



# 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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# Point of View

## A Difference Between Two Ways

By: Dr. Jeff Fuller

A.W. Tozer wrote many years ago:  
*“An entire generation of Christians have come up believing that it is possible to ‘accept’ Christ without forsaking the world.”*

The shape our world is in today is by our own making. We have decided to take the Gospel of Jesus and make it nothing more than a decision one makes, put the name on the roll books of the church and get them “wet” for the sake of numbers. I dare say many sitting in church pews around America today are nothing more than professing believers who had a bath in the “big pool” of their respective churches and have a “fire insurance policy” but nothing more.

These are professing but not performing; they have the right words, but no works; they are members of churches not men (and women) of God. Sitting in the church building on Sunday but not living as the church the other six days of the week, holding to the form of godliness without substance is not what it means to be a true follower of Christ.

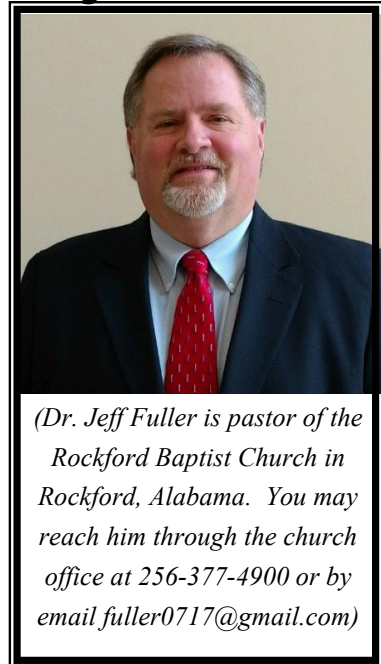
With that being the case, then Tozer is right. We have a world of people who have made some form of decision but the world still lures them, culture still controls them, and they continue to think of God as someone they need one day a week. The rest of the time is their time!

A commitment to true discipleship is what we need in the church today. I honestly believe it would turn toward a real revival fire

within the life of the Christ-follower and the church as a whole.

Jesus commanded His first followers, “Come follow Me.” It was not a suggestion, it was an order. Each of them immediately ceased what they were doing and

followed Him in the way He was going. This same command continued through His three years of ministry and into our time. He keeps asking us to follow Him. To make it our aim and our mission to be a part of His plan for our lives is what it means to forsake the world, living in communion with Him and sharing in the work of making disciples.



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We see this worked out in the First Church in the Book of Acts:

*“So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them. And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers. Then fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need. Every day they devoted themselves [to meeting] together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude, praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:41-47 HCSB)*

Take note these believers were fulfilling a purpose. They were sharing the Gospel, spending time in fellowship with others and studying the Word of God together, meeting the needs of those around them, and in worship to God. This is a picture of what the church must do today! As followers of Christ, living in communion with other believers, doing the work of Christ; we are the church. It is not a building in the middle of town or out in the country made of brick and mortar with soft pews and stained glass. The church is made up of flesh and blood; we are the church!

Therefore, the decision is not do you accept Christ, the decision is are you a Christ-follower? Have you turned your back on the ways of this old world and embraced a new and better life here as you invite others to “taste and see that God is good?”

We have an old song we still sing from time to time which applies here:

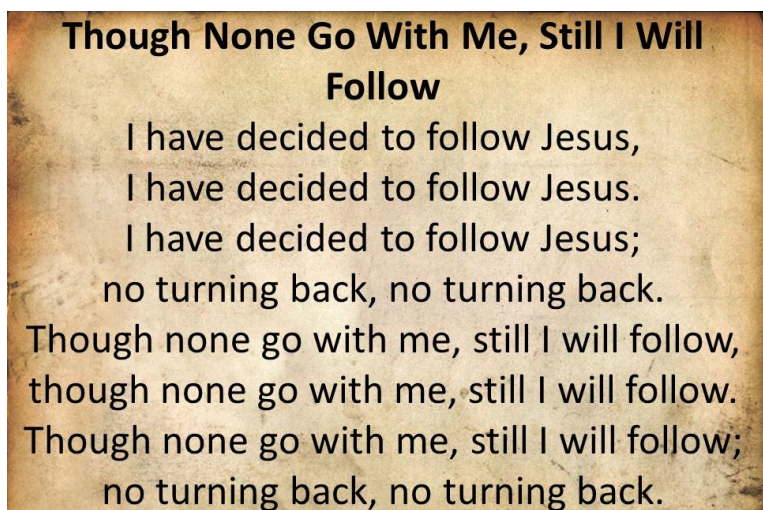
*“Tho’ none go with me...My cross I’ll carry, till I see Jesus...The world behind me, the cross before me...No turning back, no turning back.” (I Have Decided to Follow Jesus; 1987 Broadman Press)*

I will leave you with one more quote today, which applies to this article:

*“God’s words are not for me to edit and tinker with, but to believe and obey.” (A.W. Tozer)*

Until next time...

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**October's**  
*Sheriff's Office*  
**Featured Article**

## CELL PHONE SAFETY

*Cellphones are increasingly full-blown handheld computers, and everything that can be done on the Web via computer – photo-sharing, Web browsing, game playing, tune -swapping, real-time text or video chat, and (oh yeah) talking – can be done on a phone. With this fact comes the reality of problems associated with the use of cellphones.*

Cell phone theft is a major problem in metropolitan and urban areas around the nation. Many living in the rural areas might not think too much of a risk exists yet there is the potential to anyone at anytime, anywhere.

The following article reported by WKRG out of Mobile, Alabama from September 25, 2017 shows the extremes individuals will extend to sell a cellphone:



“Mobile Police have arrested a man who advertises on Facebook of a cell phone for sale – usually an iPhone 7. Darren Penn tells the buyers to meet him in the Stanton Road area. When he takes out money to purchase the cell phone, Penn snatches the money and runs.

Penn has used various Facebook accounts such as Montana Da Dee, Monie RichForever, and RichForever Dee.

Investigation reveals Penn has committed numerous thefts in this manner over the past week. Police are attempting to locate additional victims.”

Unattended phones or snatching the phone from the users hand and running is typically the MO to stolen cellphones. The stolen phones are then sold on the black market. A cell phone’s

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resale value can range from \$100 - \$300.

Using your phone in public makes you much more vulnerable to being robbed or assaulted. Pay attention to what's going on around you and who is near you. Always be aware of your surroundings. Have a friend or family member stand close and help keep an eye on your surroundings if you are going to need to be in very deep conversations.

It is a dangerous practice to hold your phone in your hand while shopping or browsing the mall. Make it hard for someone to snatch your phone. Keep your phone in your pocket, bag or in a phone pouch, not in your hand where someone can quickly grab it from you.

Keep your phone close to you. Do not leave it on a table, desk or counter in a public place unattended – even for a few seconds.

Use a password to protect your phone. It will make it more difficult for a thief to use your phone or access the information you have stored on it. Do not store any information on your phone that you wouldn't want others to have (e.g. bank and credit card online passwords, personal information, etc.). Your cell phone provider may disable the phone remotely if it's stolen or lost. Back up the information on your cell phone. Most cell phone companies offer backup assistance through their phone plans. You may be able to back up your phone data on your home computer as well. Download an "anti-theft" application. If your phone is lost or stolen you might be able to locate it, "wipe it" (i.e. remove the data from the phone) or make the phone unusable to the thief. Contact your cell phone provider for more detailed information.

Keep a written record of any of your



electronic device's serial numbers in a safe place. Make note of those numbers when filing a police report; they are cross referenced with the Pawn System. **FILE A REPORT.**

Additionally, it is also important to take a few moments to consider a few things related to cellphone use:

**Keep it kind.**

Because people socialize on cellphones as much as online, cyberbullying can be mobile too. Treat people on phones and the Web the way you would in person, and the risk of being bullied goes down. Be aware, too, of people randomly taking pictures at parties, in locker rooms, etc. – you may not want to be tagged in their social-network photo albums!

**Share with care.**

Use the same good sense about what you post from your phone as from a computer. Once they're posted, text, photos, and video are tough to take back, can be copied and pasted elsewhere, and are up there pretty much forever.

**Be Careful with Children's Pictures.**

You are proud of your grandchild, you want to keep pictures on your phone, post on social media, even text pictures to friends in distant states. Often a picture from a lake trip or bath

time for a small child might end up being sent into the cyberworld. They can be subjected to jokes, bullying, blackmail, expulsion from school, loss of a job, etc. and the images can circulate forever. Just don't go there. Think about the people in them (including you!). Reputations are at stake.

### **Share location mindfully.**

A growing number of apps allow friends to pinpoint each other's physical location. If you use such a service, do so only with friends you know in person, and get to know the service's privacy features.

### **Know what your apps know.**

Pay attention to any permissions apps request as you install them. If an app asks to access your location, contact list, calendar or messages or to post to your social networking services, consider if the app really needs that information to function. When in doubt, consider withholding permission or not using that app.

### **Down time is good.**

Constant texting and talking can affect sleep, concentration, school, and other things that deserve your thought and focus. You need your sleep, and real friends understand there are times you just need to turn off the phone.

### **Have a conversation**

(not a lecture) with your kids about smartphone use. Consider drawing up a family cellphone contract and talk with your children about why each point is important (there's a sample contract at [ConnectSafely.org/mobile](http://ConnectSafely.org/mobile)). If you decide to use parental-control apps, discuss them with your children.

### **No texting while driving!**

Research shows that texting while driving

can significantly increase the risk of a crash or near-crash situation. Silence your phone in the car, pull over if you need to use it, and of course follow your state's hands-free laws for mobile phones in cars.

### **Phones are personal.**

Letting other people use your phone when you're not around is like letting them have the password to your social network profile. They can impersonate you, which gives them the power to mess with your reputation and relationships. Lock your phone when you're not using it, and use strong and unique passwords for all your apps.

Be safe, be wise, be aware.

## **ALABAMA MAN KILLED AFTER TRACKING STOLEN CELL PHONE WITH APP**

(Reuters) - An Alabama man who used a computer app to track down his stolen cell phone was shot and killed when he tried to retrieve it from the suspected thief, police said on Monday.

The 23-year-old victim's phone was stolen from his car in Fairfield, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham, said Fairfield Police Chief Leon Davis.

The tracking app led the victim to a church parking lot near Miles College late on Sunday, Davis said.

The man is believed to have "arrived on the scene and hit a button on the app that made the phone ring inside a vehicle," the police chief said in an interview. "When he went to retrieve the phone inside the vehicle, the suspect shot and killed him."

The victim and the shooter apparently knew each other, Davis said. The suspect has not been arrested but police have "very good leads" as to his identity, he added.

The case illustrates the danger of people trying to apprehend cell phone thieves on their own with the help of tracking apps, Davis said.

"Notify police and let them handle the recovering," he said.

## News from the Sheriff's



# Reserves

### *Are You Prepared?*

Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria have made themselves known during the past month. Saying the hurricane season is here is a gross understatement. Many people have lost almost everything and the storms keep coming. By most accounts we got off easy only catching the remnants of Hurricane Irma. The next time we may not be so fortunate. Are you prepared?

For the most part folks in the south are a self-reliant group. A few years back I was shocked at the news reports after Hurricane Sandy hit New York City. What surprised me was that one day after the storm hit city residents were all over the news lamenting about not having any food to eat. Thinking about the contents of my kitchen cabinets and refrigerator it was a little hard for me to fathom folks running out of food in one day.

Thinking about it, I understand many New York City residents live in apartments and likely don't have a lot of storage area or a freezer. However, it surprised me to learn that many of the city dwellers purchase their food for the day every day.

While we don't normally incur much damage from hurricanes, obviously there are exceptions; it is not uncommon for us to lose power for a day or more. Are you prepared for that? There are several items we should each have in place in case of a power outage. These items include but are limited to: Multiple flashlights and extra batteries. A three-day supply of water and food. A battery powered radio. A basic first aid kit. A seven-day supply of prescription medicine. Some emergency cash and some extra gasoline. In addition, you should have sufficient supplies to care for infants, the elderly, and pets. Being prepared often simply means thinking ahead.



By

Joel D. Glover

Coosa County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit



**Reserves Meeting**  
**October 12, 2017**  
**6:00 PM E-911 Building**

**Top 5 Reserve Deputy Hours September**

Bill Embry .....	91.5 hrs
Joel Glover .....	67.5 hrs
Don Hodge .....	68 hrs
James Ward .....	45.5 hrs
Blake Kelley .....	34.5 hrs

**Total Reserve Deputy Hours**

**412 hours**



**OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE**

REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

**Total Officers Down = 98**  
*As of October 02, 2017*

<b>Month:</b>	<b>Type Of Death:</b>	
January: 13	911 Related: 3	Gunfire: 34
February: 10	Aircraft Accident: 2	Heart Attack: 9
March: 9	Animal Related: 1	Motorcycle
April: 10	Assault: 2	accident: 4
May: 11	Auto accident: 22	Stabbed: 1
June: 11	Boating accident: 2	Vehicular: 11
July: 6	Drowned: 4	
August: 14	Duty related illness: 2	
September: 12	Exposer to Toxins: 1	

BE  
SMART  
WITH YOUR  
PHONE

AVOID THEFT, BE  
AWARE OF YOUR  
SURROUNDINGS



Crime Prevention  
TIPS



- ◆ **Keep your phone in your pocket.**
- ◆ **Avoid being distracted when using your phone.**
- ◆ **Avoid hanging purses or bags on backs of chairs.**
- ◆ **Do not lend your phone to strangers.**

# CCSO *Serving & Protecting*



## *Sheriff's September Arrest Report*

- On September 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Damien Anthony Perry from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and released on a \$2000 bond to await trial.
- On September 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Timothy Lee Perry from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Carrying a Concealed Weapon without a Permit. He was processed and released on a \$2000 bond to await trial.
- On September 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Davidson arrested William Christopher Butler from Weogufka, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$9000 bond to await trial.
- On September 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy House arrested Leslie Hosey Wilson from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Assault x 2 and Harassing Communications. She was processed and released on a \$1500 bond to await trial.
- On September 4<sup>th</sup> Deputy House arrested Atari Kinta Morris from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear / Driving While Suspended and Failure to Display Insurance. He was processed and released on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On September 4<sup>th</sup> Lt. Burke arrested Tiffany Ianna Wiseman from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Speeding. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On September 7<sup>th</sup> Deputy House arrested Crystal Rene Lanham from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation x3. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On September 8<sup>th</sup> Deputy House arrested Billy Wayne Cryer from Winfield, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Driving Under the Influence and Driving While Suspended. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On September 8<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Tondrolicus Lotrovis Golden from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Dim Lights. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On September 10<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Antwaun Rashad Mann from Harpursville, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear / Driving While Suspended. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On September 10<sup>th</sup> Lt. Burke arrested Robert Lee Jones from Talladega, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Reckless Endangerment and Attempting to Elude. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On September 14<sup>th</sup> Lt. Burke arrested Seth Adam Thompson from Childersburg, AL. on warrants for Probation Violations X 2. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On September 14<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Joseph Keenan Lanier from Equality, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.

- On September 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Furniss Casey Muckenfuss from Goodwater, AL. on the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 25,000 bond to await trial.
- On September 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Crystalea NMN Joiner from Goodwater, AL. on the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 25,000 bond to await trial.
- On September 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Kimberly Denise Griebel from Goodwater, AL. on the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 25,000 bond to await trial.
- On September 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Kayla Marie McMahon from Stewartville, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Harassment. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 10,000 bond to await trial.
- On September 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy House arrested Amber Kate Robinson from Equality, AL. on warrants for Probation Violations X 3. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On September 17<sup>th</sup> Deputy House arrested Kwindravis Donja Lynch from Talladega, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and released after fines were paid.
- On September 17<sup>th</sup> Deputy House arrested Marty Linn Clark from Equality, AL. on warrants for Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/ Assault. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 10,000 bond to await trial.
- On September 18<sup>th</sup> Lt. Hammond arrested Tamika Nicole Glenn from Childersburg, AL. on a warrant for Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup>. She was processed and released on a \$ 5000 bond to await trial.
- On September 19<sup>th</sup> Lt. Burke arrested Stephen Lee Bailey from Ashland, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Reckless Endangerment and Driving on the Wrong Side of the Road. He was processed and released on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On September 19<sup>th</sup> Lt. Hammond arrested Floyd Franklin Smith Jr. from Rockford, AL. on a Grand Jury Indictment for Theft of Property 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5000 bond to await trial.
- On September 19<sup>th</sup> Deputy Lipscomb arrested Nathan Daniel Dunham from Goodwater, AL. on warrants for Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> and Criminal Trespass 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On September 20<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested David Tylan Jones from Goodwater, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Theft of Property 2<sup>nd</sup> and Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> also Probation Violation x3. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On September 20<sup>th</sup> Deputy Lipscomb arrested Lagori Jerrell McCain from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked, Expired Tag, and Failure to Display Insurance x 3. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5000 bond to await trial.
- On September 20<sup>th</sup> Lt. Hammond arrested James Earl Fleming from Weogufka, AL. on warrants for Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> and Theft of Property 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 6000 bond to await trial.
- On September 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief Davidson arrested Nathaniel NMN Matthews from Titus, AL. on the charge of Failure to Comply with the Sex Offender Notification Act (SORNA). He was processed and released on a \$5000 bond to await trial.
- On September 24<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Mark Allan Syphurs Sr. from Goodwater, AL. on warrants for Menacing, Criminal Trespass 3<sup>rd</sup> and Assault 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and released on a \$ 7500 bond to await trial.

# Recent News

## Sheriff's Office Arrests Three in Goodwater Drug Bust



Three individuals from Goodwater were recently arrested on drug-related charges when deputies followed-up on a call concerning certain individuals possibly being at the residence. On September 15, the Coosa County Sheriff's Office was informed through an officer with the Alexander City Police Department who provided information concerning two suspects that had active warrants out of Alexander City and were at a residence in Goodwater. It was also reported that there was drug activity at the residence at that time and date.

After following up with information received, deputies went to the residence at 60 Coosa Street in Goodwater and made contact with a white male subject, Furniss Casey Muckenfuss.

After making contact with Muckenfuss, deputies asked him if the individuals with warrants on them were in the residence. He confirmed that they were.

At that time, deputies entered the residence and arrested one person with warrants from Alexander City Police Department. A controlled substance was also seen in the residence.

After talking with six individuals in the residence, three individuals were arrested on drug charges.

Those arrested were 31-year-old Crystalea Joiner, 34-year-old Kimberly Denise Griebel and 30-year-old Muckenfuss, all of Goodwater.

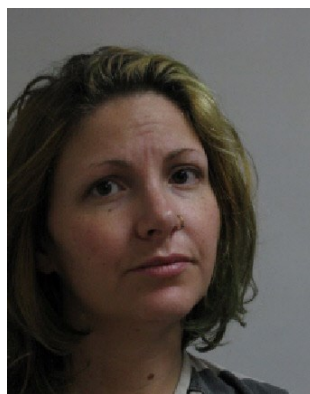
All three were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Bonds were set at \$25,000 for each of them.

All three individuals remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail in Rockford awaiting trial.

The one individual with warrants was arrested and turned over to the Alexander City Police Department.



Furniss Casey Muckenfuss



Crystalea Joiner



Kimberly Denise Griebel

## Mt. Olive Man Arrested for Firearm Possession

A Mt. Olive man was arrested for illegally being in possession of a firearm.

On August 16, the Coosa County Sheriff's Office received information that led to investigating an alleged convicted felon who was selling firearms in Coosa County. While conducting the initial investigation, it was confirmed that the individual is a verifiable convicted felon.

Further investigation of the individual led to obtaining a search warrant, which was served August 25 at the individual's residence in the Mt. Olive area.

While law enforcement officers were executing the search warrant, firearms were found and seized from the Mt. Olive residence.

William Edward Messing, 35 years old, was then arrested for possession of a firearm by a violent felon.

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



William Edward Messing

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## Sylacauga Man Arrested on Three Drug-Related Charges

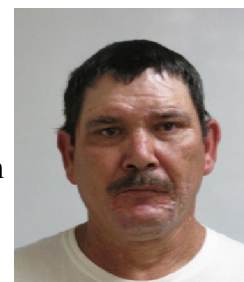
A Sylacauga man was arrested on three drug-related charges during a theft investigation.

On September 2, a deputy was called to a residence on County Road 29 in the Weogufka community. The call was in reference to items allegedly being missing from the residence. The deputy arrived and learned that the theft suspect was still at the residence. At that time, he went into the residence to speak with the person of interest.

During the course of the investigation, 48-year-old William Christopher Butler of Sylacauga was located. He was found to be in possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and ice, or crystal methamphetamine. Butler was immediately taken into custody without incident. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of marijuana and second-degree possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at a total of \$9,000. This includes a \$5,000 bond for possession of a controlled substance and bonds of \$2,000 for each of his other two charges. It was also discovered that Butler has outstanding warrants in Talladega County.

He remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail in Rockford to await trial. Talladega County has placed a hold on him so that once he is released from Coosa County, he will be transported to Talladega County for those outstanding warrants.



William Christopher Butler

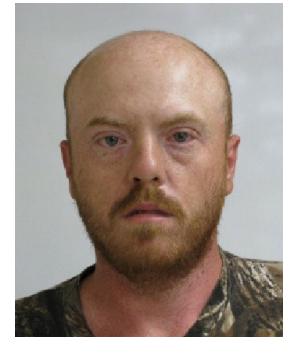
**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”**  
**Matthew 5:9**

## **Weogufka Man Arrested for Burglary**

A man from the Weogufka area was arrested on charges relating to a burglary case from July. On July 17, 2017, the Sheriff's Office took a report for burglary and theft from a residence in the Weogufka area. At that time, the victim stated that someone went into his house and got \$700 in cash.

The victim provided the name of the suspect. Further investigation led to identifying 32-year-old James Earl Fleming as the suspect.

Fleming was arrested September 21 for third-degree burglary and third-degree theft of property. His bond was set at a total of \$6,000, and he remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail.



James Earl Fleming

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## **Rockford Man Arrested for 2014 Firearms Theft Case**

A man from the Rockford area was arrested by the Sheriff's Office in connection to a 2014 firearms theft case after having served time out of state.

On October 2, 2014, the Coosa County Sheriff's Office took a report of the theft of three firearms from a Rockford residence. The suspect was immediately identified, and warrants were obtained.

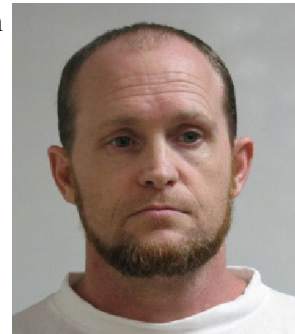
On October 20, 2014, the Sheriff's Office received a call from West Virginia State Troopers. The troopers had initiated a traffic stop where the suspect eluded them.

They eventually found the vehicle abandoned and found one firearm from the Coosa County theft case in the vehicle. On the same day, they also found the subject walking alongside a roadway. They made contact with him and found the two additional firearms from the Coosa case on his person.

At that time, 42-year-old Floyd Franklin Smith Jr. of Rockford was taken into police custody in West Virginia. After further investigation, Smith confessed to stealing the three firearms from Coosa County. He was held in West Virginia on multiple charges there for the past two years.

After being released from West Virginia, on September 18, 2017, the Coosa County Sheriff's Office arrested Smith on September 18, 2017, for second-degree theft of property. His bond was set at \$5,000, and he remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail.

All three firearms were recovered and returned to Coosa County.



Floyd Franklin Smith Jr.

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## **Coosa Man Arrested for Sex Offender Registration Notification Act (SORNA) Violation**

A Coosa County man living right at the county line was arrested for violating the Sex Offender Registration Notification Act. On September 22, Nathaniel Matthews of Coosa County near the Titus area, specifically off of Coosa County roads 60 and 29 near the Elmore County line, was arrested for a SORNA violation of not registering and not notifying the Sheriff's Office of his residence change.


During an investigation into Matthews having not shown up for his scheduled August quarterly registration date, it was discovered that he had changed his place of residence. Reportedly, Matthews was actually living off of Alabama Highway 22 near the Chilton County line.

Matthews, 61 years old, was arrested and placed in the Coosa County Jail for this SORNA violation. He is currently out of jail on a \$5,000 bond to await trial.

Matthews was originally convicted of first-degree sexual abuse of a 10-year-old girl when he was first placed on the list of registered sex offenders.



Nathaniel Matthews



**FALL FESTIVAL**

**GAMES - FACE PAINTING - CAKE WALK**

**PHOTO BOOTH - HAUNTED HAYRIDE**

**CONCESSIONS**  
Benefit  
Rockford Senior Citizens

**KID'S COSTUME CONTEST**  
Best costume wins a prize!

**PUMPKIN CONTEST**  
Bring your own painted or carved pumpkin  
Best design wins a prize!

**OCTOBER YARD OF THE MONTH WINNER**  
TO BE ANNOUNCED AT FALL FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> 6PM-9M**

**ROCKFORD EVENT CENTER**



Located 60 miles south of Birmingham on 231...12 miles south of Sylacauga. 50 miles north of Montgomery and 20 miles east of Clanton

**Date: October 28th**  
Admission: \$2.00 per car...  
Breakfast begins at 6:30.  
.....  
Vendors \$20.00 per Booth



**Contacts & Numbers**  
Gay Adams 256-487-1304  
Melvin Palmer 256-249-8885  
Gary Shurette 256-249-9682  
Sue Baxley 256-249-3666

**Weogufka Center**  
**FARM DAY**

**October 28, 2017**

Come see our new outdoor Entertainment Center, "The Stan and Doris Pody" Memorial Music Stage & Amphitheater

This new addition, a work in progress, at the Weogufka Center will be used for many activities, Plays, Fashion Shows, and Old Movie Night.

Contact : Mrs. Sue Baxley 256-249-3666

See the Old Farm Equipment. Donated by the community. The Train Man, Robert Pearson will set up in the School. Ms. Kay Cheshire will be in the History Room. If you have any old pictures to donate, or memorabilia about a teacher, please call Ms. Linda Alexander at 256-234-0030. For Camper Space contact Mr. Johnny Faulkner at 256-267-1718. Jerry Reeves to show your antique cars and trucks at 256-223-1303. The Stage is set for Music. Contact Joey Moore at 256-249-6073. Vendors Booths are available. Call on Melvin Palmer 256-249-8885. Concessions at the Old Syrup Mill and in the Gym. Ralph & Linda Goswick and Franky & Patty Daugherty will fry pies this year. For Merchandise, call Ms. Margaret Thornton at 256-234-2186. Good Food, Family Fun and Fellowship...Thanks to Bobby "G" from WYEA for playing the Oldies all day...



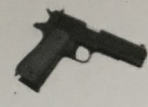
**Coosa County Sheriff's Office**  
**"COACH" Gun Raffle 2017**

**889**  
\$10.00  
Donation

Drawing Date:  
10/21/2017



**Patriot Gun Raffle - Three Chances To Win**  
Each ticket has a chance on one prize.



ATI AR-15, Detroit "Pride of America" Watch, or ATI 1911  
Winning ticket holder must meet all state & federal requirements for purchase of a firearm & assume all liabilities of possessing a firearm.

**All Donations are tax deductible.**

You do not have to be present to win.



All proceeds will help benefit "COACH" Cancer Fund.  
**Guns Provided by Jeff Carter "Coosa Valley Pawn"**  
**Three Chances to win for each Ticket. Three separate drawings.**





# Coosa County Sheriff's Office ANNUAL "FISH FOR A CURE" COACH

## BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT:

### October 21, 2017

Location: Wind Creek Marina, Lake Martin

Blast off @ Safe Daylight - Weigh In 2:00 pm

### \$5,000 Guaranteed Payout

1st - \$1,000	5th - \$400	9th - \$200	13th - \$100
2nd - \$800	6th - \$300	10th - \$150	14th - \$100
3rd - \$600	7th - \$250	11th - \$150	15th - \$100
4th - \$500	8th - \$200	12th - \$150	

**NITRO  
REWARDS  
QUALIFIED!!!!**

Optional Big Fish Pot \$10

Entry Fee \$100.00

People with paid Pre-Registration before October 1, 2017 Are entered in a chance to win Ryobi One Combo Kit!!!!

Pre- Register at the Coosa County Sheriff's Office in Rockford AL (256) 377-2211  
or Registration Begins at 4:30 am October 21, 2017

Door Prizes for Registered Fishers Include:

G.Loomis and Duckett Rods, Bait Packs, Vortex Rifle Sight,  
Spyderco, Camillus and more!!!!



## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

LOCATION

COOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Saturday, October 28, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more information call

erty Bucella E-Mail: [MJBTOONS@cool.com](mailto:MJBTOONS@cool.com)



'Couldn't you have just called me on my cell phone and tell me to slow down?'



**2017** THE YEAR OF  
*Stronger Leadership*  
*with Superb Teamwork*

## 2017 Monthly Stats

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Calls to Service/Activities	915	882	942	808	830	862	843	824	794				7700
Daily Jail Inmate Average	25	25	26	41	36	32	23	27	27				29
Prisoner Transport s Made	10	16	13	6	12	20	8	21	15				121
Incident & Offense Police Reports	47	42	57	59	46	51	68	55	50				475
Arrests Made	41	40	44	59	43	56	37	40	41				401
Warrants Served	49	50	69	84	75	65	35	47	55				529
Tickets Issued	41	62	47	22	45	62	51	27	22				374
Patrol Miles Driven	17,920	19,318	20,933	18,790	18,323	20,806	15,666	18,775					150,531
Civil Papers Served	47	59	49	66	75	51	71	52	34				504
Pistol Permits Issued	127	126	147	99	101	92	89	107	69				957
DUI Arrests	3	3	1	1	0	6	5	4	1				24
Drug Arrests	3	4	12	8	5	7	7	6	6				58
Sex Offender Register	25	11	13	19	9	28	19	11	25				160

## Homecomings and Dinners on the Ground

It's homecoming season in East Central Alabama. No, I'm not talking about an annual football game when the home team schedules a visiting team whom they know they can whip by at least 348 points. I am talking about a church event when members, and former members, come to church for one special day with the ones still there. As the director of a Baptist association of churches, I normally have the privilege of attending several of these events each year. Sometimes I am the guest speaker, or the special singer, and sometimes I am just the special eater. These events almost always include a meal with enough food to feed an entire college football team for the next couple of months! Sometimes they have singing after the meal. One reason they do this is so everyone can sit down and let their lunch settle and we don't have to crawl to our cars!



Bro Bill King Columnist

These meals are usually pot luck affairs. In case you are not from the south, this means that each person brings whatever dish they wish, with no coordinating of the meal. Sometimes the host church will provide the meat, which normally consists of fried chicken. These pot-luck meals will work everywhere in the south, except for the southern part of Louisiana. Without some planning there, they may end up with about 356 bowls of red beans and rice! I'm always amazed at how these things work in Alabama. There will always be cornbread dressing, with cranberry sauce. Up north, they call this stuff stuffing, but the only turkey we stuff down here is ourselves! There will be the normal vegetables, baked beans with hamburger meat, and sweet potato casserole. Panic erupts if there are three or four plates-full of deviled eggs and at least two of pear salad. You can't buy food as good as this in any cafe.

Back in the day, we had "dinner on the ground." There was none of this eating in the church-house stuff back then. Most churches had a concrete-slab table, out by the cemetery, approximately the length of the U.S.S. Alabama. The cement those things were made of was rougher than a chert road after a hard gully-washer. We kids learned to never use those tables for home base when playing freeze tag after church. If you accidentally fell into the edge of one of those tables, you could be scared for life – maybe even lose a limb! This was back in the time before churches had enclosed fellowship halls (which sounds better than mess halls), or family life centers (which sounds better than a gym with a kitchen).

I knew a couple of ole boys who owned a road construction company when they were young men. We'll call them the Wilson brothers. The brothers traveled all across the state and were often away from home for days at a time. This was back when churches ate their meals outside, with the heat, the wind, the ants, the flies, and... the Wilson brothers. That's because when the Wilson boys were out of town, most places were closed on Sundays and there was hardly any place to eat out. When they happened by a church having "dinner on the ground," they stopped in for lunch and hoped most folks would assume they were someone's third cousin from Arkansas.



Quite honestly, there aren't many things we should enjoy more than worshipping God with

family and old friends and then enjoying a nice meal together, whether it's on the ground or in the house, but please don't bring finger-sandwiches or store-bought deserts!

# Devotional



## Living in Denial

By Pam Ford Davis

Have you seen the signs?

Pharmacies have already posted signs offering flu shots. That's a sure sign that the winter season is just around the corner. Soon doctor's waiting rooms and hospital emergency rooms will be filled to capacity. Sick patients will have made a decision; they need help. Seeking remedy, they will turn to trusted physicians.

There are healthy people who believe they are sick; in medical terminology, they are hypochondriacs. On the other hand, there are those who are terminally ill and live in denial.

*"When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked His disciples, 'Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?'*

*When Jesus heard this, He told them, 'Those who are well don't need a doctor, but the sick do need one. I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners (Mark 2:16-17 HCSB)."*

The religious leaders were *sin sick*. They were rejecting the deity of Jesus, God the Son. They denied His authority and were in denial about their lost condition. The Pharisees were separated from God and sick unto death. Jehovah-Rapha (the God that heals) stood in their midst.

## Scripture Encouragement

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

*Romans 6:23 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

# 2017 County Calendar of Events

## October

3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00 pm	National Night Out Alex City Sportsplex
6 <sup>th</sup>	9 am- 2pm	Rockford Market Day
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Coosa County Students Out of School for Fall Break
13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Talladega Race Weekend
21 <sup>st</sup>	4am-2pm	Sheriff's Office "Fish for a Cure" Fishing Tournament
23 <sup>rd</sup>	All Week	Homeland Security Week
28 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	National Drug Take Back Day
28 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Weogufka Farm Day
31 <sup>st</sup>	All Day	Halloween
31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00	Rockford Fall Festival



## Coosa County High School Football Game Schedule



Date	Time	Game - Location
Oct 6	7:00 PM	Pike County– Away
Oct13	7:00 PM	Comer– Home
Oct 20	7:00 PM	Montgomery Academy - Home
Oct 26	7:00 PM	Southside - Away
Nov 2	7:00 PM	Childersburg - Away

# ***Important***

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

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

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### **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 .....	256-377-2602
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 Department .....	256-377-4364
Juvenile Probate 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 .....	256-377-4919



# 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.

- October 2 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- October 5 - 6:30 PM - Richville
- October 9 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- October 19 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka