

# 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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## ***Police Officers Prayer***

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

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# Point of View

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## It Ain't My Fault

Every heard that? Ever said it?

Listening to a country song the other day (yes, sometimes I do listen to other genres of music) and Brothers Osborne caught my attention. The song speaks of a man who doggedly, humorously refuses to own up to his own actions. He blames improper behavior on a number of things, but it ain't his fault.

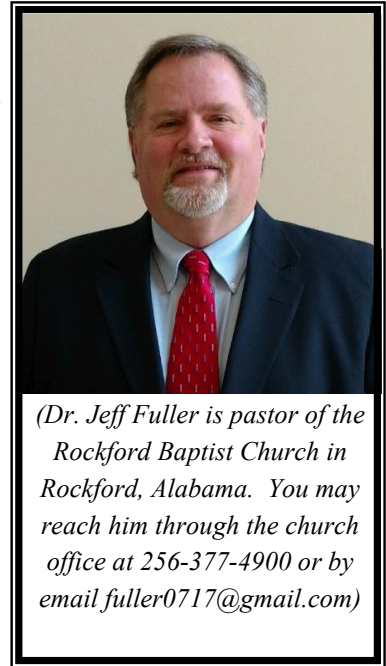
It is that stubborn, prideful, unable willing to accept responsibility for things we have done that causes us to blame our actions on any number of things. I guess we could list off the things which would make that happen, but we all know the list all too well. Yet, I will say that the most offensive inexcusable excuse is "this is the way I am." A person is blaming their upbringing, their birthright, their parents, their...anything and everything in their past and saying this is what has defined them, making them do these things which they will eventually say, "it ain't my fault."

The chorus says:

*"But it ain't my fault  
No it ain't my fault  
Mighta had a little fun  
Lotta wrong I'd done  
But it ain't my fault."*

In the Bible we find numerous examples of this statement. The individual or group of people did not outright say the phrase, "it ain't my fault," but they refused to take blame for the wrong they committed. Think about:

- ⇒ Adam, he said, "The woman You gave to be with me—she gave me {some fruit} from the tree, and I ate." Genesis 3:12 (HCSB)
- ⇒ Potiphar's wife tempted Joseph and he refused her offer of immoral relations by saying he could not do such a thing against God. She, "put Joseph's garment beside her until his master came home. Then she told him... 'The Hebrew slave you brought to us came to make a fool of me, but when I screamed for help, he left his garment with me and ran outside.'" Genesis 39:16-18 (HCSB)



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**I was angry at God until I came to understand that it isn't God's fault when people mistreat me. I still have my doubts at times, but I try to remember that God has given them the same free will that He's given me.**

**—Jennifer Hudson Taylor**

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⇒ Moses had a troubling past before God called him to lead His people. When he was 40 years-old, he became incensed when he discovered an Egyptian taskmaster beating a Hebrew slave—so he killed him and buried him in the sand. Instead of dealing with the consequence of being found-out, he fled Egypt and began a new life.

These are just a few of those who in Old Testament history refused to take responsibility for their wrong actions, say in effect, “it ain’t my fault.”

What about in the New Testament? I think of the woman caught in adultery and the men who wanted her stoned (John 8:1-11), Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-2), and the Laodicea Church (Revelation 3:14-22)

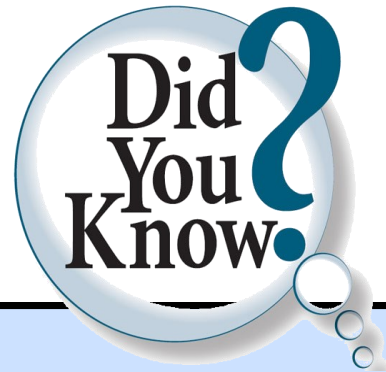
Taking responsibility means admitting we have sinned, believing that Jesus is the only way we can have forgiveness, and confessing our sin to God and to others. Romans 10:9-10 says:

*“If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.” Romans 10:9-10 (HCSB)*

We have been saved from an old life to a new life in Christ. We are to live as light to a world which needs to see Christ and they will do so through our actions. May we follow Him and live for Him, revealing a changed life.

“You were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler who exercises authority over the lower heavens, the spirit now working in the disobedient. We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, made us alive with the Messiah even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!” Ephesians 2:1-5 (HCSB)

Until next time...



There is a “Right of Way” Law in Alabama regarding emergency vehicles. It is found in Alabama Code Section 32-5A-115. It states:

Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle equipped with at least one lighted lamp and audible signal as is required by law, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

# *Sheriff's Office*

## **Featured Article**

### **IDENTITY THEFT**

Robocalls, foreign operators requesting personal information, unexpected bills, calls from the IRS demanding immediate payment for taxes not expected...these are all signs there is someone trying to steal your identity.

These types of calls may come in all forms. Recent reports are countless: grandmothers bilked out of life savings to rescue a grandchild from potential of jail time; credit cards used for purchases you did not make; credit extended which you did not apply to receive. The list is long and the news is filled with these kinds of things taking place in every corner of our nation and the world. It is such a problem that the Better Business Bureau reported last year being the highest year in ID Theft cases.

Some may ask, "Why should I care if someone steals my Identity?" The answer is simple: You will be responsible for what the thief does while using your personal information. You might have to pay for what the thief buys. This is true even if you do not know about the bills. Sadly, many cases go unnoticed until it is too late. Now is the time to do something about it, before you are caught in a situation which will cause you extreme heartaches.

Another more important question is: "How do I know if someone steals my identity?"

Sometimes, you can tell if someone steals your identity by simply being observant. Two things which are important:

- Read your bills. Do you see charges for things you did not buy?
- Watch your bank account statement. Are there withdrawals you did not make? Are there changes you do not expect?

The term *identity theft* was coined in 1964 and is defined as "the fraudulent acquisition and use of a person's private identifying information, usually for financial gain." This is an act of stealing personal, private information and using it as a way to gain access to a person's financial records for profit.

"Identity theft is the deliberate use of someone else's identity, usually as a method to gain a financial advantage or obtain credit and other benefits in the other person's name, and perhaps to the other person's disadvantage or loss. The person whose identity has been assumed may suffer adverse consequences if they are held responsible for the perpetrator's actions. Identity theft occurs when someone uses another's personally identifying information, like their name, identifying number (Social Security Number), or credit card number, without their permission, to commit fraud or other crimes."

Identity thieves typically obtain and exploit personally identifiable information about individuals, or various credentials they use to authenticate themselves, in order to impersonate them. Examples include: Rummaging through trash for personal information (dumpster diving); Using public records about individual citizens, published in official registers such as electoral rolls; Stealing bank or credit cards, identification cards, passports, authentication tokens ... typically by pickpocketing, housebreaking or mail theft; skimming information from bank or

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credit cards using compromised or hand-held card readers, and creating clone cards, or Shoulder-Surfing which involves an individual who discreetly watches or hears others providing valuable personal information. This is particularly done in crowded places because it is relatively easy to observe someone as they fill out forms, enter PIN numbers on ATM's or even type passwords on smartphones; stealing personal information from computers using breaches in browser, security or malware such as Trojan horse keystroke logging programs or other forms of spyware. And the list goes on and on.

The above list gives several things thieves use in order to gain important information to conduct their task of theft by deception. At a time of year when tax refunds and filing of taxes is on some many minds, it is important to remember there may be someone calling regarding unpaid taxes or requesting banking information for routing a refund from the IRS. This too is a scam! **The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels.**

There are already reports and calls regarding this type of activity going on in Coosa County. Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses your stolen Social Security number to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund. You may be unaware that this has happened until you e-file your return and discover that a return already has been filed using your SSN. Or, the IRS may send you a letter saying a suspicious return identified using your SSN.

Be alert to possible tax-related identity theft if you are contacted by the IRS or your tax professional/provider about:

- More than one tax return was filed using your SSN.
- You owe additional tax, refund offset or have had collection actions taken against you for a year you did not file a tax return.
- IRS records indicate you received wages or other income from an employer for whom you did not work.

Identity theft is a serious crime that can be ruinous to your finances and credit score. Even if you catch a breach quickly, resolving the damage may be costly and time-consuming.

Fortunately, you can take steps to protect

## Fraud victim turns tables on suspect

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One fraud victim set the perfect trap to catch the crooks who stole her identity. "I found credit cards that I did not apply for in the mailbox," Sisc Johnson said. That's when she knew something was wrong. So, she began making calls. "I went to the credit union and found out that I not only had credit cards, and bank accounts, checking accounts, savings, lines of credit," Johnson said. The situation was even worse. Her DMV account had been hacked. She had multiple car loans and even corporations created in her name. "The person who stole my identity, bailed somebody out of jail twice," Johnson said. So, when a bail bondsman called asking for money because a suspect didn't appear in court, she got an idea. "I found him on Facebook and then I created a Facebook profile in his name and then friend requested all his family and friends and then wrote and posted everything he had done to me," Johnson said. She quickly got his attention. "He called me in a panic and saying 'please take it down, my mom doesn't know, my family doesn't know that I've been to jail,' and all this stuff. I said who bailed you out of jail? He said, 'I can't remember.' I said, then I can't remember my password," Johnson said.

Eventually, she got the names. Postal Inspectors say Kamali Rives and Rashon Bohannon were the ring leaders of multiple fraud and identity theft schemes with losses of over \$2 million. Investigators say the duo used personal information given to them by a bank employee. Postal Inspectors say it would be hard to prevent such fraud, but containing the damage is essential. "The victims who kept the closest tabs on their checking account, who checked it the most often, those were the ones who were able to minimize the damage," says Postal Inspector Nathaniel Sims. "You lock your doors to your house because you want to keep it secure. Freeze your credit. It takes ten minutes," Johnson added.

Johnson admits to being overwhelmed and not knowing where to start in terms of resolving her identity theft case. Victims should always report their case to local police. Victims can also log on to the Federal Trade Commission's website and click on Report ID Theft on their home page, [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov).

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yourself and your sensitive information. Here are nine ways you can minimize the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft or fraud:

**Shred your documents.** Don't toss bank statements and credit card receipts in the trash.

Dispose of them using a cross-cut shredder or shredding service.

**Strengthen your passwords.** Use random combinations of letters, numbers and special characters. Create different passwords for each account and change them frequently.

**Check your credit reports.** You're entitled to one free credit report every year from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. Request one report every four months and review it for suspicious or incorrect information.

**Guard your Social Security Number.** Avoid sharing it when it's not absolutely necessary, and don't keep it, or your Social Security card, in your wallet.

**Be smart about social media.** Consider leaving personal details, such as your birthday or address, off your profiles. Strengthen your privacy settings and be cautious about whom you accept as a connection.

**Secure your phone.** Lock your device with a password, turn off Bluetooth when you're not using it, and be cautious when downloading apps — especially free versions of popular apps, which may contain malware.

**Know the signs of phishing.** Watch out for emails, links or unsolicited phone calls, asking for your personal information.

**Monitor your financial statements.**

Report any suspicious activity in your bank and credit card accounts as soon as you notice it.

**Keep your mail safe.** Swiping your mail is one of the easiest ways for a thief to steal your identity. Consider using a locked mailbox or P.O. box, and have the post office hold your mail if you go out of town.

If you think you may be a victim of ID Theft, contact the Coosa County Sheriff's Office and ask to speak to a deputy. You will be advised of the process to file the appropriate reports and the course of action which you will need to take. You may also stop by the Office and ask for the booklet: Identity Theft; Protect Yourself, Know What To Do.

Following these guidelines can help you keep sensitive information private. But remember, you must be proactive to protect your personal information. These tips won't be much help after your identity is stolen.

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## Identity Theft

Identity theft is a serious crime. Identity theft happens when someone uses information about you without your permission. They could use your: name and address; credit card or bank account numbers; Social Security number; and medical insurance account numbers.

### How can a thief steal my identity?

A thief can get your personal information in person or online. Here are some ways thieves might steal someone's identity. A thief might:

steal your mail or garbage to get your account numbers or your Social Security Number

trick you into sending personal information in an email

steal your account numbers from a business or medical office

steal your wallet or purse to get your personal information

## News from the Sheriff's



# Reserves

### *The Better To See You With*

I definitely don't have to tell you we have had more than our share of wet weather during the past few months. While we are feeling drenched now, I'm sure it won't be long until we will be saying we need some rain. It seems we are seldom satisfied.

Wet weather brings with it several driving hazards. If you could hear the Sheriff's office radio on a rainy day or night you would very likely hear a report of a vehicle that has hydroplaned on either Highway 231 or 280. This is indeed a very frequent occurrence.



The term hydroplaning is commonly used to refer to skidding or sliding uncontrollably due to the tires encountering more water than the treads can displace. When driving at high speeds over wet pavement, the water begins to push the front tires off the ground slightly, creating a thin film between the tire and the road. That film, and the resulting separation of the road and tire, causes the driver to lose steering, braking and power control.

While hydroplaning can occur on any wet road surface, experts caution that the first 10 minutes of a light rain can be the most dangerous. Rain falling on the roadway loosens oil and other substances that have dried on the road which creates slippery conditions.

When driving in wet conditions you should first and foremost slow down. Speed limits are set for optimum driving conditions. When the road is wet you should slow down. In addition, experts say you should not use your cruise control while driving in the rain. Drivers should avoid quick turns and should not drive through puddles and standing water. Insuring your tires have good tread and are inflated properly will help you avoid hydroplaning. When possible, it is advisable to drive in the tire tracks left by other vehicles since much of the water will have already been displaced, meaning there's more space for your tire to make full contact with the pavement.

Lastly, let me climb on my soapbox for just a minute and tell you one other factor that is extremely important when driving in the rain. Turn your headlights on!

Alabama traffic law 32-5-240 says:

a) When lighted headlamps required.

(1) Every vehicle upon a highway within this state shall display lighted lamps and illuminating devices required by this section for different classes of vehicles at the following times:



- a. From a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise.
- b. **At any time when the windshield wipers of the vehicle are in use because of rain, sleet, or snow**, except when the use is intermittent because of misting rain, sleet, or snow.
- c. At any time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet.

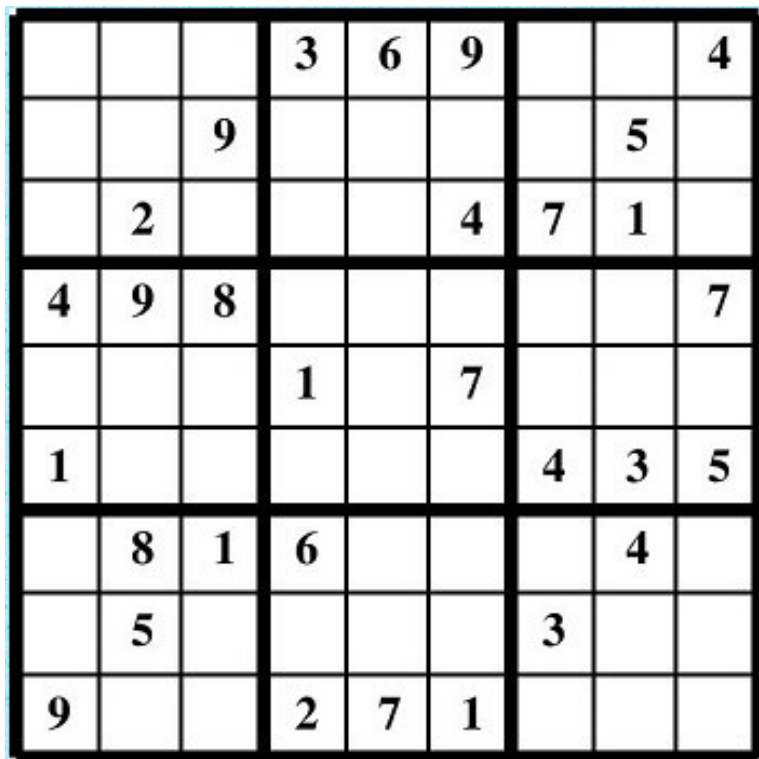
Ironically, anytime you stop someone for not having their lights on whether in the rain or at dusk their response is, "Well I could see without them." Many times, you need your lights not to see, but to be seen! Drive safely.

By:

Joel D. Glover

Coosa County Sheriff's Reserve Unit

**Reserves Meeting:  
March 10, 2020  
At 6:00 PM at  
The Reserve Room**





# CCSO *Serving & Protecting*

## *Sheriff's February*

### *Arrest Report*

- On February 2, 2020 Deputy Ward arrested Terrence NMN Russell from Kellyton, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Non-Support of a Child. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$1500 bond to wait trial.
- On February 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Lucas arrested Damarion Qjundez Collins from Talladega, AL. on the charge of Using False Identity to Avoid Prosecution. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5000 bond to await trial.
- On February 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Jeffrey Allen Cleckler from Clanton, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 15000 bond to await trial.
- On February 4<sup>th</sup> Corporal Rudd arrested Tatiana Trimans Mc Queen from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Robbery 3<sup>rd</sup> and Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Strangulation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 7500 bond to await trial.
- On February 5<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested John Dakota Winters from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Failure to Pay/Speeding and Driving While Revoked. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 6<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Kendarius Devonta Stitten from Kellyton , AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On February 6<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Tanya Shay Cooper from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Improper Lane Usage. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 7<sup>th</sup> Deputy Fenn arrested Courtney Latavous Moss from Auburn, AL. on the charges of Harassment, Promoting Prison Contraband 2<sup>nd</sup> and Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5500 bond to await trial.
- On February 9<sup>th</sup> Deputy Fenn arrested Johnny Monroe Fincher II from Kellyton, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Strangulation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2500 bond to await trial.
- On February 11<sup>th</sup> Chief Long arrested Jack Curtis Harrell from Rockford, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On February 11<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Donald Mark George from Tallassee, AL. for Failure to Appear/Non Support of a child. He was processed and released after payment was made to DHR.
- On February 13<sup>th</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Dentarious Lamar Jackson from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Pay/Failure to Display Insurance, Speeding, and Driving While Revoked X 2. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 4,000 bond to await trial.

- On February 13<sup>th</sup> Deputy Fenn arrested Chance Stephens Williams from Wetumpka, AL. on the charges of Driving Under the Influence and Resisting Arrest. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$3,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 14<sup>th</sup> Deputy Lucas arrested Melvin Richard Hutchinson from Jacksonville, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Driving While Suspended, Driving While Revoked and Speeding. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 3,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Ethan Taylor Martin from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Driving under the Influence. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Khamren Matthew Williams from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup> and Carrying a Pistol without a Permit. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 6,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Lucas arrested Toi Shaquille Stone from Wetumpka, AL. on the Charges of Carrying a Pistol without a Permit, Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 6,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 16<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested David Reuben Smith from Stewartville, 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 February 18<sup>th</sup> Capt. Hammond arrested Henry Skylar Nixon from Titus, Al. on a warrant for Theft of Property 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5,000 to await trial.
- On February 21<sup>st</sup> Corp. Rudd arrested Sara Michelle Allred from Kellyton, Al. on the charge of Promoting Prison Contraband 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5000 bond to await trial.
- On February 23<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Dequetrik Jardez Wilson from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Fishing Without a License and Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$1688 payout or to await trial.
- On February 22<sup>nd</sup> Corp. Rudd arrested Monroe Richardson from Alexander City, AL on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Non-Support of a Child. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 1500 payout.
- On February 24<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Coris Devol Cook from Alpine, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On February 25<sup>th</sup> Investigator Keel arrested Michael Adam Patterson from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 27<sup>th</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Jalen NMN Kelley from Jackson Gap, AL. on warrants for No Child Restraint and Speeding. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 28<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Dustin Leon Carr from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Driving While Revoked and Failure to Display Insurance. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 29<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Marchello Orlanis Searcy from Goodwater, AL. on the charges of Attempting to Elude, Reckless Endangerment and Reckless Driving. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 15,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 29<sup>th</sup> Deputy ward arrested Courtney Rachelle Cook from Midland City, AL. on a warrant for Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 25,000 bond to await trial.

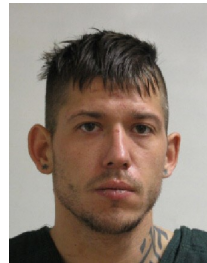
# Recent News

## Kellyton Man Arrested for Strangulation

A Kellyton man was arrested on a domestic violence related charge. On February 9, deputies Fenn and Dawson responded to a call from the area of County Road 40. Upon their arrival at the residence, they made contact with the victim, who claimed to have been assaulted by Johnny Monroe Fincher.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that 27-year-old Fincher of Kellyton had committed the crime of second-degree domestic violence strangulation because of physically choking the victim.

Fincher was arrested and charged on February 9. His bond was set at \$2,500, and he remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Johnny Fincher



## Alexander City Man Arrested for Robbery

An Alexander City man has been arrested on a robbery charge related to a domestic violence call from approximately four months ago. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that in October, Deputy Mike Rudd responded to a domestic violence call.

Rudd conducted an investigation, and it was determined that the offender used physical force to steal items from the victim. That investigation ultimately led to the arrest of 43-year-old Tatlana McQueen of Alexander City on February 4. He was charged with third-degree robbery, and his bond was set at \$5,000.

Additionally, McQueen was also charged with domestic violence by strangulation. The bond for that charge was set at \$2,500. McQueen remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



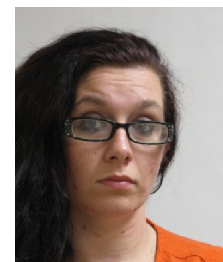
Tatlana McQueen

## Kellyton Woman Arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband

While in custody, a Kellyton woman was arrested on an additional charge relating to prison contraband. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that on Sunday, February 23, Sara Michelle Allred was brought to the Coosa County Jail because of a probation violation.

Allred was inside the jail when Corrections Officer Lykes smelled smoke. He followed the odor to the cell that housed inmate Allred. Lykes conducted a search of her cell and found the contraband. At that time, 24-year-old Allred of Kellyton was arrested on the charge of third-degree promoting prison contraband.

For that charge, her bond was set at \$5,000. She remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Sara Michelle Allred



## Clanton Man Arrested on Drug Charges

A Clanton man was arrested following a call for backup. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that on February 3, Deputy Dawson responded to backup Fish and Game Officer Hayes. Upon Dawson's arrival, a search of the suspect's vehicle was conducted.

The search resulted in finding a bag containing a white substance, which was determined to be methamphetamine. The suspect was also found to be in possession of a syringe. The investigation culminated in the arrest of 43-year-old Jeffrey Cleckler of Clanton. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cleckler's bonds for the two charges were set at a total of \$15,000. He remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail in Rockford awaiting trial.



Jeffrey Cleckler

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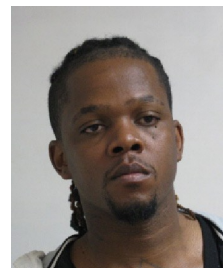
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## Talladega Man Arrested for Obstructing Justice

A Talladega man was arrested after attempting to obstruct justice following a routine traffic stop. On February 3, Deputy Dalton Lucas was conducting a traffic stop and made contact with the driver. The driver proceeded to provide Lucas with a fake name.

Through investigation, Lucas discovered that the reason the driver used a fake name was because there were three outstanding warrants for his arrest through another law enforcement agency. Lucas then arrested the driver, 31-year-old Damarion Collins of Talladega. He was charged with using a false identity to obstruct justice.

Collins' bond was set at \$5,000. He remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Damarion Collins

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## Auburn Man Arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband

An Auburn man was arrested after allegedly bringing drugs into the county jail. According to Sheriff Michael Howell, an Alabama State Trooper brought in 31-year-old Courtney Moss on February 7 for a warrant for harassment.

When Moss was brought into the county jail, a routine search was conducted. At that time, law enforcement officers found marijuana on Moss. He was then charged with promoting prison contraband for bringing marijuana into the jail. His bond for that charge was set at \$2,500.

Moss was also charged with second-degree possession of marijuana, and that bond was set at \$2,500. Moss has been released on bond to await trial.



Courtney Moss

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## Titus Man Arrested for October Theft

A Titus man was arrested in connection with a theft that occurred nearly five months ago. On October 8, 2019, a report was filed with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office concerning a zero turn lawnmower being stolen from a residence on County Road 121.

The Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation in regards to the case. That investigation culminated in the arrest of 31-year-old Henry Skylar Nixon of Titus. Nixon was arrested on February 18 and charged with second-degree theft of property. His bond was set at \$5,000, and he remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Henry Skylar  
Nixon

*Coosa County Sheriff's Office Presents:*

# BATTLE OF THE BEST BASKETBALL

## 5 ON 5 TOURNAMENT

### MAY 15-16, 2020

COOSA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL  
ROCKFORD, AL

2 DAY SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT  
FINAL GAME SATURDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM

## REGISTRATION FEE:

## \$100 PER TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YRS OLD

*Registration Deadline: May 1, 2020*

*Payout is 50/50 to Champion*

*Awards to 2nd - 4th place finishers*

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CPL. BRAD MOON: [bradgelmoon@gmail.com](mailto:bradgelmoon@gmail.com)





	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Calls to Service/ Activities	827	734				
Daily Jail Inmate Average	21	23				
Prisoner Transports Made	18	9				
Incident & Offense Police Reports	45	69				
Arrests Made	23	33				
Warrants Served	27	31				
Tickets Issued	77	102				
Patrol Miles Driven	26,381					
Civil Papers Served	31	41				
Pistol Permits Issued	136	137				
DUI Arrests	1	2				
Drug Arrests	4	4				
Sex Offenders Register	13	12				



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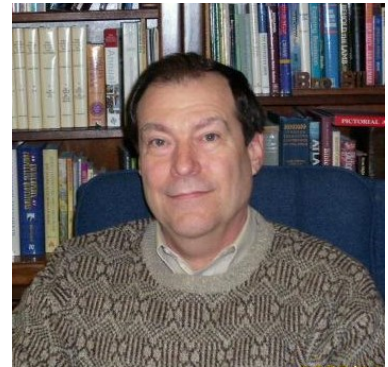
I'm sitting in my truck, at a railroad crossing, waiting for a train to pass. It has been passing for a while, so I've been waiting for a while. I'm running late, so naturally the train is running slowly. "Running" may not even be the right word. I can't recall if two Christmases have passed since I've been sitting here or if it has only been one, but hopefully I'll be home before the next one.

I can remember a time in my life when I would have loved sitting here watching a train. That was before I had a driver's license and before I was concerned about getting somewhere on time. I am not as enamored by trains as I was back then. I hate running late, and I'm not a great fan of waiting. I grew up in a town that did not have trains.

The neighboring town had trains and I thought they were privileged because they did. I used to think we didn't have trains because I grew up on a mountain. Later in life, when I realized that a town several miles south of us but also on the mountain had trains, I realized the fallacy of my logic. Since then, everywhere I have lived has had trains...slow trains.

I could have gone another way. I usually look to see if a train is passing before I turn down this street, but this morning I turned before I looked. I could have turned around and gone another way, but I figured the train would pass quickly. I figured incorrectly! Now I have vehicles behind me, as well as beside me, and a train in front of me. I feel like Moses and the Hebrews must have felt when they reached the Red Sea with Pharaoh and his armies coming up behind them. My problem is I've never read or heard anything about a train being parted so someone could pass through. I've decided I might as well make the best of my situation. That means that I pulled out my cell phone. I checked my email, both accounts, and then looked at Facebook. I soon realized this was not a good idea. Several of my friends had posted pictures of what they had for breakfast. One had a beautiful picture of a slab of country ham, two over-easy fried eggs, grits, a cathead biscuit smothered with sawmill gravy that overflowed it sides, and a bowl of fried apples. My stomach reminded me that I had not eaten breakfast, so I decided to play Wordscapes rather than look at Facebook. In case you aren't familiar, Wordscapes is a word game. It is a fill-in-the-blanks crossword puzzle. They don't give you clues but give you six or seven random letters which you use to create words. I must confess that I am addicted. I love words and I love to play with words. As much as I love this game, I'm going to put it down and watch the train pass. I'm finding words like *time*, *slow*, *patience*, *endurance*, *wait*, and *linger*! At least they weren't food words!

Someone told me that the Bible says, "Patience is a virtue." That must be in the book of Somes...some things some people say the Bible says, but it doesn't. Actually, a poet named William Langland was credited with this saying in a poem back in 1360 A.D. Patience is, however, taught in the Bible and listed as one of the fruits of the Spirit. The Bible also says much about the virtue of waiting. I've decided rather than fussing about this long, slow train, I'm just going to wait and be blessed! I can't go anywhere anyway.



Bro. Bill King Columnist





# Devotional

## Really?

By Pam Ford Davis



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Can it really be March?

In like a lion, out like a lamb?

I'm never really sure how to dress. Will I still need my winter coat or should I wear a sweater? Winds can be brisk. Can Jesus really be both lion and lamb? Yes. He is the Lion of Judah.

*"Then one of the elders said to me, 'Stop crying. Look! The Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has been victorious so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals (Revelation 5:5 HCSB)."*

*Jesus is the Lion of Judah; yet, now and always the Lamb of God.*

*"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the One I told you about: 'After me comes a man who has surpassed me, because He existed before me.' I didn't know Him, but I came baptizing with water so He might be revealed to Israel.'*

*And John testified, 'I watched the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He rested on Him. I didn't know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The One you see the Spirit descending and resting on—He is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God (John 1:29-34 HCSB)."*

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## Scripture Encouragement

*"Again the next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look! The Lamb of God!'"*  
*(John 1:35 HCSB)*

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## Smart Phone App

To download the app.

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



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



# County Calendar *of Events*

## March

3rd	7am-7pm	Go Vote– Primary Elections in Alabama
17th	All Day	St. Patrick Day
20th	1/2 Day	Coosa Schools 1/2 Day
21st - 29th	All Week	Spring Break Coosa Co.
28th	7am - 9am	West Coosa Senior Center Breakfast
31st	7am-7pm	Run Off Elections

## April

1st	All Day	April Fools Day
5th	All Day	Palm Sunday
12th	All Day	Easter
23rd	10:30 am - 2 pm	Sheriff's Café 'Fish Fry' (COACH)
25th	7am – 9am	West Coosa Senior Center Breakfast



## Central Coosa Baseball Schedule



Date	Opponent	Level	Time	Where
3/2	Verbena	V,JV	4:00	Away
3/5	Winterboro	V,JV	4:30	Away
3/6	Winterboro	V,JV	4:30	Home
3/10	Billingsley	V,JV	1:00	Away
3/11	Lanett	V,JV	4:30	Away
3/17	Thorsby	V,JV	4:00	Home
3/19	Thorsby	V	4:00	Away

## Central Coosa Softball Schedule



Date	Opponent	Level	Time	Where
3/5	Horseshoe Bend	V, JV	1:00	Away
3/6	Vincent	V, JV	4:30	Home
3/7	BB Comer Tourney	V	9:00	Away
3/9	Thorsby	V, JV	4:30	Home
3/10	Winterbror	V	3:30	Away
3/12	Fayetteville	V, JV	4:30	Home
3/16	Talladega Co Central	V, JV	4:30	Home

# ***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.

- March 2                      - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- March 5                      - 6:30 PM - Richville
- March 9                      - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- March 10                     - 6:30 PM - Equality
- March 17                    - 6:30 PM - Hanover
- March 19                    - 6:30 PM - Weogufka