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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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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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**Rockford Baptist Church**  
9575 Highway 231 Rockford

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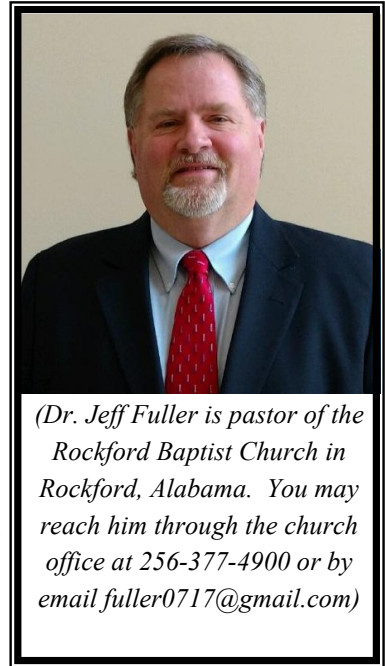
# Point of View

## A Time To Wait

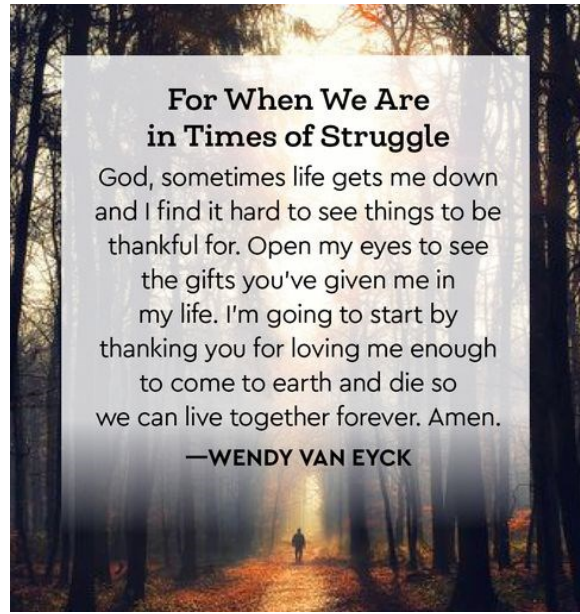
Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the family flees to Egypt, then returned to live in Nazareth, worked alongside his father Joseph learning the carpentry trade, and “grew up and became strong; filled with wisdom, and God’s grace was on him.” (Luke 2:40)

As He prepared for the ministry for which He was sent, He went to John the Baptist and was baptized. It must have been an awe-inspiring moment for all those standing around. John the Baptist puts the Son of God under the water and as he is bringing Him back up, a dove appears, and the voice of God rings out with the words: “*This is my beloved Son; with Him I am well-pleased.*” (Luke 3:22)

Then Jesus goes into the desert. (Luke 4:1-11) He was led of the Spirit and for forty days and forty nights He fasted. During this time, “the tempter approached Him” and tempted Him with three different temptations. Jesus stayed focused and resolved to be about His Father’s business. When He has quoted scripture to the devil and won the first battle against His foe, “*The devil left Him, and angels came and began to serve Him.*” (Luke 4:11)



This was a “meantime” for Jesus. A meantime is a time between two points. It is a time of rest; a time of reflection. It is a time when we take a moment and look behind us to see the work of God in our situations, as He reminds us He is with us in the present and has already conquered the future. This is where king David found himself in 2 Samuel 22. David is recalling, recollecting, thinking about how God has given him victory over king Saul, reflecting on the rebellion of Absalom, and revisiting the most difficult times he experienced with enemies on every side. Yet, in this meantime, David does not groan, or wallow in self-pity, and he does not hang his head in despair and defeat. No, there is no retreat or surrender in David, because he sings of God’s faithfulness in Psalm 18.



That was his meantime.

Isaiah goes to the temple to pray and seek God in the midst of a time when the king was dead and there was trouble brewing in the land. He encounters a time of worship as the foundations of the building shake, the angels present themselves and the train of the robe of God fills the temple.

This was his meantime.

Elijah is afraid for his life. He is running from Ahab and Jezebel. He is hiding for his life. Staying the hills and caves; God feeds him and

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provides for his every need.

This is his meantime.

Moses left Egypt, crossed the Red Sea and lived in Midian for forty years. It was there, while he was tending his fathers-in-law's sheep God spoke to him from a burning bush. It was then God called him to go back to Egypt and bring the people of God-the Israelites-out of bondage and into the Promised Land.

This is his meantime.

David was anointed king over Israel and the prophet of God pronounced the blessing on him. But, he did not ascend to the throne and he did not remove Saul from his own rightful seat. No, with oil still dripping from his beard, he went back to tending his sheep and waited for God to do what He wanted to do to get David to the throne.

This was his meantime.

So, have you ever had a "meantime?" It might be even right now, as we move into a New year; this might be your time in between

two points. I have found that this time can be a progress through three very vital points.

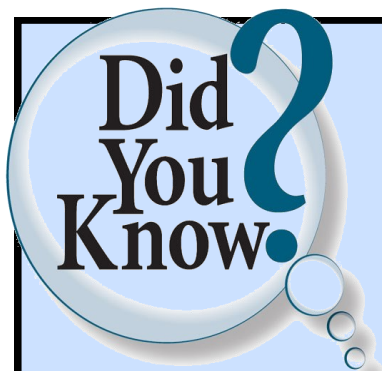
There is an awkwardness. It is a time of silence, when the heavens seem to be closed, the doors of the throne room closed and I am surrounded with complete silence. It is a moment in time that makes me very uncomfortable.

Then I find I am awakened. Awakened to a new and fresh presence of God. All of the senses seem to converge and rattle me. I have keener sense of God through taste, smell, touch, sight, and hearing. I am focused on Him and find He has been there all along.

Finally, Awareness settled in and God's purposes and plans come into focus. I am not saying I know everything, but I know someone who knows everything and He will work out everything for His good. (Romans 8:28)

Take time and let Him work out His ways in your life in the "meantime" experiences.

Until Next Time...



The Coosa County Sheriff's Office has a new look. Below is the new patch worn by officers. The patch includes the sheriff's star, the US flag as well as the state flag and then Sheriff Michael Howell had the design to include items specific to Coosa County such as Flagg Mountain, Hatchett Creek, and the Cahaba lilies. Also is a picture of Cpl. Moon in his new uniform.

We hope that the citizens of Coosa County like the new look.



**January's**

# *Sheriff's Office*

## **Featured Article**

### *Coosa County Jail Gets New Employees*

Coosa County Sheriff's office has been hiring some new faces in it's Jail. Three new faces we want to introduce to you include Spencer Lykes, Corrections Officer/911 Operator, Amiee Cryer, Corrections Officer/911 Operator, and Sam Higginbotham, Transport Officer.

Spencer Lykes spent his adolescents in Sylacauga, Alabama where he attended and graduated from B.B. Comer Memorial School. After graduation he attended Southern Union State Community College where he earned and maintained a spot on the dean's list accomplishing his goal with receiving an associates degree in industrial electronics/ electricity maintenance. Once graduating from college he went into the that line of work. After some time he decided it was time for a change and joined the Coosa County Sheriff's Department. Officer Lykes looks forward to working many years with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office.



Spencer Lykes



Amiee Cryer

Prior to joining the Coosa County Sheriff's Office as a Dispatcher/Corrections Officer, Amiee Cryer has worked in the administration and medical billing/management fields with over 15 years of experience. Raised in a military family, Amiee has traveled the world. She attended various schools throughout the country including Coosa Central High School, graduating from Liberty County High School and currently attending Central Alabama Community College.

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Amiee has been a resident of Coosa County since 1996. She has three sons and is expecting her first grandson in the spring. Amiee has expressed her appreciation for the opportunity that Sheriff Howell and Captain Mull have given her and looks forward to serving her community.

“For as long as I can remember, I’ve wanted to be a part of law enforcement.” Samuel Monroe Higginbotham was born in Coosa County on December 9, 1993 and has lived there ever since. From bull riding to volunteer work, Samuel has grown up serving the Coosa community. Not only does he care about the community itself, but the people within it. Sam has volunteered as an EMS and firefighter within the county for over two years now. To further serve his community, Sam decided it was best to join the sheriff’s department.



Samuel Higginbotham is

Transport Officer Higginbotham started with Coosa County Sheriff’s Office on November 5, 2019. By working within law enforcement, Samuel feels he “learning something new every day.” He claims, “there’s never a dull day,” and that, “the job can be fun sometimes.” He also believes he’s serving his community more than ever before. Sam is determined to continue expanding his knowledge so that he may “move up the ranks” one day. Samuel’s advice to anyone seeking a position within law enforcement is to, “make sure it’s something you enjoy doing. You have to enjoy helping the community.”





## ACT #535

On June 21, 2012, a new law came into effect. In addition to all other charges, costs, taxes, or fees levied by law on bail bonds, additional fees will be imposed on every bail bond in all courts of this state. This law is known as bail bond fees. This is a filing fee in the amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35) and is payable to the Circuit Clerk's Office. The fee will not be considered in traffic cases, except for those serious traffic offenses enumerated in Title 32, Chapter 5A, Article 9. Where multiple charges arising out of the same incident, the bond fee in accordance with this section only are assessed on one charge. The term "same incident" will be defined as the same date, location, and proximate time. In case when the charge is negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument, the fee shall not be considered more than three times annually per person charged. Each county handles the bond fees procedure differently. This fee is paid in the county where the person has been arrested.

In Coosa County, money order or cashier's check must be attached to each bond before the process is completed and the person is released from jail. This law applies to all types of bonds, whether you are considering a property bond, cash bond or use a bail bondsman. Failure to pay the fee is punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) in addition to the fee according to this law.

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## News from the Sheriff's



# Reserves

### *Another year - What will it bring?*

I find it hard to believe we are entering the year 2020! Oh, how the time has flown. What will 2020 bring? It will no doubt be interesting to see. I'm certain time will continue to speed up and innovations will keep coming.

Believe me when I tell you there have been many changes through the years I have been in law enforcement. When I began work I was issued a .357 magnum revolver. It was a fine handgun. Today, I know of no department that uses revolvers as their standard duty weapon. A few years later I was issued a 12-gauge shotgun. Today many of the shotguns have been replaced by AR type rifles.

A few years into my career our department decided to give us a couple of more tools to work with. The first of these tools was a nasty little thing called pepper spray. Believe when I tell you being sprayed with the pepper spray was no fun whatsoever. While I have seen people who the spray had very little impact on, I am not one of those people! The spray was a good addition. We were also given a collapsible baton and a week's worth of training to go with it. Today, while the pepper spray and baton are still carried by most officers, another innovation is found on most officer's duty belts. The Taser is truly shocking in every sense of the word. If you've never been tased, I would recommend you keep it that way. That is unless you enjoy helplessly flopping on the ground like a fish out of water. It is an effective tool.

When I began work I had a truck radio. It worked pretty well. Today, I carry more computing power in the palm of my hand than NASA had when they put a man on the moon! That is a little hard to comprehend. In addition to my phone, I also have a handheld radio. While our rolling wooded terrain still poses communication problems even with satellite technology, it has come a long way.

If you are old enough to remember there was a comic strip character named Dick Tracy who was known for having some outlandish super sleuth equipment. One such item was a souped up





watch that he could speak into. Today, my wife has one!

Technology continues to amaze. You may not know there is such thing as a tag looker video camera that can read the tag on any vehicle and search nationwide to see if the vehicle is stolen. It takes less than a minute. There is a chase stopping tool called the Grappler that actually shoots out a harness that catches the car being pursued. Yet another innovation is a projectile that can be launched from a patrol unit onto a vehicle being pursued. The projectile sticks to the vehicle and the embedded GPS then tracks the vehicle wherever it goes!

What on earth will they come up with next? I don't know, but I'm sure something else is coming down the pike!

I hope you have a Happy, Prosperous and Safe New Year.

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

**Reserves Meeting:  
January 14, 2020  
At 6:00 PM at  
The Reserve Room**





# CCSO *Serving & Protecting*

## *Sheriff's December*

### *Arrest Report*



- On December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt. Jones arrested Jesse Chase Patterson from Asheville, AL. on the charge of Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Lucas arrested Lapoleon Pardell Russell from Goodwater, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Promoting Prison Contraband 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 10,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 4<sup>th</sup> Capt. Hammond arrested Barry Dixon Limbaugh JR. from Dadeville, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On December 5<sup>th</sup> Investigator Keel arrested Alonzo NMN Blackmon from Kellyton, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On December 6<sup>th</sup> Investigator Keel arrested Coty Wayne Jones from Stewartville, AL. on Grand Jury Indictments for Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> and Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 20,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 6<sup>th</sup> Investigator Keel arrested Shannon Lee Morris from Sylacauga, AL. on Grand Jury Indictments for Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> and Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 20,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 6<sup>th</sup> Deputy Lucas arrested David Tyrell Benson from Rockford, AL. on the charge of Possession of Marijuana 1<sup>st</sup>. He was process and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 8<sup>th</sup> Deputy Lucas arrested Jimmy Lee Thomas from Alexander City, AL. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on the charges of Driving Under the Influence and Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the county jail on a \$ 4,000 bond to await trial
- On December 8<sup>th</sup> Investigator Keel arrested Jeffrey Dewayne Harrison from Birmingham, AL. on warrants for Failure to Pay/Speeding and Failure to display Driver's License. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 9<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Carla Sheree Sears from Sylacauga, AL on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 1<sup>st</sup>, Possession of a Synthetic Narcotic and Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Distribute. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 20,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 9<sup>th</sup> Sgt. Jones arrested Adam Dunn Ashley from Montevallo, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Giving False Name to Law Enforcement and Fishing without a Fishing License. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.

- On December 11<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested John James Dubose from Clanton, AL. on 1 warrants for Breaking and Entering of a Vehicle and Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 20,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 12<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Jeffrey NMN McKinney from Sylacauga, AL. on a Bond Revocation X 5. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On December 14<sup>th</sup> Sgt. Jones arrested Autumn Malia White from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 14<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Jack Curtis Harrell from Rockford, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 15<sup>th</sup> Sgt. Jones arrested Jodie Leigh Gonzalez from Stewartville, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Suspended. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 16<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Furniss Casey Muckenfuss from Stewartville, AL. on a warrant for Escape 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and booked into the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On December 17<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Julius Rodriquez Taylor from Sylacauga, AL on warrants for Failure to Appear Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>, Expired Tag, Failure to Display Driver's License and Switched Tag. He was processed and booked into the County Jail a \$ 4,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 19<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Jones arrested Kimberly Lauren Wilson from Goodwater, AL. on the charges of Carrying a Pistol without a permit, Promoting Prison Contraband 1<sup>st</sup>, Driving Under the Influence, and Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor. She was processed and booked into the county jail on a \$7500 bond to await trial.
- On December 21<sup>st</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Michael Dylan Haywood from Sylacauga on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup> and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$4000 bond to await trial.
- On December 23<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Lucas arrested Jerry Wayne Hawkins from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Display Insurance. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 23<sup>rd</sup> Sgt. Jones arrested Sarah Christine Gannon from Grant, AL. on a warrant for Facilitating an Escape 1<sup>st</sup>. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$5,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 25<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Jonathan NMN Deemer from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault and Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 25<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Robert Brent Smith from Talladega, AL. on the charges of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault, Endangering Welfare of a Child X 4. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 6,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 27<sup>th</sup> Deputy Fenn arrested Quinterria Ronshae Wyckoff from Jackson's Gap, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Driving while Suspended and Improper Lane Usage. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On December 27<sup>th</sup> Sgt. Jones arrested Karen Estelle Cox from Rockford, AL. on the charge of Theft of Property 4<sup>th</sup>. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.



# Recent News

## Clanton Man Arrested for Breaking & Entering

A Clanton man was arrested in connection with a theft case from October. On October 14, the Sheriff's Office took a report of the breaking and entering of a motor vehicle around Kellys Crossroads, near the Richville community.

Capt. Scott Hammond investigated the case and developed 39-year-old John Dubose of Clanton as a suspect. On December 11, Dubose was arrested on the charges of unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and first-degree theft of property.

Dubose's total bond for both charges was set at \$20,000. He remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



John Dubose

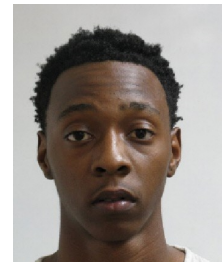


## Rockford Man Arrested for Marijuana

A routine traffic stop led to the arrest of a Rockford man on a drug-related charge. On December 6, Deputy Dalton Lucas performed a traffic stop of a vehicle. Upon approaching, he reportedly smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

Lucas asked the driver, 23-year-old David Benson of Rockford, to step out of the vehicle and proceeded to pat him down. During the search, he found marijuana on Benson's person. Sheriff Michael Howell explained that Benson had a prior marijuana conviction. Therefore, with this arrest he was charged with first-degree possession of marijuana.

His bond was set at \$5,000, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.



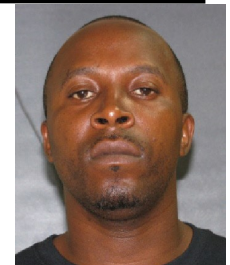
David Benson

## Goodwater Man Arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband

A Goodwater man was arrested for allegedly promoting prison contraband after being arrested on a drug-related charge. On December 3, Lapolean Russell was arrested by a State Trooper and charged with possession of a controlled substance. When the Trooper brought Russell into the Coosa County Jail, Deputy Dalton Lucas was called into the jail to search him.

When conducting the routine search, Lucas reportedly located a couple of grams of marijuana on Russell. At that time Russell, 41 years old of Goodwater, was arrested on the additional charge of promoting prison contraband.

Russell's total bond for both charges was set at \$10,000. He has since been released on bond to await trial.



Lapolean Russell

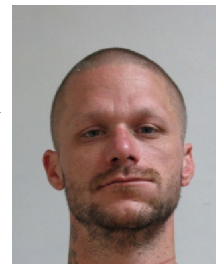
## Alexander City Man Charged with Escape

An Alexander City man was arrested on an escape charge only one week after being released from court. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that 32-year-old Furniss Muckenfuss of Alexander City had been court ordered to Farm Ministries. Muckenfuss remained in the custody of the Sheriff's Office through this court order.

However, Howell said that Muckenfuss failed to show up to Farm Ministries and also did not report to the Sheriff's Office. Therefore, a warrant was issued for him for escape in the first degree.

Muckenfuss was arrested Monday, December 16, on the charge of first-degree escape. As of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail with no bond set.

Howell added that Muckenfuss was released from court last Monday, December 9, at which time he had been ordered to Farm Ministries.



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Furniss Muckenfuss

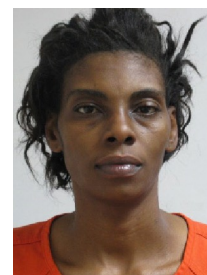
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## Sylacauga Woman Arrested for Three Drug Charges

A Sylacauga woman was recently arrested on three drug-related charges following a traffic stop. Deputy Travis Ward made a traffic stop for speeding in the area of Alabama Highway 9 and Highway 259 in Equality on December 9. After conducting the stop, as he approached the vehicle he smelled marijuana and proceeded to search the vehicle.

That search resulted in Ward finding marijuana, synthetic marijuana and a bag containing methamphetamine in the vehicle. The driver, 36-year-old Carla Sears of Sylacauga, was arrested the same day and charged with possession of a controlled substance, first-degree possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

Sears' total bond was set at \$20,000 for all three charges. She has since been released on bond to await trial.



Carla Sears

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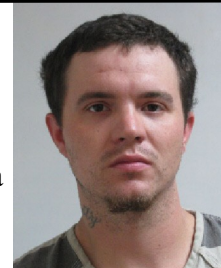
## Sylacauga Men Arrested for Burglary & Theft

Two Sylacauga men were arrested on grand jury indictments related to a case from eight months ago. On April 29, a victim filed a report with the Sheriff's Office concerning items missing from a residence on County Road 53, including a vehicle and a firearm.

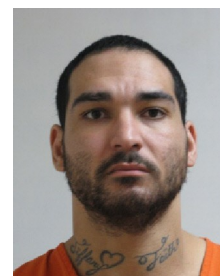
During the initial investigation, 27-year-old Coty Jones and 29-year-old Shannon Morris, both of Sylacauga, were developed as suspects in the case. Ultimately, the case was presented to the grand jury.

Both men were indicted by the grand jury and arrested on December 7, with each of them charged with third-degree burglary and first-degree theft of property.

The total bond for each of them was set at \$20,000 for both charges. Since then, Jones and Morris have both been released back to prison, with Jones reportedly being transferred to the Department of Corrections.



Coty Jones



Shannon Morris

# 2019 End of Year Review

Sheriff Michael Howell ended his first year in office as Sheriff with the Annual End of Year Review meeting that he held at the Coosa County High School. He invited Sheriff's Office staff and their families, along with Reserves and family, and a few other special guests. With over 100 people in attendance, the attendees enjoyed taking pictures with Santa, Music supplied by Joey Moore from Weogufka, and food brought by attendees.



The Sheriff reviewed information below and thanked the staff for their hard work in 2019. Some of the major Activities for 2019 included presented 226 Felony Cases for Spring & Fall Grand Jury, Sponsored/Assisted Annual Hatchet Creek Float Festival, Participated in Two Very Successful National Drug Take Back Days, Participated/Assisted with Many Community Events such as Farm Day, Mule Day, Family Festival, Kellyton Christmas Celebration, Weogufka Christmas GALA, Goodwater Parade, Alexander City Parade, College and Career Fair, etc.

Some of the major Achievements from 2019 that Sheriff Howell wanted to review included:

- Secured 5 X-Ray machines that will help prevent firearms from entering restricted areas.
- March 2019 located and apprehended an individual from Massachusetts with Rape warrants involving children.
- March 2019 conducted the first K-9 search at the Coosa County schools in over 4 years.
- Upgraded the phone system for the Jail/ Sheriff's Office.
- First Corrections Officer sent to the Academy while employed as a Correction Officer and graduated in September 2019.
- Change of Corrections Officer Uniforms.
- August 2019 Drug Eradication Found 62 plants valued at \$124,000.00 and one pound of cut marijuana.
- Implemented App Tango Tango to improve communications.
- Remodeled and enhanced the Deputies Office.
- Assisted Birmingham PD with search of Kamille "Cupcake" McKinney.
- Enhanced Security for Inmates during court (Petition redone in holding area).
- November 2019 Sponsored school bus safety "Buster the Talking School Bus".
- Presented second highest case load to grand jury in the last 15 years.
- Saved county \$20,000.00 during fiscal year 2018 to 2019.
- Passed the addition of \$20,000.00 in

2019 STATS	
Activity	#
Patrol Activities	9558
Miles Patrolled	248,423
Arrests Made	452
Felony Grand Jury Cases Presented	226
Daily Average of Inmates	33
I & O's Written (Police Reports)	603
Pistol Permits Issued	1274
Traffic Tickets Issued	499
Drug Offense Arrests	92
Shootings/Homicides	1





savings from fiscal year 2018-2019 to the fiscal year 2019-2020 in order to fully equip the Sheriff's Office fleet.

- Managed to pay off all debts of vehicles within the fleet.
- Place First in both Goodwater and Alex City Parades. Thank you to Mallory Vincent and Stephanie Murphree for assisting us with these events.

The Sheriff then introduced the new staff from this year to include Chief George Long, Dep. Dalton Lucas, Dep. Christopher Fenn, Officer DeAndre Scott, Officer Amiee Cryer, Officer Spencer Lykes, Officer Richard Weaver, and Officer Sam Higginbotham. Sheriff Howell also shared with everyone the changes in staffing to include Frankie Jones- promoted to Sergeant, Franklin Keel- transferred to Investigator, Travis Ward- transferred to Deputy, Chuck Ebert- promoted to Lieutenant/ Assistant Jail Administrator, Scott Murphree- promoted to Corporal, and Butch Buttram- promoted to Sergeant/ Courthouse Supervisor.

He went further to thank all those who helped the Sheriff's Office COACH team reach its goal for 2019. We hosted a Sheriff's Café and sold 598 plates, as well as hosted two fishing tournaments on both Lake Mitchell and Lake Martin. We came in second place by meeting our goal of \$10,000.00 by raising \$10,023.00. This is money that goes directly to helping the citizens of Coosa County.

He also thanked the Jail Ministry team consisting of Ms. Jan Morris, Ms. Sandra Steverson Mr. Tim Wilcox, and Mr. Travis Thornton. These individuals give their time to minister to those who need it. They spend countless hours ministering to those individuals currently being housed at the Coosa County Jail. Sheriff Howell quoted from Matthew 25:36 "I was in prison and you came to visit me.." Sheriff Howell also thanked Deputy Tim Lipscomb for his 20 years of dedicated and loyal service to the citizens of Coosa County.

Sheriff Howell finally presented to Shelia Thomas the Employee of the Year award. This is a new award created to be given each year. He went on to read a letter he wrote describing her dedication. It reads as follows: Shelia Thomas began her career with the Coosa county Sheriff's Office on October 11, 2005. She worked her way from a part time employee, to Corrections, to Office Manager and currently serves the Coosa County Sheriff's Office as the Office Manager., I took office as Sheriff on January 15, 2019 and Ms. Thomas has been there every step of the way. Shelia has not only been there to perform her everyday duties but she has been faithfully committed to teaching me the process of the Coosa County Sheriff's Office. This has been a learning experience for me over the last year and Shelia has helped me make sure everything is operating smoothly within the office. Shelia has a strong work ethic and is not afraid to complete her tasks and assist others with their daily tasks. She makes sure the job is done and that the duty is done correctly. As the Sheriff of Coosa County, I am not only pleased to have her working with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office but I am honored that she chooses to serve with our office. Shelia, thank you so much for your hard work, dedication, and work ethic. It is with great honor that I present this award to Shelia Thomas.



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## 5 Years of Service Congratulations

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### Jamie D. Thornton

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate Jamie Thornton for her 5 years of service. Jamie is more than a face at our pistol permit window. As Office Assistant, Jamie handles the civil papers; which consist of processing and passing out all civil papers coming from our county and other counties and forwarding them to our deputies for service. She handles all of the information and reports for the



Neighborhood Watch Meetings. She checks the I & O reports, works with our Reserves and their agenda, enters in all warrants in our records system and many other duties. Her next biggest job is to manage our fleet. As Fleet Manager, she manages to keep the maintenance up on ALL of our vehicles, keep our deputies safe as they travel the roads in and out of Coosa County. Jamie provides information, forwards messages, and assists the Office Manager as needed. Assisting the public is Jamie's primary duty. From filling out bonds to

providing a listening ear, she is the first person to provide customer service. Congratulations, and thank you, Jamie, for your 5 Years of Service!

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you!



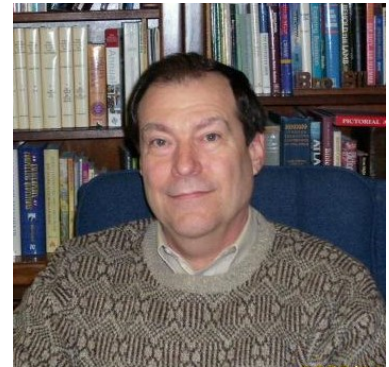
# STATS

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Calls to Service/ Activities	864	779	982	965	814	818	765	779	850	1002	940	894	10452
Daily Jail Inmate Average	32	33	36	40	38	32	28	32	31	31	28	26	32
Prisoner Transport s Made	12	27	18	20	12	13	11	16	17	20	4	17	187
Incident & Offense Police Reports	51	67	47	52	56	50	57	57	60	56	48	58	661
Arrests Made	42	32	38	39	48	55	31	41	51	33	42	31	483
Warrants Served	55	58	32	62	78	54	33	46	56	54	45	33	607
Traffic Stops	227	114	166	165	92	97	84	74	115	52	222	210	1,618
Patrol Miles Driven	26,350	21,054	22,343	26,113	25,958	23,524	25,452	28,290	22,095	26,714	25,803		273,696
Civil Papers Served	46	38	65	52	81	45	56	51	35	76	55	40	640
Pistol Permits Issued	159	156	167	109	108	94	130	96	84	80	91	135	1409
DUI Arrests	5	0	4	19	2	11	2	1	1	1	1	9	56
Drug Arrests	14	7	7	4	14	11	3	8	8	6	10	2	94
Sex Offenders Register	19	13	27	20	14	28	17	13	28	10	10	29	229



## 18 The Real Story of Christmas

Once upon a time, long, long ago, there lived a young lady named Mary. Mary was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Before they were married, and while she was still a virgin, Mary was found to be with child. God sent an angel named Gabriel to explain to Mary what was happening. Gabriel said, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.” Mary asked, “How can this be since I have not known a man?” And the angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”



Bro. Bill King Columnist

Joseph, being a just man, and not wanting to make Mary a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Now it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered to pay taxes. Everyone went to the city they were from to be registered. Joseph went from Nazareth, in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David. Mary accompanied him. So, while they were there in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her baby. Because so many had come to Bethlehem to register, there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn. So Mary brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger.

Now there were in the same country shepherds out in the fields watching over their sheep by night. An angel of the Lord appeared before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were greatly afraid. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you. You will find a Babe wrapped in saddling cloths, lying in a manger.” Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

After the angel left them, the shepherds went to Bethlehem to see this great thing that had happened. Just as they had been told, there they found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they told everyone what they had been told about this Child. All who heard them marveled at those things. The shepherds returned home glorifying and praising God for what they had seen and heard. Others, including wise men from the East, came to see Jesus too.

While many fun and interesting story have sprung up around Christmas, this is the real story of Christmas. I wish each and every one of you a blessed merry Christmas.



# Devotional

## Sentimental Celebration

By Pam Ford Davis



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I'm feeling sentimental. It's not sadness for the passing of another year or decade. Instead, I'm grateful for more than 5 decades of marriage to my beau and best friend. Celebrating our 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on December 30<sup>th</sup>; we plan to mark the occasion with a short trip out of town.

52 years... We had our first date on May 26, 1967. I might add that it was a blind date.

Yes, blind dates are risky; neither of us knew what to expect. In this case it was well worth the risk. Opposites do attract. This Syracuse Yankee gal fell in love with the WNDR Radio 'Good Guy Rebel.' We dated through the summer; became engaged in autumn and exchanged wedding vows after Christmas. Our first home was in Leland, Mississippi.

1 + 1 = 1

The equation may not be mathematically sound.

*"But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh ([Mark 10:6 NKJV](#))."*

Rev. Richard Bond shared a beautiful scripture passage during our marriage ceremony.

*"But Ruth said:*

*"Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me ([Ruth 1:16-17 NKJV](#))."*

## 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

# 2020 County Calendar of Events

## January

## of Events

1st	All Day	New Years Day
7th	All Day	Coosa School Students Start Back
20th	All Day	Martin Luther King Day



**Happy New Year!**



- AULD LANG SYNE
- BABY
- BALL
- BALLOONS
- CALENDAR
- CELEBRATION
- CHAMPAGNE
- CLOCK
- CONFETTI
- COUNTDOWN
- DANCING
- DECEMBER
- EVE

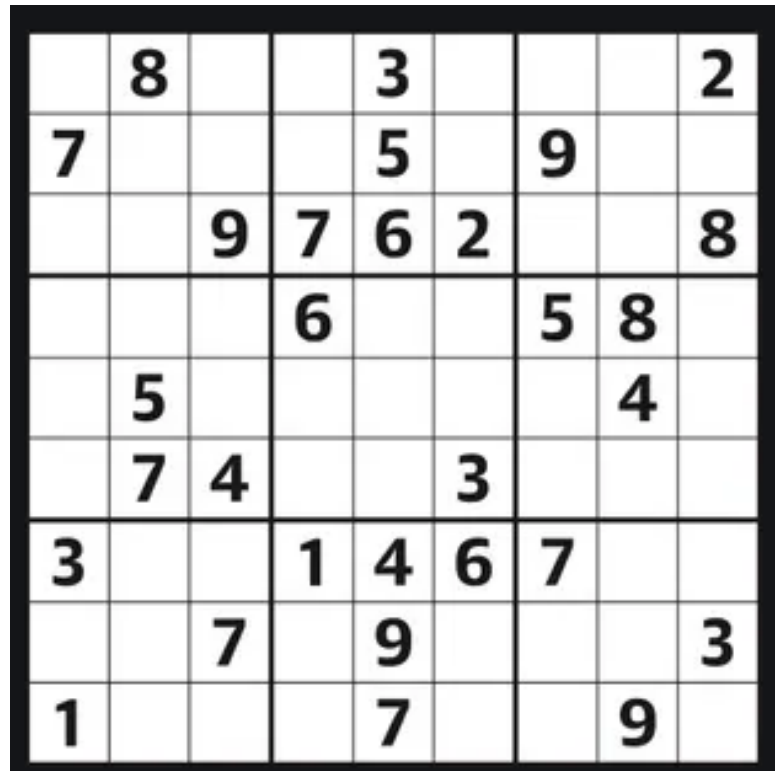
- FATHER TIME
- FIRECRACKER
- FIRST
- FLUTE
- GAMES
- GOWN
- HAPPY
- HAT
- HOURGLASS
- INVITATION
- JANUARY
- KISS
- MIDNIGHT

- MUSIC
- NOISE MAKER
- PARTY
- RESOLUTION
- SPARKLER
- STREAMER
- TIMES SQUARE
- TOAST
- TRADITION
- TUXEDO
- VOW
- YEAR



# Central Coosa Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Where
1/3	Talladega	4:30	Home
1/6	BB Comer	5:00	Away
1/9	Thorsby	5:00	Away
1/10	Reeltown	4:30	Away
1/13	Talladega	4:30	Home
1/14	Sylacauga	4:30	Home
1/16	Thorsby	5:00	Home
1/17	Childersburg	4:30	Away
1/23	Fayetteville	5:00	Home
1/24	Dadeville	4:30	Away
1/28	Reeltown	4:30	Home
1/31	BRHS	5:00	Away





# ***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.

- February 6 - 6:30 PM - Richville
- January 6 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- January 11 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- January 16 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka
- January 20 - 6:30 PM - Hanover