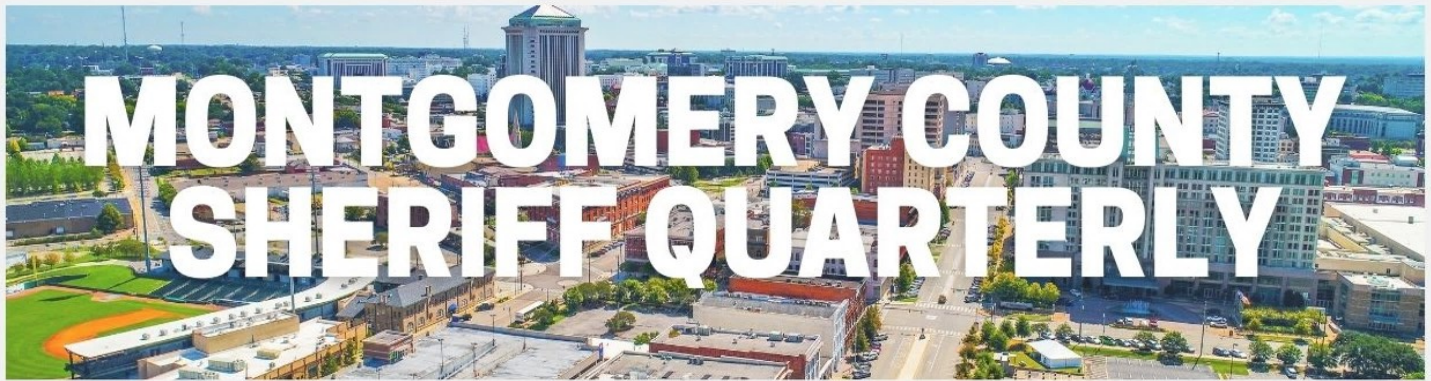




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LOOKING AHEAD:

A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF DERRICK CUNNINGHAM



Autumn is finally upon us. Families are enjoying the start of a new school year, high school and college football, tailgating, fall activities and the hopes of cooler weather ahead. I have had a very busy schedule these past few months, attending the Alabama Sheriff's

Association summer conference (as president of the association), Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee conference, and the National Exchange Club conference. These events allow me to remain aware of current issues and future trends in law enforcement, and to help me serve and give back to the citizens of Montgomery County.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Montgomery County Commission for approving a pay raise for MCSO employees. The City County of Montgomery Personnel Department recently conducted a pay study for all county employees and found we were lagging behind our contemporaries in county government throughout the state. The recommendations from the personnel department were accepted by the commission. This pay increase will allow us to remain competitive in recruiting and retention in the job market. Once again, I am thankful to the Montgomery County commissioners for their support of county employees.

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The Montgomery County Courthouse facilities have been undergoing renovations in the past year. The front entrance to Annex I, at 100 S. Lawrence Street, which encompasses the MCSO administrative offices, pistol permits, and background checks, has been modernized and is more easily accessible to the public. Security is present at this entrance with x-ray machines and metal detectors to safeguard visitors to family court, the district attorney's office, county engineering and information systems. The main courthouse continues to be renovated with a completion date scheduled for some time next year.

As many of you are aware, the COVID pandemic has put a strain on the judicial system. Most all court systems have postponed jury trials in an attempt to protect the public against possible exposure to the virus. When citizens are called for jury duty, the present facilities pose a less than ideal setting for large numbers of people to gather as social distancing is all but impossible to achieve. I am in discussions with the district attorney and judges to change the location of where potential jurors report to when called for jury duty. A possible venue that we are negotiating to use is the City of Montgomery Multiplex at Cramton Bowl. This facility is large enough to accommodate the needs of large gatherings and maintain social distancing and is in close proximity to the Montgomery County Courthouse. I am confident a resolution can be found soon to this challenge we face.

Finding adequate employees is still increasingly difficult to find in the present job market. Increased unemployment

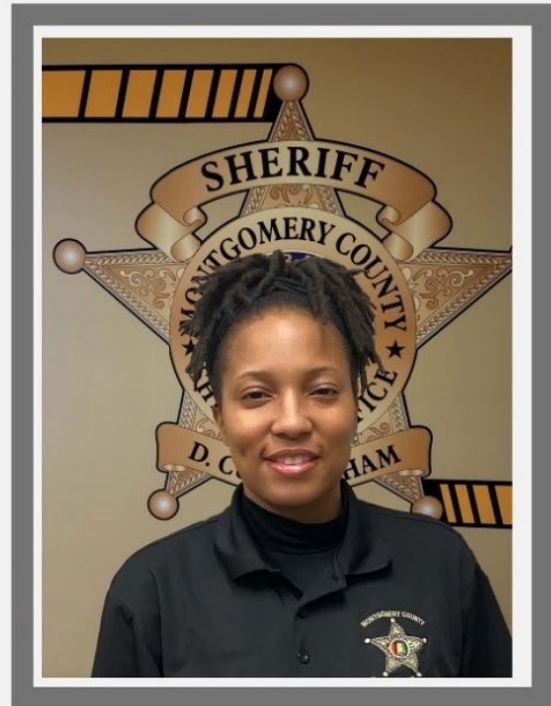
compensation has caused the hiring of employees to stagnate. Some local small businesses have closed due to their inability to find employees. Some large companies are offering employment bonuses and instant increased wages, competing for the same potential employee pool. This has affected our ability to compete in the job market, as our resources do not allow us the same methods to compete with the private market. It is my hope, along with countless businesses that are suffering a labor shortage, that the unemployment issues subside, and qualified applicants once again enter the labor market.

I recently represented Montgomery and the State of Alabama at the National Exchange Club convention in Memphis, Tennessee. I serve as the President of the Montgomery Exchange Club and was honored to represent our community for this worthwhile cause. The Exchange Club provides scholarships to students and other worthwhile causes. I am also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, which sponsors the Alabama National Fair every fall. It is one of the largest charity organizations in Montgomery. I will be the president of the club in 2023. In preparation for my leadership role, I will be traveling to Austin, Texas with the ANF staff in November to recruit carnival providers for the future fairs, so that we can continue to provide valuable donations to those in need in our community. Please join us for the Alabama National Fair this year, October 8-17, 2021 at the Garrett Coliseum fairgrounds for the many numerous attractions, activities, Midway rides, food and exhibits.

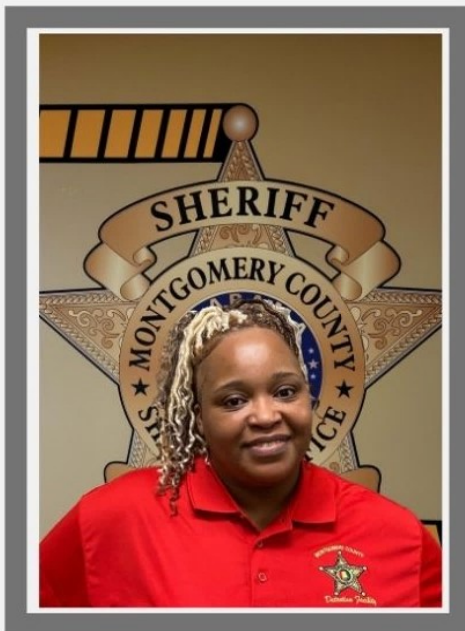
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY 3RD QUARTER PROMOTIONS (JULY-SEPTEMBER 2021)



*Corporal Doretha Edwards
to the rank of Sergeant
effective 7/12/21*



*Corporal Porshylynn Reed
to the rank of Sergeant
effective 7/12/21*



*C.O. Ashley Robinson
to the rank of Corporal
effective 7/26/21*



*C.O. Sharone Ivey
to the rank of Corporal
effective 7/26/21*



*Corporal
Terri Crumpton
to the rank of Sergeant
effective 8/23/21
(Military Leave – photo unavailable)*

MCSO PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office prides itself on being a diverse workplace. The sheriff's office is made up of men and women from every walk of life. Deputies who call the MCSO home have come from all over the United States. We as an organization take absolute pride in our diverse workforce and the amount of professionalism our deputies bring to the citizens of Montgomery County.

The MCSO proudly supports the U.S. Armed Forces. The sheriff's office understands that having a well-equipped military made up of men and women is vital to our country's continued success. The men and women who make up our armed forces are people who chose to serve a cause greater than their own. It is much like being a law enforcement officer. The desire to serve for the greater good whether it be in a local capacity or somewhere around the world on the nation's behalf.

MCSO deputies have served in active-duty roles, the reserves, and with various state national guard units. The deputies who work at the sheriff's office represent the following branches of the armed services: United States Army, United States Air Force, United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. The MCSO has approximately 20 deputies (active or retired) who have a total of approximately 250 years of combined service to our nation. During their time in service, the deputies have supported missions stateside and around the world totaling approximately 35 deployments all

with varying lengths. We are blessed as an organization to have such a wide array of experience that the military has provided our men and women at the MCSO.

The MCSO currently has 15 deputies who currently serve in the United States military. From January 2021 through August 2021, the MCSO had employees on military leave for a total of approximately 801 combined days which equates to 6,413 hours. These numbers show the level of commitment the men and women provide to our nation. It also presents a unique situation. The MCSO is still required to provide the best service possible to our citizens. When an employee is gone on military leave, other employees in the office volunteer to fill the void. Those employees take on the vital role during the service member's absence. This speaks volumes of the character of the employees of the MCSO who complete this task without hesitation. It is honorable to take pride to cover for the service member who is away from work due to a military obligation.

The MCSO currently has one deputy who is deployed overseas in support of America's global mission. The unique situation we have concerning this deputy is his wife, is also an employee of the sheriff's office. She is an Administrative Support Specialist who works in the Administrative Division. She understands firsthand the challenges of having a deployed family member. While deployed, the service member will miss birthdays, holidays, special occasions, and even sports and activities that a child

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participates in. The family member back home must take over both roles of each parent while the other is gone. This is sometimes a heavy task; however, with a strong support system it can be done. Members of the MCSO have spoken with her in-depth about the sacrifices that are made by not only her family, but thousands of others who answer the call to support and defend America in the states and abroad. The MCSO is here to support her and her son while our deputy is away serving our country during his deployment.

The MCSO deputies who currently serve, do so in the capacity of the Reserves, Air National Guard, or Army National Guard. Their units are located throughout the United States. Our deputies are on both the enlisted and officer side of the military. With these military components the regular schedule for military service is one weekend a month and a two-week training period during the summer months. The coordination for deputies to maintain a full-time job with the MCSO and a career in the military can be challenging. The sheriff's office encourages our deputies to be successful in both their career choices for when they succeed in one, the other benefits as well.

The State of Alabama regularly calls on the members of the reserves and national guard to help support the state in various capacities. During 2021 alone, the State of Alabama called members of various military components to active duty to support civil unrest missions throughout the state and country, hurricane relief and recovery

support, and COVID-19 support. The MCSO works with each service member when they are called to duty to ensure they receive the benefits they deserve, and everything is taken care of when they are gone.

The citizens of Montgomery County should be proud of their sheriff's office as a whole and specifically proud of the military members that make up the ranks. Military service starts at the top with Sheriff Cunningham having served and retired from the military. He understands firsthand the sacrifices made by everyone involved and has created a culture of support for our military service members. In 2018, the MCSO, Sheriff Cunningham, and three other employees were awarded the Patriot Award for outstanding service and support of a deployed service member during that year. The MCSO joins the citizens of Montgomery County in the continued support of our military members and the United States Military.



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MCSO Military Service Member Photo Gallery



Captain Joshua Douglass
United States Marine Corps



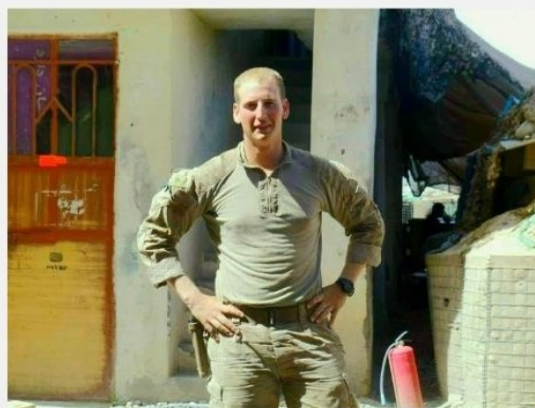
Deputy Josiah Smith



Deputy Fred Griffin (& wife April)
United States Air Force



Sheriff Derrick Cunningham
United States Army



Deputy Jordan Smith
United States Marine Corps



Lieutenant Juan Jerry
United States Air Force



Corporal Joe Love
United States Army

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office



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Starting Annual Salary/Hourly Rate

Deputy Sheriff Lateral

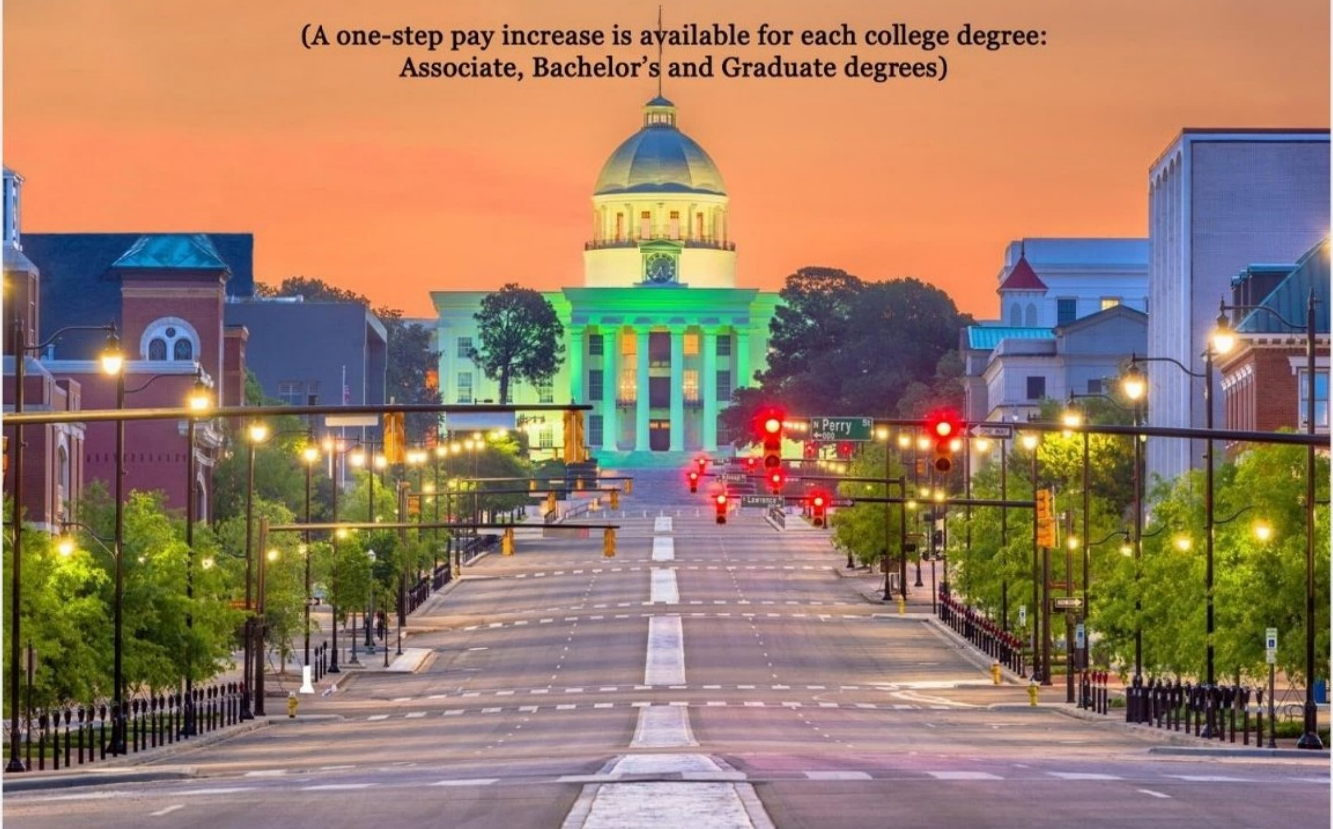
1 to 2 Years of Experience: \$47,972/\$23.06

2 to 5 Years of Experience: \$49,370/\$23.73

5 to 10 Years of Experience: \$50,767/\$24.40

More than 10 Years of Experience: \$52,163/\$25.07

(A one-step pay increase is available for each college degree:
Associate, Bachelor's and Graduate degrees)



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Deputy Sheriff Trainee: \$43,780/\$21.04

Deputy Sheriff: \$46,575/\$22.39

w/Associate Degree: \$47,972/\$23.06

w/Bachelor's Degree: \$49,370/\$23.73

w/Graduate Degree: \$50,767/\$24.40



ANNUAL SENIOR FISHING RODEO MAKES A SPLASH

The MCSO hosted our annual Senior Fishing Rodeo on Tuesday, September 14th at the Montgomery County ponds located near Troy Hwy. and Meriwether Rd. Over 175 Montgomery County citizens joined us for a morning of relaxation, fishing, food and refreshments. The beginning of the event saw 40 minutes of rain, but it did not deter our seniors.

Employees of the MCSO volunteered to work and staff the event and helped with the planning, preparation, cooking, assisting our citizens, and clean up to make the event an enjoyable experience for all. Members of the Rolling Hills Volunteer Fire Department were present for the safety and welfare of our guests.

We appreciate the Montgomery County Commission's support in the annual senior fishing rodeo and Chairman Elton Dean and Commissioner Doug Singleton taking time out of their busy schedules to spend time at the event.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT UNITES COMMUNITIES

The MCSO sponsored the annual National Night Out on August 3rd, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Home Depot, 10655 Chantilly Pkwy. The host partners included the Montgomery County Commission, Town of Pike Road, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Alabama Department of Conservation, Montgomery Police Department, Pike Road Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery Fire and Rescue, Haynes Ambulance and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Aviation Unit.



Parents, children and neighbors enjoyed fellowship, food and beverages, the helicopter displayed from ALEA Aviation, information on safety and security for homes, the programs that the MCSO provides Montgomery County residents, and a host of vendors and community organizations.

The Town of Pike Road sponsored awards for the most attendance from a neighborhood at the event. Coventry Neighborhood Association came in first, Ridgecrest second and Bridlebrook third. The HOA representatives received their gift cards at the Pike Road Town Council meeting on August 9, 2021.



*Front Row, (L - R):
Sergeant Garner,
Angel Rodriques (Coventry),
Michael Kinard (Bridlebrook),
Cortez Harris (Ridgecrest)
Commissioner Doug Singleton,
Colonel John Briggs*

*Second Row (L - R):
Councilor Angie Bradsher,
Mayor Gordon Stone,
Councilor Chris Myers,
Councilor Doug Fuhrman,
Councilor Chris Dunn*

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY HOLDS VIRTUAL COURT

The Montgomery County Detention Facility has been working tirelessly to ensure that the inmates housed are able to attend court and conduct attorney visits. Due to the rise of COVID-19 in Montgomery, we are conducting court, mental health visits, attorney visits, and doctor evaluations virtually.

Four correctional officers are dedicated to virtual hearings. The hearings are conducted via Zoom, Skype, Cisco Jabber, and Microsoft Teams. It takes the place of a traditional court setting. There is a podium where the inmates stand, and a judge swears them in. If a witness is needed, they will be allowed to join the virtual meeting/court. This allows for a safe environment for inmates and staff alike. There is no concern of transporting inmates to and from court and possibly exposing them to COVID-19. The public is safe because they do not have to leave the safety of their home. The judge and court officials lesson their possible exposure as well. The MCDF holds hearings for district, circuit, and federal court. There have also been other counties e.g., Shelby and Jefferson County that needed to see inmates in our facility and we have been able to accommodate them.

The MCDF has 7 rooms that can be used for virtual court. They are equipped with a large monitor and audio equipment. The monitor provides a large view of the of the inmates seated in the virtual room. The Montgomery County Information Systems Department team works



tirelessly to ensure that the judge and attorneys are able to participate in the hearings. The virtual court rooms (VCR) are utilized daily. The larger VCR can accommodate inmates. There are three small private rooms that an inmate can speak to their attorney confidentially.

Our staff prepares a weekly list that can include attorneys, doctors, public defenders, client advocates, probation officers, investigators, and social service workers. MCDF also conducts first appearances for defendants three times a week. When someone is arrested, they have 72 hours to be brought before a judge and notified of their charges. The VCR provides a safe alternative for the inmates as well as the civilians.

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The MCDF also houses federal inmates. The Federal Defenders Office and The U.S. Marshal Service have been excellent partners. The U.S. Marshall Service work closely with the detention facility staff to ensure that the federal inmates are present virtually for court hearings with federal judges, federal defenders and prosecutors.

The MCDF has been utilizing the VCR since the onset of the pandemic. Virtual court has allowed us to keep moving forward with our daily operations. One of the most important things to an inmate is being able to speak with their attorney and to attend court. Due to the dedicated efforts our information systems department and the MCDF staff, the VCR program has been a success.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS HELP ENSURE SAFETY

When most people think of a sheriff's deputy they immediately think of the deputy on a beat, in a car making a traffic stop, or taking someone into custody that has violated the law. It's common to think that way certainly, but there are so many more moving parts in your law enforcement agency and what it does for the community. One such part is the function a deputy sheriff plays within the educational system. Your Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is fully dedicated to developing a good relationship with the public that we serve, and we commit ourselves to that end, in part, through our School Resource Officer and D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programs. Of course, protecting the most innocent of our community is of vital importance but being immediately accessible and approachable gives our children another person to rely upon in an emergency and provides an additional opportunity for children to learn and build trust within the community. Trust and reliability are two of the most important attributes a community needs to get from a law enforcement agency.

All law enforcement officers are sworn to uphold the law and that remains a part of the function of an SRO. A School Resource Officer is present should an emergency or other situations that require law enforcement intervention. The purpose is not to frighten children into compliance with school rules, rather to provide a law enforcement officer within the school to educate and mentor students. An SRO collaborates with school administrators, security staff, and members of the faculty to help with ensuring a safe learning environment. To that end, each of our SROs are certified through the National Association of School Resource Officers. They receive an initial 40-hour training session focusing on the law enforcement function, mentoring, and guest speaking. This program is certified by the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training, and is accepted by 36 states, and is considered the 'gold standard' for SRO training.

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The MCSO provides six SRO deputy sheriffs to Montgomery County and Pike Road Schools and serve a student population of just over 2,500. Additionally, our SRO's attend various after-hour functions for added security that continue to build on relationships in our community.

Although the level of interaction remains constant from elementary through senior high schools, the conversations and mentoring moments vary greatly as the needs of children are different dependent upon age. Deputy sheriffs who are assigned as an SRO receive training and understand the distinctions associated with the needs of a child, based on their age. Reinforcing good behavior and habits to enhance the educational environment and supplement the educator's role during moments that are right for mentoring is vital in the role of an SRO. We strive to support our educators, staff, students, and families within our community establishing fruitful and sound methods that build the bridge between your Sheriff's Office and the community we serve.

Another program of which we are proud is the D.A.R.E. program. Two MCSO deputy sheriffs are instructors for the program that teach 5th grade students. Both of the D.A.R.E. instructors are nationally certified to teach the program. One deputy, Corporal Kofee Anderson, is also an instructor, holding a two-week training session throughout the year. Law enforcement officers from around the country come to the Sheriff D.T. Marshal Firearms Training Center to learn and become certified D.A.R.E. instructors. Corporal Anderson received national recognition in 2015 as the D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year.

D.A.R.E. has as its primary goal to teach children how to resist peer pressure and say no when approached about drugs. One of the ways that goal is attained is by helping to build social skills while enhancing self-esteem as it is believed that children who lack those skills are more likely to try illicit drugs and later become dependent upon them. Our D.A.R.E. team teaches a myriad of lessons that help build a child's self-esteem and social skills by discussing things like personal rights, safety practices, the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes along with consequences related to their use, and strategies to be implemented that will allow the student to resist peer pressure. How to manage stress along with identifying stressors, what types of behaviors are risky and how to avoid them, and what methods one can use to build positive relationships with likeminded students is also discussed. Students learn various techniques that help them achieve the desired result of understanding their importance, uniqueness, and value as a person that inevitably will lead to the resistance of drug use, gang activity, and other undesirable behaviors that can prevent them from being successful. At the end of the sessions a graduation ceremony is held where students are awarded a diploma and encouraged to remain vigilant and resist drugs and other unhealthy activities.

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School Resource Officers and D.A.R.E. Officers are a valuable tool for our community. We are proud of the efforts our deputies make to help our children become successful. Providing these resources to our school system is a matter of pride for the MCSO. Our involvement in the community has to start with our children and continue through adulthood. Many of the children who had built friendships with SROs during their primary and secondary school years went on to law enforcement careers of their own, or now have children of their own and understand the importance of these programs. Community service is very important to the MCSO. We understand the importance of law enforcement's presence in the community, not just the deputy on the beat, in a car, or placing someone under arrest. It is about being good neighbors, mentors, and partners.



**Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
School Resource Officers**

(L-R) Dep. Ward, Cpl. Forbes, Dep. Ivey, Cpl. Anderson, Dep. Dixon, Cpl. Robinson, Dep. McKenzie

MCSO DEPUTY OF THE 3RD QUARTER - 2021

LIEUTENANT JAMES SMITH



Lieutenant James Smith

Statistical data is reported monthly by each MCSO division. The data and information are tools the senior MCSO administration uses that permits them to manage resources, personnel and formulate future budget priorities and improve function in our law enforcement agency.

Lieutenant James Smith was instrumental in developing a program to track curriculum, training, and attendance at the Sheriff D.T. Marshall Firearms Training Center. He developed a computerized sign-in system that allows us to obtain statistical data on officers and agencies that attend training, the type of training they attend, and the number of students in each class. This information is calculated by month, quarter, and year. Charts and graphs allow the MCSO administration to

visualize what training is the most relative at the present time, and plan for the future educational needs of law enforcement officers.

Additionally, Lieutenant Smith developed a QR code for visitors to register from their personal cellular devices. Facilitating new ideas and technology was something Lieutenant Smith self-initiated that improved the performance of training and education within the MCSO and for visiting agency members. For his forward thinking and efforts to improve MCSO standards, Lieutenant James Smith is the 2021 deputy of the 3rd quarter.

MCSO CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE 3RD QUARTER - 2021

OFFICER EDMOND COOPER

Officer Edmond Cooper brings many outstanding qualities to his job, such as a strong work ethic, self-motivation, and a positive and professional attitude. Officer Edmond takes the initiative to teach and train new correctional officers, and is a mentor for other officers with proven practices to enhance safety and security at all times. Officer Cooper sets a strong commitment to excellence on the job for others to follow. Officer Cooper focuses on the safety, security and control of the facility and its occupants and has earned the confidence and trust of his supervisors and peers. He is most deserving of Correctional Officer of the 2021 3rd Quarter.



Correctional Officer Edmond Cooper

MCSO CIVILIAN OF THE 3RD QUARTER - 2021**APRIL GRIFFIN**

Mrs. April Griffin is the E911 Addressing Coordinator for the MCSO. She also has numerous responsibilities in the Administrative Division of the sheriff's office. These tasks include purchasing for our agency and managing the Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping, which was previously managed by two separate people. She continues to assist in the Montgomery County Probate Office election center, working as the radio contact between the deputies and the election center staff. April assists with needs in dispatch when needed and is fully trained as a dispatcher.



April Griffin - E911 Addressing Coordinator

April regularly volunteers and helps during the planning and implementation of MCSO community events throughout the year. She assists other law

enforcement agencies when registering officers to lodge in The Sheriff's House during their stay in Montgomery for the police academy or continuing education training. Due to a vacancy in another office, she has been managing the purchases and work orders for the Montgomery County Fleet Maintenance Shop by submitting monthly billing statements. She has been invaluable in assisting with the needs of our organization and always maintains a positive and can-do attitude. April Griffin is a great asset to the MCSO and the citizens of Montgomery County.



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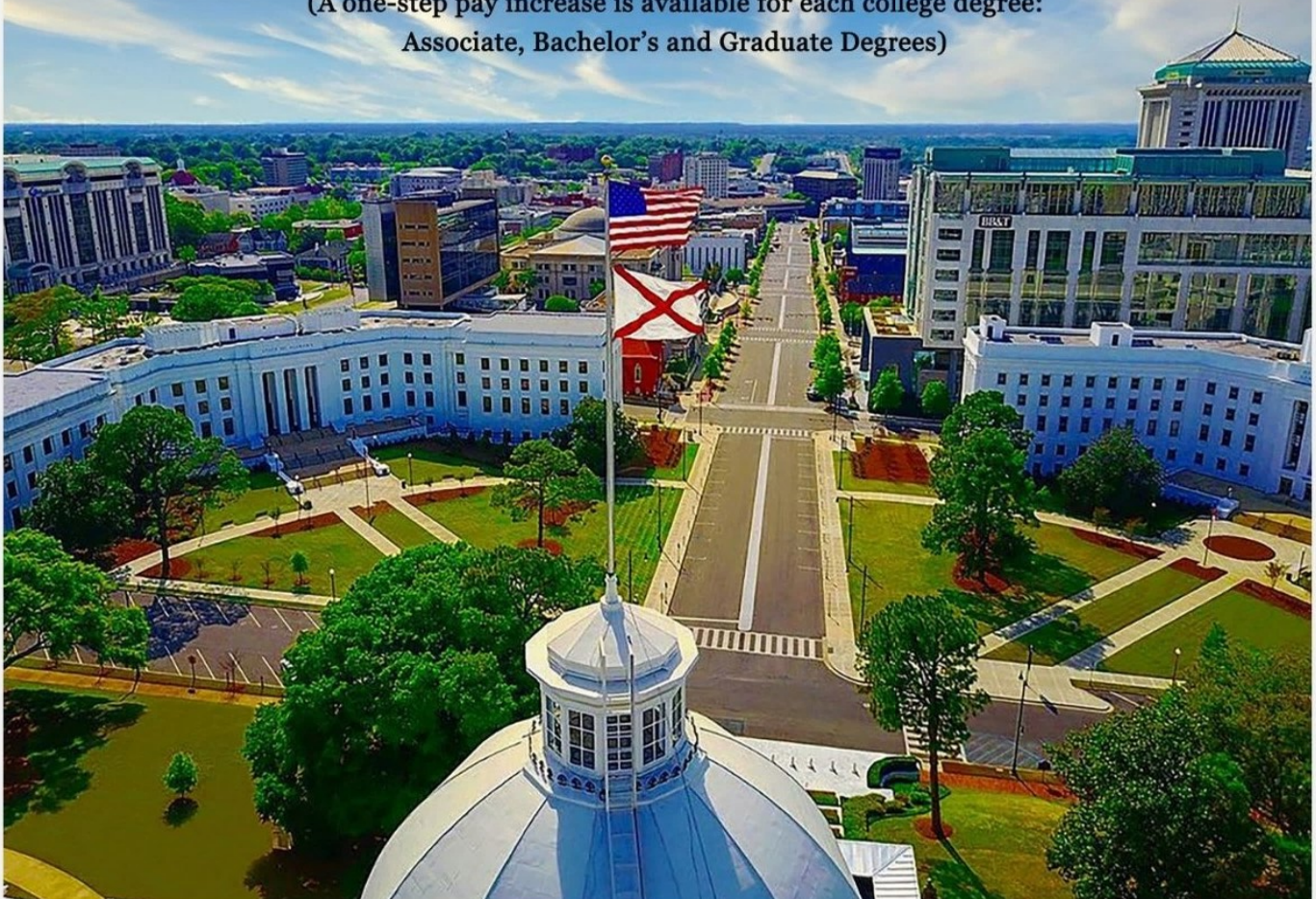
1 to 3 Years of Experience: \$38,473/\$18.49

3 to 5 Years of Experience: \$39,785/\$19.12

5 to 10 Years of Experience: \$42,407/\$20.38

More than 10 Years of Experience: \$45,031/\$21.64

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Correctional Officer: \$37,161/\$17.86

w/Associate Degree: \$38,473/\$18.49

w/Bachelor's Degree: \$39,785/\$19.12

w/Graduate Degree: \$41,097/\$19.75



MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AVAILABLE THROUGH PROBATE COURT

In the State of Alabama, an individual can receive involuntary treatment for mental illness. If the individual is a juvenile, their parent or guardian has the absolute right to consent. In the absence of parental consent, the Department of Human Resources can give consent. Additionally, a circuit court judge with the juvenile court can court order treatment. For an adult, law enforcement can place a hold on someone who displays behavior that endangers themselves or others. A physician, with consult of a second physician, can also treat a mental health patient involuntarily. In these instances, the probate court of the county will review the case and issue an order within seventy-two hours. The probate court, upon receiving an affidavit, may also issue an order for a sheriff's office to take into custody and deliver an individual to a medical facility to receive involuntary treatment for mental illness.

The process for involuntary treatment for those suffering from mental illness is mandated by law. An affidavit is filed with the probate court with facts that illustrate that an individual is displaying signs and behavior of mental illness and that their behavior is such that they pose a risk to the safety of themselves and others and, without treatment, their condition would not likely improve. The Montgomery County Mental Health Authority assists with affidavits of petitioners and in the evaluation of the respondent. The probate court then receives the affidavit, and the probate judge issues an order to the sheriff's office to take the respondent into custody and deliver them to an emergency room at one of the three

hospitals in Montgomery. They are evaluated for medical illnesses and cleared for mental health treatment. After their medical evaluation, the sheriff's office transports them to one of the mental health treatment facilities. The respondent has a hearing with the probate judge to determine a course of treatment. This can range from outpatient care to admission to a long-term facility.



*Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Probate Unit
Cpl. Pace and Cpl. Madrid*

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In an effort to ease the burden on an already stressed medical system, Montgomery County has implemented new programs. The first is a mobile crisis team. This unit responds to reports of individuals with mental illness that require intervention. They evaluate the patient and determine the best course of intervention. This is an attempt to divert them from the hospital emergency rooms and treatment facilities. This unit responds with the Montgomery Police Department and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office to calls where mental health consumers may be found in crisis. Law enforcement works closely with the mobile crisis team to provide the best treatment for individuals in crisis due to mental illness.

The next program, still in the planning and implementation phase, is the Montgomery Crisis Diversion Center. This is a facility under renovation that will, upon completion, evaluate individuals in crisis and provide for short-term treatment. The concept of the diversion center is to provide individuals other options and alternatives from hospital emergency rooms, long term mental health treatment facilities, and detention facilities. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office fully supports the diversion center and has attended planning meetings in preparation for its opening. This will help the detention facility with providing alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders who are in a mental health crisis.

Sheriff Cunningham has directed that all sworn deputy sheriffs to receive Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). This training

prepares law enforcement and other first responders to interact and assist mentally ill citizens. The training also exposes law enforcement to the unique needs of mentally ill patients. As of this date, most of the MCSO deputies have completed CIT. The MCSO also sponsors the training for other agencies in central Alabama.

As one of the many organizations that are involved in the handling of mentally ill patients, we have initiated meetings with the other organizations to develop protocols that establish the dignified transfer of patients between law enforcement and mental health organizations. It has been the goal of all these organizations to handle patients in the safest and most humane manner as possible.

The MCSO currently has a full-time probate unit that handles most of the involuntary commitment order and the transport of mental health patients. Patrol deputies assist when necessary when a commitment order is issued after hours and in order to prevent delays when mental health consumers need vital treatment.

The MCSO is an important part of the critical process when dealing with mental health consumers. Our law enforcement training, policies and implementation of procedures keep Montgomery County residents and consumers safe when dealing with those undergoing a mental health crisis.

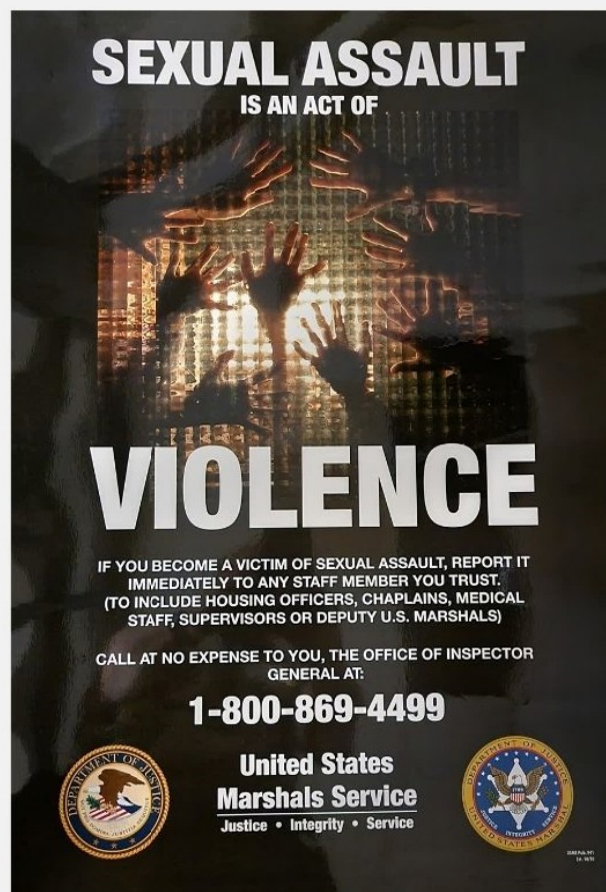
MCDF RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT

The Montgomery County Detention Facility maintains a “zero tolerance policy” regarding sexual abuse or harassment. The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into law on September 4, 2003, by President George W. Bush. It is the first federal law intended to deter the sexual assault of prisoners. The purpose of the law is to prevent prisoner rape in prisons, jails, and detention facilities. PREA is not mandatory in county jails, however, the DOJ provides incentives for confinement facilities to implement the standards.

The MCDF received a grant from United States Department of Justice. The purpose of the grant was to bring the facility up to date on PREA guidelines. It has included everything from posters about sexual assault to a video that displays information in the English and Spanish languages. This grant also provided training for the detention facility staff and vendors. The

purpose of the training is for personal to be able to identify the signs of possible sexual abuse, to detect potential predators, and what to do if a victim comes forward. The MCDF has a PREA Coordinator and a PREA Manager. They handle the reporting and the documentation of any sexual assault complaints that may occur. All complaints are investigated by a law enforcement officer.

Most all information regarding sexual assaults in correctional facilities comes from the PREA Resource Center. It is an online academy that offers free training, class, and implementation curriculum for jails and prisons. It is an excellent source of information for the MCDF. We are in the process of having laptops set up in the public lobbies. The purpose of this is to give friends, family members, attorneys and concerned citizens the opportunity to report an incident that they may be aware of. The PREA program offers the MCDF the resources to combat the potential for sexual assaults in the facility and increase the safety of the inmates.



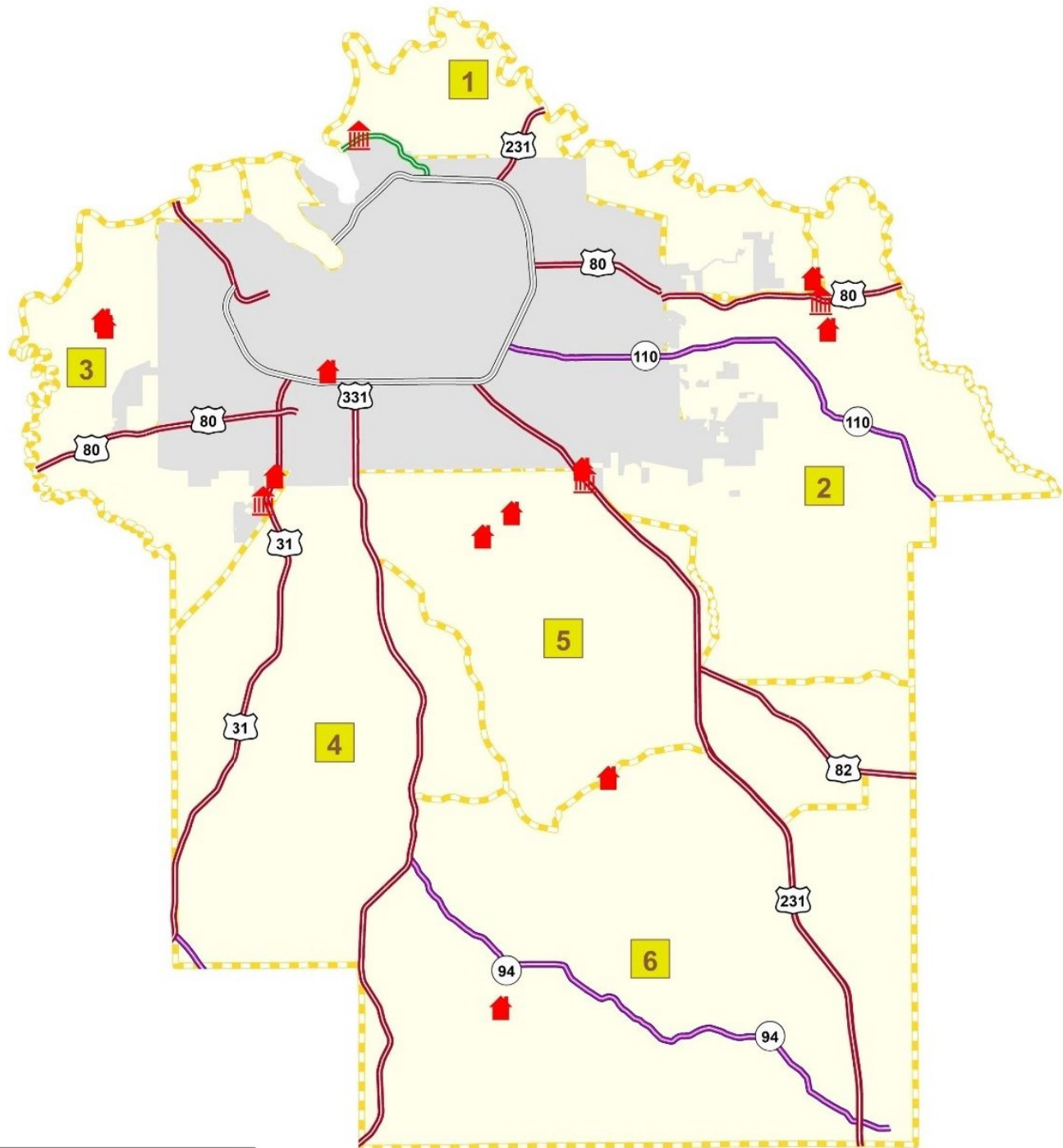
CONGRATULATIONS POLICE ACADEMY DEPUTY GRADUATES



September 28, 2021

**Sheriff Cunningham swearing-in new deputy sheriffs
(L-R) Oliver Wells, Mason Reid, Mar'Torio Baldwin & Marjayvun Rhodes**

MCSO 2021 3rd Quarter Burglary Statistics

**TYPE, ARREST**

Business, No



Residential, No

2021 M.C.S.O. INVESTIGATIONS 3RD QUARTER FELONY ARRESTS



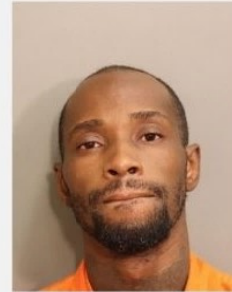
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Property/Inmate
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Capital Murder
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Destruction State
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S. McDonough St.



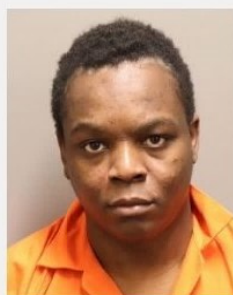
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Carmichael Rd.



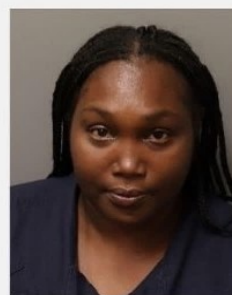
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Terroristic Threats x3
Industrial Park Blvd.



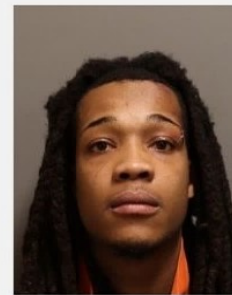
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S. McDonough St



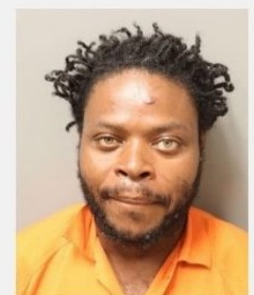
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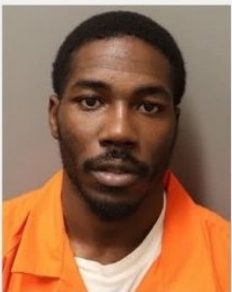
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Financial Exploitation
Elderly 2nd
Gibson Hills Dr.



Alonzo Jones
Assault 2nd
S. McDonough St.



Demetris Colin
Receiving Stolen
Property 1st
Moore Rd. / Troy Hwy



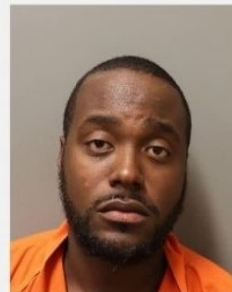
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U.B.E.V. / TOP 2nd
Grace Chapel Trl.



Tiffany Jordan
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Strangulation
Wasden Rd.



Michael Baker
Obstruction
Justice/False I.D.
Boyd Cooper Prkwy



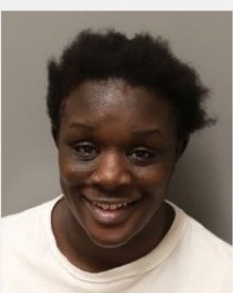
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Rape 2nd x3
Stone Park Blvd



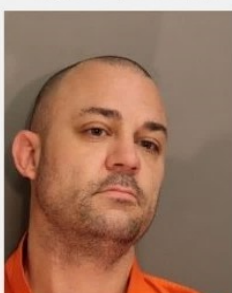
Lacorey Fuller
Destruction State
Property/Inmate
250 S. McDonough St.



Ernest Cooper
Domestic Violence -
Strangulation
I-85 @ M.M. 17



Lanquisha Sanders
Obstruction Justice/False
I.D. Eastdale Cir.



Matthew Noggle
Destruction State
Property/Inmate
S. McDonough St.



Cody Riley
Domestic Violence -
Strangulation
E. Sprague Junction

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Timothy Andrews
TOP 2nd
Howell Ln.



SPOOKTACULAR PLANS AHEAD THIS FALL

You will find the flyer for the 2021 MCSO Halloween Spooktacular in this publication of MSQ: Montgomery Sheriff Quarterly. Last year, due to the pandemic, we changed the manner in which we and our vendors passed out candy to the children during the event. As the saying goes, “Necessity is the mother of invention” –Plato. We decided to conduct a drive-through for the event to lesson the spread of germs due to COVID. The event was a success. Based on the large amount of positive feedback we received from parents, we decided to continue the drive-through trick-or-treating again this year.

The drive-through makes for a safer experience. Children do not have to walk through the parking lot to enter the Coliseum and stand in line for long periods of time. The drive-through is more orderly and allows a faster distribution of candy. The parents appeared to enjoy it as they had their children inside the safety of their vehicles where they could be closely monitored. We look forward to seeing you there on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Garrett Coliseum, 155 Federal Drive (enter at the rear of the Coliseum off of Coliseum Blvd.).

Lastly, I know we are living through some difficult times. The COVID pandemic has made a lasting mark on our society. It has affected every aspect of our lives, from work, education, the way we socialize, the economy, costs for goods and services and the availability of major products such as appliances and automobiles. The current state of affairs has made it rather difficult to maintain our fleet of vehicles. The lack of availability for new vehicles has impacted not only families, but government and business alike.

We have formulated a plan at the MCSO to navigate through these events as they unfold. We are making the most use of limited resources available and making the necessary adjustments in order to ensure our response to Montgomery County citizens does not falter to one degree. Every member of the MCSO is dedicated to fulfilling the mission and displaying a positive and helpful attitude when called upon for assistance.

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As fall ends and we enter the final months of 2021, it is my hope and desire that you and your families have a safe and prosperous holiday season. I, along with my staff, are always at your service.


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