 Hope Outdoors Makes Dreams Come True

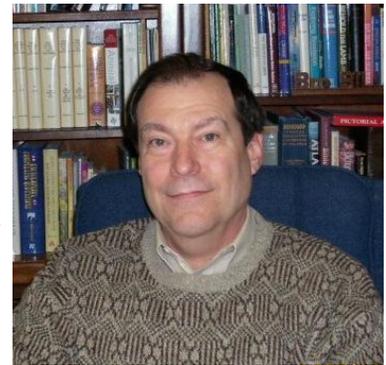
Last Friday afternoon, I traveled four hours, across our great state, to Chatom, Alabama. As I do regularly, I went to share some of my Billy Bob humor through stories and songs, along with a few inspirational thoughts. Some of the group only traveled a few minutes to get there, but most of them traveled several hours. One of them traveled eight hours. They came from various locations in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida.

I drove myself there; someone else drove them. When I arrived, I jumped out of my truck and walked in. They would have loved to have done the same thing, if they could have. Someone helped most of them into wheelchairs. Some rolled themselves in, someone pushed the others. They had an assortment of issues that ranged from Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, brain injuries, cancer, to debilitating heart defects. Some were paraplegics, one was a quadriplegic, and one was blind. The youngest one was only eight years old. Nine of them were twenty-one or younger. The oldest one of the group was sixty-seven; however, one of the helpers was a ninety-nine year old, young lady!

I would indeed be flattered had they gone to all that trouble, and traveled all that distance, to hear my program. They had not come to see my program; they came to go deer hunting! What? You may ask, "How is it possible for a group, like the one I just described, to go hunting?" Well, it is. It is made possible because of a ministry known as "Hope Outdoors." They provide outdoor experiences such as hunting and fishing, for individuals with special needs. Hope Outdoors arranges the outings, housing, meals, programs such as mine, and pays for all the expenses. While there were only twenty-four hunters in the group last weekend, over two-hundred individuals worked together to pull off the event. Families served as hosts, providing housing for the hunters and their families. Buster Seafood, in Chatom, fed the entire group at First Baptist Church, but many volunteers were needed to help set up and serve. There was music, and of course, Billy Bob after dinner.

Each hunter has a team, which consists of five to six people. The team drives each hunter to prearranged private property for their hunt. Once they reach their destination, hunters are helped into a custom built wheelchair called a "Track-Chair." Rather than having wheels, these chairs have tracks, like a tank or bulldozer, and are equipped with shooting mounts. They can run through mud, across fields, and through wooded areas without getting stuck or turning over. Each specially built Track-Chair comes with a price tag of around \$13,000. At each hunt site, a special built handicap accessible blind has been constructed. Most chapters only own one Track-Chair, but during a hunt other chapters will bring theirs to be used.

It all began fifteen years ago, when a boy in New Orleans needed a kidney transplant. On a "Make a Wish" list, his wish was to go deer hunting in Alabama. He could not travel more than three hours from New Orleans, in case a kidney became available. Someone contacted Chuck Reynolds, in Chatom, Alabama. Mr. Reynolds made arrangements for an all-expense paid hunt on his property for the young man. Mr. Reynolds was so moved by the entire experience that he began to look for other individuals for whom he could do the same. That was the humble beginning of "Hope Outdoors" which now has twelve chapters, in six states. The primary focus of Hope Outdoors is to show the love of Christ to every person they come into contact with, whether they are a participant, family member, or volunteer. I was honored to have had a small part in their weekend in Chatom, Alabama. As I walked back to my truck, I gave thanks to God.



Bro Bill King Columnist



Devotional

A Heap of Faith

By Pam Ford Davis



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Where's your comfort zone? I'd guess its home sweet home. We feel most comfortable in the confines of our homes. The love and acceptance of family members eases fears and reduces stress. It takes a heap of faith to leave our comfort zones.

Noah had been living inside the safety of the ark.

"Then God spoke to Noah, 'Come out of the ark, you, your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives with you. Bring out all the living creatures that are with you—birds, livestock, those that crawl on the ground—and they will spread over the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth (Genesis 8:15-17 HCSB)."

The earth (as Noah had known it) was destroyed by God in a flood. He likely stepped outside his comfort zone with caution and trepidation; yet, leave he did.

"So Noah, along with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, came out. All wildlife, all livestock, every bird, and every creature that crawls on the earth came out of the ark by their groups."

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD. He took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar (Genesis 8:18-20 HCSB)."

LORD, give us courage to step outside our comfort zones.

Scripture Encouragement

"Then Jesus came near and said to them, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:18-20 HCSB

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

2019

Happy New Year!

County Calendar *of Events*

February

2nd	All Day	Groundhog Day
15th	All Day	Coosa County Schools Holiday
18th	All Day	Presidents' Day
23rd	7-10 AM	West Coosa Senior Center Breakfast for COACH

President's Day Word Scramble

1. RUAMTN _____
2. OMOERN _____
3. HSUGB _____
4. CJAKSON _____
5. OMISDAN _____
6. LCOIGOED _____
7. NLOLCIN _____
8. STVOLOEFRE _____
9. GARNT _____
10. OTELRSOEV _____
11. AUBNNHAC _____
12. OENRJFSF _____
13. NCNLIOT _____
14. ECEALNDVL _____
15. DYEENK _____
16. SGBWUH _____
17. STNOHNGWAI _____
18. INNOX _____
19. DOFR _____
20. BAOMA _____



OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE

REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

Total Officers Down = 13

As of January 31, 2019

Month:

January: 13

Alabama: 2

Type Of Death:

- 911 Related:
- Accidental:
- Assault:
- Auto Crash: 1
- Drowned:
- Duty Related Illness:
- Fell:
- Gunfire: 5
- Heat attack: 2
- Motorcycle Crash: 1
- Struck by Vehicle: 3
- Vehicle Pursuit:
- Vehicular Assault: 1



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	256-377-4922
Dispatch	256-377-2211
Office	256-377-1803
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 Extension Office	256-377-4713
Coosa County School Board	256-377-4913
Central Elementary School.....	256-377-1456
Central Middle School	256-377-1490
Central High School	256-377-4384
Science and Technology	256-377-4678
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
Goodwater Health Care	256-839-5900
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
Triple R Restaurant	256-377-1333



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 Wilson 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.

- February 4 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- February 7 - 6:00 PM - Richville
- February 11 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- February 19 - 6:30 PM - Hanover
- February 21 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka