



Coosa Journal



News & Encouragement from the Coosa County Sheriff's Office



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**"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
(John 15:13)**

Sheriff Terry Wilson

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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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You are Invited to Attend:
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10:00 AM Sunday School
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Point of View

The choice is
for you to make

Teaching children can be fun. It is also exhausting. I have been there; done that; and have the scars to prove it.

I was reading the other day and came across this story:

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday School Class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"No!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

She was bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I

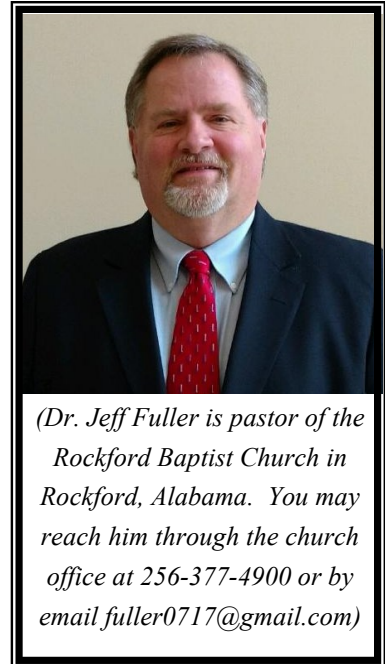
get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!"

I think this boy has got it, for sure! To get to heaven, you got to be dead! Yet, this teacher points out a real dilemma which is leading many astray.

Strangely there are those who think if you do good deeds, give away what you have, or take leadership positions in church, you will be guaranteed a place in heaven when you die.

Paul was clear regarding confession and belief in Romans 10:9-10 and Jesus said that



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The 3 C's of life:
CHOICES, CHANCES, CHANGES.
You must make a
choice to take a chance
or your life will never change.

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He was the only way to eternal life-heaven as home after death (John 14:6). He told the Rich, Young Ruler that God sent His Son into the world to save all who believe will be saved (John 3:16). To be able to go to heaven, after life here, one must have admitted their sin, believed that Jesus is the Savior, and confess Him as Savior and Lord of their lives. Paul even said, “No one who believes in Him will be put to shame...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:11, 13)

After one has come to know the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ then they will want to do all of the things she listed. A Christian wants to give, share, love, care, and show compassion. D.L. Moody said:

“I firmly believe today that the world is stumbling over us Christians. We are so conformed to the world that people do not see Christ in us.”

We are ambassadors of Christ and as an

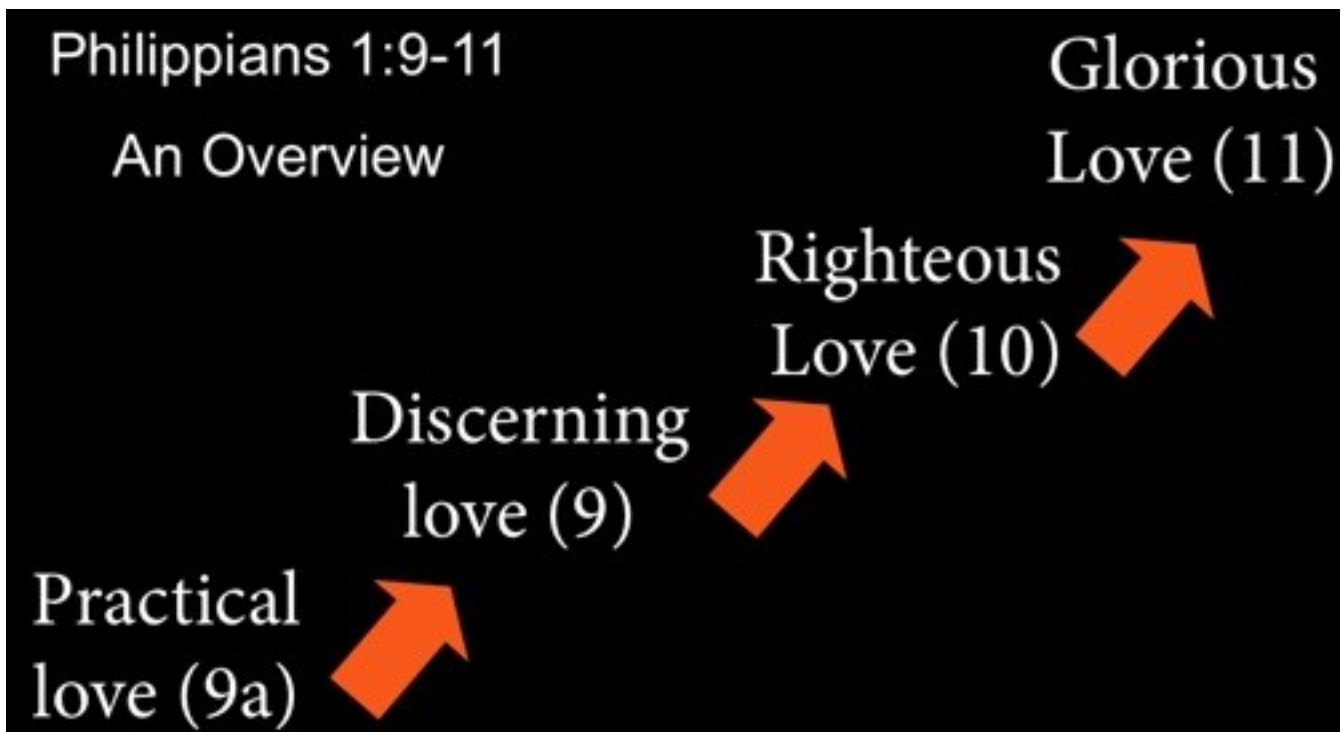
ambassador we are to be a reflection of who He is and what He does in this world. Christian disciples will learn from Him, live for Him and be His spokesman in this world.

Christians are to continue in His Word, love God and love others, bear fruit, and put Christ in all things.

“And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, so that you can approve the things that are superior and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that [comes] through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.” **Philippians 1:9-11 (HCSB)**

Once you are dead, you will either go to heaven or hell. The choice is for you to make!

Until next time...



June's Sheriff's Office Featured Article

2018 1st Quarter Review

May 2, 2018 the Coosa County Sheriff's Office met for the first quarter review. This is a time to gather around the tables, share a meal, laugh, and relax. With the meeting section beginning with the Sheriff welcoming everyone.

"This year I have declared as 'The Year to Raise Your Professional Value' which means to keep increasing your knowledge and skills, raising your worth with peers and supervisors, working hard, and challenging yourself to be better than you were," Sheriff Wilson stated. "My encouragement for all of you is to keep raising your values."

"As we look back over the first quarter, it has been another busy quarter, but for the most part, not a bad quarter."

The newest teammates were introduced by Sheriff Wilson.

- Shannon Fontaine, Correctional Officer/911 Operator
- Travis Ward, Correctional Officer/911 Operator
- Blake Richardson, Deputy

The Safety Brief was presented by Safety Officer Tim Lipscomb. Deputy Lipscomb took a moment to reflect on the statistics related to members of the Thin Blue Line who have died in the line of duty as of April 2018.

- **2018 Total Officers Down to Date = 48**
- **2018 Officers Feloniously Killed = 20**
- **2017 Officers Feloniously Killed = 46**

Breaking down those figures reflecting the first four months of the year, he pointed out the various incidents related to the death of our Law Enforcement Officers. By examining the inserted graphic, the leading cause of death was gunfire with 25 killed in a four-month period.



Blake Richardson



Shannon Fontaine



Travis Ward

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2017 FELONIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER LINE OF DUTY DEATH STATISTICS

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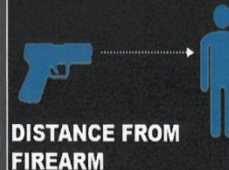
The number of law enforcement officers feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2017 (46) is slightly below the average of 46.5 deaths per year since 2012 and decreased 30% compared to 2016 (66), when two major attacks against law enforcement occurred in Dallas and Baton Rouge killing 11 officers.

TOTAL BY MONTH

	2016	2017
Jan	2	4
Feb	9	1
Mar	5	4
Apr	1	4
May	3	7
Jun	3	2
Jul	10	3
Aug	5	4
Sep	3	4
Oct	9	5
Nov	13	5
Dec	3	3

TYPE OF WEAPON USED

Handgun	31
Rifle	10
Shotgun	1
Knife	1
Vehicle	3



CIRCUMSTANCES

- 8 Traffic Violation Pursuit/Stop
- 7 Investigating Suspicious Person/Circumstance
- 5 Tactical Situation
- 5 Ambush
- 5 Investigative Activity
- 3 Unprovoked Attack
- 3 Attempting Other Arrest
- 3 Disturbance
- 2 Domestic Disturbance
- 2 Handling, Transporting, Custody of Prisoner
- 2 Felony Vehicle Traffic Pursuit/Stop
- 1 Robbery In Progress



TOTAL BY YEAR

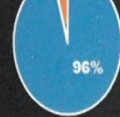


Front Head	13
Back Head	2
Side Head	6
Neck/Throat	3
Front Upper Torso/Chest	12
Rear Upper Torso/Back	1
Front Lower Torso/Stomach	2
Not Reported	7

INCIDENTS VS KILLED

Incidents	45
Killed	46

SOLUTION RATE



(U) Monthly Report, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Monthly Submission of LEOKA Preliminary Data, accessed 17 January 2018. Information collected by the FBI's LEOKA Program on line of duty deaths.



2018 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

This is a graphic presentation of data regarding line-of-duty deaths, both felonious and accidental, collected from law enforcement agencies across the United States and U.S. territories by the FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Program. This preliminary information is provided for officer safety studies, training, and other initiatives. The data are also published annually in the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted publication.



Law Enforcement Officers Killed	2018 to date	2017 same time
Feloniously	21	9
Accidentally	10	15

Officers Accidentally Killed: Type of Accident/Call for Service or Reason for Involvement

- 8 Motor vehicle crash (car/truck/SUV)
 - 3 Patrol
 - 1 Assisting another law enforcement officer
 - 1 Investigative/enforcement
 - 1 Pursuit
 - 1 Training
 - 1 Other (en route to training)
- 1 Pedestrian officer struck by vehicle (assisting citizen)
- 1 Drowning (patrol)

Officers Feloniously Killed: Weapons Used by Offenders

- 20 Officers were killed with firearms
 - 9 Handguns
 - 2 Rifles
 - 1 Shotgun
 - 8 Not reported
- 1 Officer was killed with a vehicle

Officers Feloniously Killed: Circumstance Encountered Upon Arrival at Scene of Incident

- 10 Investigative/enforcement
 - 7 Tactical situation
 - 1 Drug-related matter
 - 1 Investigative activity
 - 1 Investigate suspicious person/circumstance
- 5 Ambush (entrapment/premeditation)
- 3 Pursuit
 - 2 Foot
 - 1 Vehicular
- 1 Assist another law enforcement officer – Foot pursuit
- 1 Disorder/disturbance – Domestic violence
- 1 Respond to crime in progress – Assault

Officers Feloniously Killed: Location of Firearm Wounds

- 5 Front head
- 2 Neck/throat
- 2 Front upper torso/chest
- 1 Side head
- 1 Rear head
- 9 Not reported

Officers Feloniously and Accidentally Killed: By Region



The following are the reports given reflecting the accomplishments and achievements for the first quarter of the CCSO.

1st Quarter Statistics

Admin Statistics-

Pistol Permits Sold: JAN. 124; FEB. 125; MAR. 161

Jail Statistics

Average Population: JAN-39; FEB-27; MAR-29

Bookings: JAN-35; FEB-36; MAR-23

Law Enforcement Stats

Activities: JAN-728; FEB-643; MAR-693

Warrants Served: JAN-40; FEB-41; MAR-33

Civil Papers Served: JAN-79; FEB-52; MAR-65

Incident Reports Taken: JAN-48; FEB-39; MAR-28

1ST Quarter General Accomplishments

- Introduced and Obtained Approval of 3 Local Laws: Booking Fee, FTA Warrant Fee, and a Credit Card Use Authorization
- Upgraded to Digital Radios (Issued 70)
- Replaced/Upgraded Outdated Jail Security System
- Became Compliant with the new DOC P.R.E.A. Guidelines for Inmates
- Held Our First Baptisms of Jail Inmates (6 to date)
- Conducted Firearms Qualification for Reserves
- Held Our Annual Pancake Breakfast
- Solved Several Burglary and Theft Cases
- Made Several Drug Arrests
- Sheriff's Winter Conference - Sheriff
- Jail Management Training – Podoll & Otwell
- Symposium on Child Abuse – Burke
- Advisory Board Meeting – Sheriff
- Reserve Training - Criminal Investigation Class- Hodge & Embry



1st Quarter Reserve Accomplishments

- This Quarter The Reserve Unit Contributed 1089.5 Hours Of Service
- Provided Safety And Security For Numerous Community Events
- Provided Numerous Hours Of Patrolling With Our Deputies
- Assisted With Our COACH Fundraising Events

Management Staff Reports:

Chief Deputy: Chief Joseph Davidson

- Qualifications are underway and 70% are complete.
- Sex Offender verifications will be starting this month.
- Completed New Deputy Inventories
- Cold Case Preparation for Upcoming Presentations

Jail Administrator: Cpt. Mike Mull

- Issuance of Keycards-For now only Administrative Personnel
- New Security Features-Wash Bay Run, Intercom on Kitchen Door, Attic Barrier, Holding Cell Door (still waiting)
- A lot of New Hires with a lot of training still ongoing

Office Manager: Shelia Thomas

- Completed Yearly UCR Reports
- Completed Several New Employee Packets
- Wellness Screening & Open Enrollment for Multiple Insurances
- Prepared for the Sheriff’s “All You Can Eat” Breakfast
- Handled Numerous Vehicle Challenges
- Served and Assisted with Four Writs of Execution
- Assisted with Multiple Southern Software Issues

C.O.A.C.H. Event Updates

From the inception of Cancer Outreach and Community Hope (C.O.A.C.H.) the CCSO has “gone above and beyond the call of duty” to help those who have gone through the dreadful ordeal of cancer. As C.O.A.C.H. continues to service the community, 2018 has been another year for the Sheriff’s Office to do their part in raising funds and awareness.

This year, Sheriff Wilson has taken it as his personal responsible to coordinate the fundraising efforts. With a goal of \$7,000, events have been carried out to aid in raising that money for victims of cancer in Coosa County.



- Sheriff’s “All You Can Eat” Breakfast-102 Plates Sold with \$488 in Profit Made
- Sheriff’s Café Held April 19th

Awards and Recognitions

Awards and Recognitions were handed out. Employees were recognized for Most DUI Arrests, Most 911 Calls taken, Most civil papers served, etc. The Sheriff and Management

Staff appreciate all the dedicated service given by the employees. Also, Deputy Josh Jones was given a 10 Years Loyal & Dedicated Service Award.

During the meeting, Shelia Thomas and Jamie Thornton were recognized for the continuous hard work as part of celebrating Administrative Day (which was April 25). We thank these two special individuals for the part they play in keeping everything running smoothly for the Sheriff's Office.

In recognition of the following events during this year, we offer our heartfelt "Thank You" and deep gratitude for the work all do for Law Enforcement in Coosa County.

- National Telecommunications Week-April 8th – April 14th
- National Correctional Officer Week-May 6th – May 12th
- National Police Week-May 13th – May 19th

Sheriff Wilson says, "Thank you all for continually 'Serving and Protecting' the Citizens of our County and each other. You have all done a really great job".



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Future Challenges

April (*Accomplishments*): Sheriff's Café, Weogufka Mule Day, Talladega Race Weekend, National Drug Takeback Day

May 4th Ribs, Rhythm, and Remembrance at West Coosa.

May 19th and 20th Hatchet Creek Float Festival

June 5th Election

"As Sheriff of Coosa County, I declare the first quarter of 2018 another successful quarter. Thanks for what you're doing and keep up the good work! Thank you all for your dedicated service and being great public servants!"

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"Oh, I saw the sign, officer, but my car can go a lot faster than that!"

News from the Sheriff's



Reserves

Father's Day Can Be Tough

This will be my second Father's Day without my dad. Even though I was blessed to have my father for 54 years, I still possess a tremendous sense of loss. My dad was a great father and husband to my mother for 63 years. He worked with his hands in the automotive industry for many years and then continued to use his hands as a woodcarver or as he called it, "a whittler."

He was a man of God, an ordained deacon and a member of the masonic lodge for 55 years. He provided everything we needed as a family including material things and spiritual guidance. I miss him every day and Father's Day is especially tough. I am so extremely blessed to have had such a wonderful dad. While I selfishly wish he was still here with me, I know that he is in heaven and wouldn't come back, even if he could. I'm thankful I will see him again.

As I viewed the online Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP), as I do on a regular basis, I began to think of the officers listed there and the children they have left behind this year. As of this writing, sixty-five Officers have died in the line of duty this year, including a deputy in Tennessee today. Sixty-two of those officers were men. Reading the accounts of their deaths revealed that collectively they were the fathers of nearly 100 children. Many of these children are young. One being born four days after his father was killed. What a tremendous loss.

The fathers of these children knew their calling was a dangerous one. These children did not choose their fathers' profession. They definitely did not choose that their father would not make it home at the end of the shift. They may or may not have been old enough to understand their dad was fulfilling a vital role in our society. Today's anti-police sentiment often paints all law enforcement officers with a broad brush. While I understand there are bad police officers, I believe they are the exception to the rule. As a career law enforcement officer, it is difficult to listen to the absurd assertions often made by unlearned individuals. Folks who denigrate the police often fail to realize the officers they hate are still likely to enter the fray to protect them. They obviously fail to remember the police are the ones who run toward the gunfire when others flee in panic. As a matter of fact, many officers are injured protecting those who hate them. And while it may leave a bad taste in the officer's mouth, they continue to do their job.

While some would propose we could all coexist fine without the police, I feel that is a



naïve viewpoint. It is difficult to coexist with folks who are determined to hurt or kill you and take the things you hold dear. One proponent of a police free society stated they felt there was some good in everyone. A retired police officer replied, "you haven't met everyone." I have to wonder what our society would be like without the thin blue line.

At this time of year, I can't help but think of how law enforcement officers whether they have children or not, are akin to fathers in that they are protectors. Whether protecting folks from an abuser, a thief, or a drunk driver. It's the law enforcement officer who watches over you.

If your father is living, reach out to him on Father's Day. If you get a chance, reach out to an officer and thank them for what he or she does as well. And please say a prayer for the fatherless. They need it.


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

**Reserves Meeting:
 June 12, 2018
 At 6:00 PM at
 E911 building**

**Top 5
 Reserve Deputy
 Hours
 May**

Don Hodge	137 hrs.
Doug Smith	75 hrs.
Bill Embry	39.5 hrs.
Jesse Yarbrough	...	37 hrs.
James Ward	30.5 hrs.
<u>Total Reserve Deputy Hours</u>		
478 hours		

A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 and 6. He seemed irritated when I answered 'kindergarten!'



Comedy Club 24/7
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OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE

 REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

Total Officers Down = 65
As of May 31, 2018

Month:	Type Of Death:
January: 9	911 Related: 5
February: 13	Assault: 1
March: 13	Auto Crash: 16
April: 14	Drowned: 1
May: 17	Gunfire: 29
	Heat attack: 6
	Struck by Vehicle: 2
	Vehicle Pursuit: 2
	Vehicular Assault: 2

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Sheriff's May

Arrest Report

- On May 1st Lt. Keel arrested Austin Patrick Hall from Randolph, AL. on Grand Jury Indictments for Theft of Property 2nd X 4, Burglary 3rd X 4, and Criminal Mischief 3rd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 45,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 3rd Deputy Richardson arrested Jeffery Dewayne Pody from Weogufka, AL. on a warrant for Theft of Property 4th. He was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On May 4th Deputy Davenport arrested Lisa Ann Davis 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 May 5th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Andrew Lin Joiner from Weogufka, AL. on the charge of Theft of Property 3rd. He was processed and released on a \$ 5,000 to await trial.
- On May 7th Lt. Keel arrested James O'Brien Spears from Kellyton, AL. on warrants for Destruction of Property by an Inmate and Identity Theft. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$10,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 8th 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 May 12th Deputy Richardson arrested Wade Lee Champion from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear / Driving While Revoked, Switched Tag, Improper Passing, Failure to Display Insurance, Speeding and Failure to Register Vehicle. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 6,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 13th Deputy Richardson arrested Clayton Edward Spradley from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear / Driving While Suspended. He was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial..
- On May 15th Capt. Hammond arrested Gregory Earl Thomas from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Theft of Property 2nd, Theft of Property 4th, and Burglary 3rd X 2. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 62,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 15th Deputy Jones arrested Douglas Wayne McDonald from Stewartville, AL. on a warrant for Domestic Violence 3rd/Assault. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,500 bond

to await trial.

- On May 16th Lt. Keel arrested Michael Luke Vermillion from Coldwater, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Failure to Display Insurance and Attempting to Elude. He was processed and released on a \$4000 bond to await trial.
- On May 18th Deputy Rudd arrested Naporcha Loraine Swain from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Operating a Vehicle with a Learners License. She was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 18th Lt. Keel arrested Ryan Blake Taylor from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail to serve a 5-Day Drug Court Sanction.
- On May 18th Deputy Richardson arrested Camryn Seth Collier from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay / Theft of Property 4th. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On May 21st Capt. Hammond arrested Curtis Lekelvin Robinson from Montgomery, AL. on Grand Jury Indictments for Theft of Property 1st, Theft of Property 2nd, and Burglary 3rd X 2 . He was processed and released on a \$ 40,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 22nd Lt. Burke arrested George Edward Mehan from Jacksons Gap, AL. on Grand Jury Indictments for Theft of Property 4th and Burglary 3rd. He was processed and released on a \$12,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 22nd Lt. Keel arrested Joshua Ryan Windsor from Alexander City, AL. on Grand Jury Indictments for Theft of Property 1st and Burglary 3rd. He was processed and released on a \$ 10,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 22nd Lt. Keel arrested Allen Raye Wesson from Alexander City, AL. on Grand Jury Indictments for Theft of Property 4th and Burglary 3rd. He was processed and released on a \$ 12,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 22nd Deputy Richardson arrested Diego Quatez Johnson from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Menacing. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,500 bond to await trial.
- On May 26th Deputy Rudd arrested Joshua Glenn Saffold from Goodwater, AL. on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2nd, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Concealed Pistol without a Permit. He was processed and released on a \$ 9,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 26th Deputy Rudd arrested Kytn William Wentzell from Goodwater, AL. on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 7,000 bond to await trial.
- On May 27th Deputy Richardson arrested Arthur David Payne from Eclectic, AL. on a Grand Jury Indictment for Theft of Property 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 100,000 bond to await trial.

Recent News

Enterprise Man Arrested for Drug Charge

A man from south Alabama was arrested in Stewartville on a drug-related felony charge. On April 24 deputies received a call from a probation officer requesting assistance in locating an individual who had left a drug rehabilitation program.

Deputies and probation officers were in the Stewartville community along U.S. Highway 231 when they saw an individual who matched the person's description. The individual was in a vehicle, which was then pulled over on County Road 78.

While investigating the stopped vehicle and its occupants, it was determined that the driver was the individual that Probation and Parole was looking for. Additionally, the passenger, 29-year-old Phillip Dwain Ryals of Enterprise, was found to be in possession of a small amount of methamphetamine.

Both subjects were transported to the Coosa County Jail in Rockford without incident. Ryals was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, and his bond was set at \$5,000. He remains in custody at the county jail awaiting trial.



Phillip Dwain Ryals

Inmate Arrested for Two Felony Charges

An inmate in custody at the Coosa County Jail in Rockford was arrested on additional charges while still in custody.

On May 1, a report was filed at the Sheriff's Office for an inmate destroying jail property, specifically tearing up sleeping mats.

At approximately the same time this report was filed, another inmate sent a message through the jail system's kiosk asking them to check his account balance. He reportedly had approximately \$20 on his account, but when he checked it he saw that it had decreased to about 50 cents.

While investigating this matter, it was discovered that multiple calls had been placed under that inmate's account by the same inmate who allegedly destroyed jail property.

On May 7, 22-year-old James O'Brien Spears of the Cottage Grove community was arrested and charged with identity theft and destruction of property by an inmate. Both are felony charges.

His bonds were set at \$5,000 per charge, making his total bond \$10,000. As of press time, he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail.

On Monday, May 14, Spears' probation was also revoked for probation violation.



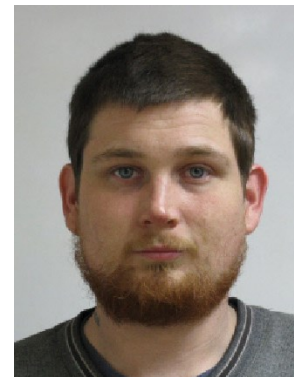
James O'Brien Spears

Richville Man Arrested for Theft

A Richville man was arrested in connection with a theft case from the same community.

On April 25, the Sheriff's Office took a report from the Richville area stating that the victim had a dirt bike stolen from his yard.

On May 5, the Sheriff's Office received information concerning where the victim's dirt bike could be located. However, during a follow-up investigation by a deputy, it was discovered that the bike had been moved from where the caller stated it could be found. Further investigation led to Andrew Lin Joiner's residence in the Richville area. After talking with him, deputies determined that he was the suspect involved in stealing the dirt bike.



Andrew Lin Joiner

Joiner, 29 years old of Richville, was arrested May 5 for third-degree theft of property, which is a Class D felony. As of press time, the dirt bike had not yet been recovered.

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

Montevallo Man Arrested for Lake Home Burglaries



Austin Patrick Hall

A young man from Montevallo was arrested on multiple burglary and theft charges relating to the January burglaries of lake homes in Coosa County. Between January 25 and January 30, 2018, numerous burglaries were reported in the Hidden Valley area of Coosa County, with lake homes being targeted. During those thefts, a firearm, several televisions, video games, and a variety of electronic devices and other items were taken. Additionally, at one residence, the suspect unplugged a deep freezer to ruin its contents while not taking anything from inside the freezer.

A total of four homes were targeted in these cases. A camera caught photographs of the suspect's vehicle, but he had removed the tag from the vehicle. The investigation led deputies to a residence in Montevallo where the vehicle was located. However, the vehicle's owner explained that he had loaned his truck to someone "a while back." The owner recognized his vehicle from photographs posted on Facebook and was cooperative with deputies in providing information.

A search of the truck revealed some of the items from the burglaries, as well as numerous pawn tickets from pawn shops in the Birmingham area. Deputies were able to recover most of the allegedly stolen items at those pawn shops. On May 1, the investigation culminated in the arrest of 22-year-old Austin Patrick Hall of the Montevallo area. He was charged with four counts of third-degree burglary, four counts of second-degree theft of property and one count of third-degree criminal mischief. The criminal mischief charge stemmed from unplugging the deep freezer at one residence. Hall's bonds were set at \$5,000 per charge, making his total bond \$45,000. He remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.

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

Matthew 5:9

Alexander City Man Arrested for Equality Burglary,

An Alexander City man was arrested on burglary and theft charges related to two separate cases. On April 24 and April 26, the Sheriff's Office took reports from two different victims in the Equality area. One of the reports was for the theft from an Equality business, Gypsy Soul.

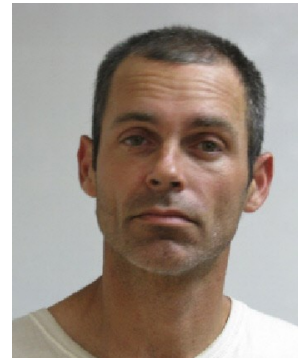
During the initial investigation, upon speaking with the store owner and a witness, the owner provided information that an individual had been hanging around her shop the day of the burglary. She reported that he appeared to be under the influence of drugs while he was perusing her shop.

Later, a witness had found some items around his yard that appeared to be from the Gypsy Soul business. A deputy returned those items to the shop owner. It was learned that the suspect was in the witness's yard the night of the burglary. The witness stated that the suspect appeared to be pulling something. Information was further gained from the witness that the suspect's name was Gregory Earl Thomas. The witness was able to determine the name of the suspect because reportedly Thomas previously lived in the Equality community.

The burglary that occurred on April 26 was also near the business that was burglarized. During further investigation, it was determined that 37-year-old Thomas of Alexander City was the suspect in both cases.

On May 16, Thomas was arrested and charged with third-degree burglary and second-degree theft of property for the business case, as well as third-degree burglary and fourth-degree theft of property for theft from a shed near the business. Most items from both burglaries were recovered.

Thomas's bonds were set at \$25,000 for each burglary charge; \$10,000 for the second-degree theft charge; and \$2,000 for the fourth-degree theft charge, making his total bond amount \$62,000. He is currently out on bond. He was out on bond with two other agencies.



Gregory Earl Thomas

Policeman's Prayer

When I start my tour of duty God,
wherever crime may be,
as I walk the darkened streets alone,
let me be close to Thee.

Please give me understanding
with both the young and old.
Let me listen with attention
until their story's told.

Let me never make a judgement
in a rash or callous way,
but let me hold my patience,
let each man have his say.

Lord if some dark and dreary night,
I must give my life,
Lord, with your everlasting love
protect my children and my wife.

You Can't Make a Tomato Sandwich Without a Tomato

Sometimes, there is nothing quite as good as a homemade tomato sandwich, especially in the middle of the hot summer when they are fresh from the garden. That and a cold glass of milk, or a tall iced tea, is the stuff Kings eat – well, these Kings do. Of course, we can buy tomatoes almost any time of year, but in the winter, they don't taste like tomatoes. As a matter of fact, they don't taste like anything. They may look beautiful, but please don't be fooled by looks. I can usually tell I'm eating one because I'm chewing on something, but not because of the flavor. They don't taste bad, they don't taste anything! You might as well eat one of those plastic ones out of that fruit bowl sitting on your mama's dining room table. If you want tomato flavor, pour a little ketchup on them. The best option for a tomato sandwich that time of year, is a peanut butter and banana sandwich. Just forget about the tomatoes until next summer.



Bro Bill King Columnist

The best tomato sandwiches, in my humble opinion, are made with fresh soft white loaf bread, a generous covering of Duke's mayonnaise on both sides, and a little salt and pepper. If you want to get fancy, add a slice of cheese, or even a couple of pieces of bacon, but be careful, if you add lettuce it is no longer a tomato sandwich but a BLT. A few nights ago, Jean and I were trying to decide what to have for dinner. We had eaten a big lunch, so neither of us was terribly hungry. One of us said, "A tomato sandwich would be good, except we don't have any tomatoes." I volunteered to make a quick grocery store run. Jean said, "Pick up a bag of chips to go with it." I knew that meant two bags of chips, well, for two reasons. One is because they usually have a "buy one get one free" on chips. The other reason is because Jean likes barbecue chips with her tomato sandwich, and I like salt and vinegar with mine. I got back home and unbagged the groceries. I pulled out soft white bread, two bags of chips, and a giant block of extra sharp cheddar cheese that is so strong it will whiten your teeth. The cheese wasn't on the list, but I went ahead and bought it in case we decided to get fancy. Jean looked around at everything and asked, "Where are the tomatoes?" Remember what I said earlier about just forgetting about the tomatoes? That's exactly what I had done. I had forgotten the tomatoes. You can't make a tomato sandwich without tomatoes, but you can make a banana sandwich, or a bacon and cheese sandwich, without them.



Well, I've come to that age when I get free coffee at some places. This also means that I need to make a grocery list and then remember to look at it. As you probably know, Monday is Memorial Day. This a holiday to help us remember. No, not what we went to store to buy. It is a day to remember those who sacrificed their lives so that we might live in freedom in this great nation of ours. According to the figures I've read, 657,961 Americans have died on the battle fields and another 310,178 have died in the theatres of war. May we never forget to remember those who gave everything, even for those of us whom they didn't even know. Thank You!

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God's Will

By Pam Ford Davis

God offers eternal life.

It is His will ...

“Everyone the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of Him who sent Me: that I should lose none of those He has given Me but should raise them up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day (John 6:37-40 HCSB).”

His work...

The power that was at work in Jesus' resurrection is *at work in me*.

I cannot fully comprehend the reality of that truth. I am weak and fail my Father. Yet, Holy Spirit power dwells within my frail frame. He wills. He works. He has work for me to do in His kingdom. He calls, empowers, equips and enables. I accept His call, acknowledge and accept His Holy Spirit power. I make use of His armor and sword (the Bible). I believe that He is at work 24-7.

Scripture Encouragement

“For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose.”

(Philippians 2:13 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



County Calendar *of Events*

June

1 st	10-2	Rockford Market Day
4 th	All Day	Jefferson Davis Birthday– State Holiday
5 th	7-7	Election Day
7 th	6:00	COACH Meeting at Stewartville VFD
14 th	All Day	Flag Day
17 th	All Day	Father's Day

July

4 th	All Day	Independence Day (State/County Holiday)
6 th	10-2	Rockford Market Day
17 th	7-7	Election Day Run-Off

August

3 rd	9 am- 2pm	Rockford Market Day
6 th	All Day	Coosa County School Starts

September

7 th	9 am- 2pm	Rockford Market Day
3 rd	All Day	Labor Day (State/County Holiday)

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
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 Family Health	256-377-4366
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.

- June - Richville Meeting Canceled
- June 4 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- June 11 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- June 21 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka