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A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF DERRICK CUNNINGHAM



The 2025 Alabama legislative session was very busy for the law enforcement community. A package of bills dubbed “Safe Alabama” made their way through the Alabama Statehouse as crime was a top agenda for lawmakers this year. On June 12th I had the honor of attending a ceremony at the Alabama Capitol with Governor Kay Ivey and

state legislators for the signing of bills into state law. SB116 was enacted that makes it a Class C felony for a person to knowingly possess a part or combination of parts intended to convert a pistol into a machine gun. These devices are commonly known as “Glock Switches” but can be manufactured and used for any firearm. In the past law enforcement had to utilize the federal statutes for charging criminals that possessed these dangerous weapons, particularly pistols, with automatic firing capabilities, often matched with high-capacity magazines. The federal course



June 12, 2025

Sheriff Cunningham, along with fellow law enforcement officers, state legislators and citizens, joined Governor Kay Ivey at the Alabama Capitol for the signing of three legislative bills “Back the Blue” into law.

of action was slow and arduous as a federal grand jury most often had to meet in order for an indictment to be brought, which often took months. The criminals often walked free during that period of time. As most of you are aware, there have been several violent crimes in Alabama, including Montgomery County, where hundreds of rounds were fired. Bystanders and multiple victims, some innocent children, have been harmed and killed in these senseless acts. I have supported this state legislation for several years and am relieved it took effect immediately after being signed into law. Senator Will Barfoot, from Montgomery County, was the author of the bill.

Senator Barfott also sponsored SB119, legislation also signed by Governor Ivey. This law expands the current “certain persons forbidden” law to include individuals with any prior felony conviction unless they have their gun rights restored by pardon. It expands Aniah’s Law [offenses], increases penalties for shooting into an occupied dwelling, vehicle or other designated space from a Class B felony to a Class A felony, and requires the Alabama Board of Parsons and Paroles to revoke the parole or court probation of someone convicted of unlawful firearms possession when they are found in possession of a firearm by his or her probation officer.

SB115 was sponsored by Senator Clyde Chambliss and broadened the existing crime of “impersonating a peace officer” to include individuals who accept employment as a peace officer while knowing they are ineligible to serve or knowing that their Alabama Peace Officers’ Standards and Training Commission certification has been revoked or suspended.

The final bill signed into law was HB202, sponsored by Representative Rex Reynolds, that provides law enforcement officers with immunity protection while acting within the scope of their official duties and within their discretionary authority. The law also

also protects correctional officers in a detention facility in the scope of their duties as well. Although this new act codifies qualified immunity into law, it has been an established precedent as case law for decades. The standard for qualified immunity for law enforcement officers was first introduced in a U.S. Supreme Court case, *Pierson v. Ray*, 386 U.S. 547 (1967). The issue has been further clarified in *Harlow v. Fitzgerald*, 457 U.S. 800 (1982) and *Anderson v. Creighton* 483 U.S. 635 (1987). In a unanimous decision this year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Barnes v. Felix*, 605 (2025) to sustain qualified immunity for law enforcement officers, clarifying that courts must consider the “totality of circumstances when assessing whether force was reasonable, rather than solely focusing on the moment of force.” I feel confident and hope and pray that our law enforcement officers will use good judgement when executing their official

duties, so public support and confidence remains strong in our profession. If you wish to read these bills and laws in their entirety, you may go to the Alabama Legislature website:



<https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search?tab=3>

The Metro Area Crime Suppression Unit (MACS) was established in June of 2024. It is a cooperative effort with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, Alabama Attorney General’s Office, Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, and the Montgomery Police Department. Additionally, we receive assistance from various federal agencies. The mission was to reduce crime and enhance public safety in Montgomery and the surrounding areas. It has had a very positive impact on our community. In the past year, MACS has conducted 3,100 traffic stops, served 983 warrants, made 429



arrests, seized 268 firearms and 164 machine gun conversion devices, and recovered 68 stolen vehicles. I am most appreciative of the assistance from Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, ALEA Secretary of Law Enforcement Hal Taylor, and MPD Chief Jim Graboys for their continued support.

Many of you may have noticed the MCSO presence in the Eastchase location and the surrounding areas since last summer. In an effort to bring a greater law enforcement presence to the largest retail shopping area of Montgomery, I have provided, on an overtime basis, funded by the Montgomery County Commission, additional deputies to patrol and walk the stores in this vicinity. We have addressed the traffic problems and retail theft. Both have been dramatically reduced. We will continue to assist the city, as our staffing and time permits, but [also] remain focused on our primary obligations to Montgomery County citizens and the unincorporated areas of our county.

I have attended many community, neighborhood associations, civic organizations, to include the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce 'Around the Table' meetings on the topic of crime in our community, and methods law enforcement

is using to combat them. I was recently joined by ALEA Secretary of Law Enforcement Hal Taylor, District Attorney Azzie Oliver, and MPD Chief Graboys to listen to citizens and business leaders, sponsored by the chamber of commerce, on their thoughts and suggestions of working together as a community. I enjoy these discussions and learn much about our efforts, what is working, and what we can do to improve our strategies. The suggestions are always helpful.



Sheriff Cunningham participates in the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce 'Around the Table' series that focused on regional crime response and collaboration. He was joined by (L-R) ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor, MPD Chief James Graboys and District Attorney Azzie Oliver.

The Montgomery County Detention Facility renovations continue. We recently moved inmates into the newly refurbished area of the jail. Plumbing, lighting, electrical, fixtures, painting, and monitoring systems have been upgraded and improved. This portion of the building, completed in 1985, was experiencing plumbing and electrical issues due to age. The plumbing repairs have already saved the county thousands of dollars in water expenses. The kitchen/inmate food service is operating at the former boot camp site near the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Facility. We transport the inmate meals three times a day. The inmates also receive commissary items. When food operations resume in the MCDF, the In/Out program that offers inmates the opportunity to purchase specialty food items will resume. Due to logistical challenges, this program had to be postponed until the MCDF kitchen was renovated and resumed operations in the building.

Corporal Jake Shepard, an investigator with our agency, was recently recognized by the Office of District Attorney Azzie Oliver as the “Officer of the Quarter” for his outstanding work in investigations, assistance with prosecutors, trial preparation, and support of victims and their families. Corporal Shepard has been responsible for numerous high-profile investigations in Montgomery County and is always eager to assist other investigators when called upon. He is a dedicated law enforcement officer and a great asset to our organization.

Another recipient of a recent award is Major Sallie Foster, the assistant director of detention for the MCDF. Major Foster recently attended the National Sheriff’s Association (NSA) summer conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where she received the 2025 NSA Corrections/Jail Innovations of the Year Award. Major Foster was one of numerous individuals nominated for this prestigious award. I am most proud of her accomplishments. She was recognized for her work in implementing the I.G.N.I.T.E. (Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education and Training) program in the MCDF. I.G.N.I.T.E. provides educational training for inmates to enhance opportunities for post-incarceration. She also facilitates the MCDF Family Support that offers assistance to family members of incarcerated inmates in areas such as childcare and youth activities, home assistance, mental health services, and transportation, just to name a few. Both of these MCDF programs and initiatives have been very successful. Major Foster’s dedication, hard work and commitment have made them so.



Montgomery County District Attorney Azzie Oliver presents Corporal Jake Shepherd with the Officer of the Quarter award from her agency.



Sheriff Kieran Donahue, President of the National Sheriff’s Association, presents MCSO Major Sallie Foster, the MCDF Assistant Director of Detention, with the 2025 NSA Correctional/Jail Innovation Award. The presentation was held at the NSA national summer conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The MCSO is currently recruiting members for our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This is a program that provides training for civilian volunteers in basic disaster response skills in order to assist law enforcement and EMS personnel during natural disasters, recovery efforts and other times of need. There are training opportunities for CERT volunteers, Monday-Friday, July 14-18, 6 PM to 9 PM and July 19th (Saturday) from 9 AM to 1 PM. Any interested citizens may call 334-832-2515 and speak to Sergeant Marshawn Garner with MCSO Support Services. For more information, and to watch an outstanding video on the program, please visit the MCSO Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080144835540>

to see this exciting opportunity to serve your neighbors and community.



The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Foundation is committed to serving. Our board members, Commissioner Dan Harris, Councilman Oronde Mitchell, Ms. Jennifer M. Atkins, Mr. Brad Armagost, Captain James Dill, and Corporal Issac Forbes have been instrumental in ensuring that we remain focused on community programs, youth and support of our first responders. This past May 8th the foundation sponsored a charity golf tournament at the Arrowhead Country Club. We had 29 co-sponsors that made the fundraiser a tremendous success. The monies donated by generous citizens allow us to fund the various community events and citizen outreach throughout the year. The MCSOF, with a generous donation from Commissioner Carmen Moor-Zeigler, recently awarded 10 high school graduates with college scholarships. The scholarships are named the "Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Foundation Commissioner Carmen Moore-Zeigler Scholarship Award." The applicants were awarded these scholarships based on their grade point average, attendance, references and community involvement. We are very proud of the recipients and their bright futures.





June 24, 2025



**Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Foundation
Commissioner Carmen Moore-Zeigler Scholarship Award Recipients**



(L-R) Erin-Michael Taylor, Zy'Asia Belser, Commissioner Moore-Zeigler, Zy'On Reynolds, Amisa Mack, Commissioner Harris, JaDarian Calloway, Mason Hatch, Ms. Nancy Boyd (mother of Jordan Graves). Background (L-R) Commissioners Castanza, Singleton and Sankey)

The MCSO recently held a graduation ceremony for our citizens academy, Class 2025-01. The relationships that we develop during these sessions are invaluable for our agency. Montgomery County citizens learn about our agency, different divisions, operations, and the various aspects of law enforcement. Another citizens academy is being held starting August 11, 2025. Interested parties may call 334-832-2515 to attend. It is a seven-week course, held on Mondays evenings, for one hour. We also sponsored the annual MCSO Youth Fishing Rodeo this past June 28th. We had a great turnout. The kids caught a lot of catfish, enjoyed food, and made new friends. These are programs that are possible with the assistance of MCSOF.



May 12, 2025

Sheriff Cunningham and Sergeant Garner with graduating members of the MCSO Citizen's Academy, Class 2025-01



June 28, 2025

Annual Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Foundation Youth Fishing Rodeo.



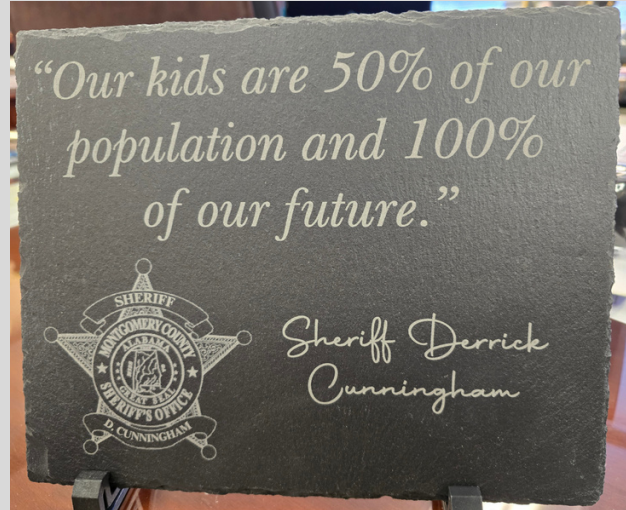
In another great way our foundation gives back to our community, members of the MCSO staff and their families recently served dinner to the residents of Friendship Mission. The director of the mission, Tara Davis and the tenants enjoyed Salisbury steak, turkey, rice, dressing green beans and desert. We enjoyed fellowship and encouraging words to our dinner guests. None of this would be possible without the generous benevolence of caring people. We sponsor dinner for the Friendship Mission a few times a year.



June 29, 2025

Members of the MCSO pray with tenants of Friendship Mission before serving dinner and sharing fellowship. The sheriff's office assists throughout the year in serving dinner to the residents.

In closing, I wish to once again acknowledge the outstanding young people of Montgomery County. From our college scholarship recipients, our cadets who recently graduated from high school, and are embarking on the next phase of their lives, to the outstanding summer interns working with us over the next several weeks, we are so fortunate to have such fine young people in our midst. They are bright, hardworking, and eager to learn. I have a saying “Our kids are 50% of our population and 100% of our future.” A staff member actually had a plaque made of this and gifted it to me. It sits proudly on my desk. As your sheriff, I am deeply committed to our youth, their development and growth, and providing them with the opportunities to become the future leaders of our community. On behalf of the MCSO, we hope you enjoy your summer.



Derrick Cunningham
Derrick Cunningham
Sheriff

MCSO Summer Interns - June 30, 2025

(L-R) Alizndre Rugley, Braxton Love, Julian Baldwin, Jalen Sloan, Zechariah Porter, Jayden Satcher, Bradley Ledyard, and London Milton



MONTGOMERY COUNTY MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

Child Protect Children's Advocacy Center serves as a vital part of Montgomery County's Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) bringing together professionals dedicated to supporting child victims and their families. The MDT consists of forensic interviewers, clinicians, medical staff, law enforcement, and prosecutors. The group meets twice a month to review cases, allowing all partners involved in child abuse investigations to track progress, coordinate efforts, and ensure justice.

During these essential meetings, each case status is reviewed within the judicial system. Even in cases that do not move forward for prosecution, the MDT ensures that child victims and their families receive a full range of support services, including counseling and advocacy. This collaborative, child-centered approach is the foundation of our work in Montgomery County.

The Multidisciplinary Team model was developed to improve the effectiveness of child abuse investigations. When children's advocacy centers (CACs) were established in the 1980s, the MDT approach was created to ensure that every child has access to all necessary resources to aid in healing and justice.

Child Protect partners with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Montgomery Police Department, One Place Family Justice Center, Helping Montgomery Families Initiative, and Carastar. These agencies, in a cooperative partnership, approach child abuse cases as a team, prioritizing coordination, communication, and timely referrals to specialized services. Although the CAC model is still relatively new, early research shows promising outcomes in both investigative effectiveness and victim support.

Child Protect is one of 45 children's advocacy centers in Alabama, and one of more than 1,100 around the world. Through the MDT model, children everywhere are met with a united front of care, compassion, and commitment.

The Child Protect mission is to restore the health and well-being of children impacted by trauma through personalized connection and a coordinated, community response. The Multidisciplinary Team model allows us to live that mission every day, ensuring no child walks the path to healing alone. Together, Child Protect and the Multidisciplinary Team creates a safety net that not only protects, but empowers.



COUNCIL FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE ADMINISTRATORS (CJJA) MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY CERTIFIED JUVENILE DETENTION DIRECTOR

Training and development are crucial and is a major priority with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Derrick Cunningham believes that enhancing officer safety, improving community relations, and ensuring legal and ethical compliance is paramount to the success of any law enforcement agency. With the rise of juvenile delinquency across the United States, the MCSO obtained a grant with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, through the Council for Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA) to offer a Facility Director/Superintendency Certification Program.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Scott D. Holmes, LPC-S, the Director of the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Facility, attend this vital training. The CJJA Superintendency Program is designed to equip juvenile facility leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively manage their facilities and improve outcomes for young people. The program consisted of a four-day in-person conference in Columbus, Ohio, followed by a six-month technical assistance program involving webinars and monthly coaching calls.

The training program seeks to provide juvenile facility directors/superintendents with the knowledge, guidance and perspectives needed to successfully manage secure juvenile justice facilities while improving conditions of confinement, reducing incidents of violence, and, most importantly, improving long-term outcomes for youth. The training focuses on providing participants with tools and resources to improve conditions of confinement, reduce incidents of violence, decrease the use of isolation, decrease use of restraints and other types of use of force incidents, and improve facility culture and climate.

Additionally, this training program aims to improve public safety by reducing juvenile recidivism rates and improve the long-term outcomes for juvenile justice system involved youth.



Graduation from this program required participants to select a focus area and develop a facility-specific corrective action plan aimed at improving the conditions of confinement within their institutions, using the lessons learned and coaching provided through this training. The action plan focus area options are: (1) Strengthening Re-Entry and Transition Practices; (2) Family Engagement Strategies; (3) Staff Wellness; and (4) Positive Youth Outcomes. Participants then engage in monthly coaching calls with a subject matter expert coach to prepare for their live presentation.

Due to the current and growing trend of officer/staff shortage, Dr. Holmes elected "Staff Wellness" as his culminating project, to assist with staff retention. Dr. Holmes verbalized that a heightened focus on improving staff wellness, including providing staff with additional training and skills, will effectively assist juvenile staff with the evolving juvenile population that's currently entering our facilities. Furthermore, effective staff wellness programs will improve the overall conditions of confinement. A "Well-Staff" will respond differently to various youth behaviors and will de-escalate a critical situation without the use of force. This response is most typically a result of their overall wellness.

We are happy to report that Dr. Holmes completed this program in April of 2025, and is now a Certified Juvenile Detention Superintendent, endorsed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency. This certification will prove valuable to youth and staff at the Montgomery County Youth Detention Facility.

SHERIFF HORACE HOOD 29TH SHERIFF OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



In 1907, Samuel Belser was elected as the 28th sheriff of Montgomery County. Unfortunately, Sheriff Belser died suddenly at home after only a few months in office. He had been

married for a second time only for a month.

After Belser's death, the Governor of Alabama, Braxton Bragg Comer, appointed Horace Hood to replace him as sheriff of Montgomery County. Hood served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 1898 to 1899. During the 1880s, Hood, originally from Tennessee, began a news publication, the Evening Journal. In March 1891, he changed its name to the Montgomery Journal, which ceased publication in 1993 after it was purchased by [then] Montgomery Advertiser publisher Richard F. Hudson.

Sheriff Hood held the office of sheriff for two consecutive terms, the first in Montgomery County history since the creation of the office in 1817. Before that time, many sheriffs in Montgomery County had served multiple terms, although not consecutively, due to the Alabama Constitution prohibiting it until 1943. It is unclear (due to unavailable historical records) how Sheriff Hood was able to serve consecutive terms at that time. Perhaps due to the fact he was appointed, rather than elected, in his first term.

In 1909, Sheriff Hood purchased the James Ware House. Built in 1855 by local physician James A. Ware, it was located on South Hull Street near Adams Avenue. Ware sold the home to his friend, prominent banker James Farley. It was then resold in 1905 to Samuel Starke. In 1989 the home was donated to

the Landmarks Foundation and the City of Montgomery by the Retirement Systems of Alabama, where it was moved (RSA purchased the city block in order to construct the Alabama Center for Commerce parking deck) to its current location on North Hull Street in Old Alabama Town. The home is now called the Ware-Farley-Hood House.

Sheriff Hood was married to the former Susan A. Brame, daughter of James Yancy Brame, one of the early settlers of Montgomery, and a Montgomery County Sheriff who served two non-consecutive terms in the mid-1800s. Please see the 2nd quarter 2023 MSQ publication for Sheriff Blame's biography.

Sheriff Hood died in Montgomery on December 30, 1924, at the age of 71. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.



Ware-Farley-Hood House, North Hull Street in Montgomery



Cesare Beccaria
1738 - 1794

CESARE BECCARIA: FATHER OF CLASSICAL CRIMINAL THEORY AND A PIONEER OF MODERN CRIMINAL LAW AND JUSTICE

The foundations and principles of the United States criminal justice system initiated over 200 years ago in Europe. The origins of the systems of laws we enjoy today, in the U.S. and abroad, the manner in which law enforcement functions, the application of punishment for offenders, and practices in incarceration, may be found in the writings and teachings of Cesare Beccaria, an 18th century Italian criminologist, jurist, philosopher, economist and politician. Beccaria is considered the father of classical criminal theory, modern criminal

law and criminal justice, and is widely believed to be one of the greatest thinkers of the Age of Enlightenment.

Cesare Bonesana di Beccaria was born in Milan in Northern Italy in 1738. At a young age he showed a great aptitude for mathematics and economics. In his mid-twenties, Beccaria became close friends with Pietro and Alessandro Verri, two brothers who, with a number of other young men of Milan aristocracy, formed an intellectual circle called the “Academy of Fists” where many of their conversations focused on reforming the criminal justice system.

The 18th century European criminal justice system was characterized by harsh punishments, the prevalence of capital offenses, and use of torture to interrogate suspects. Most criminals were prosecuted privately by the victims. Beccaria and his colleagues set out to change this societal injustice. He is best known for his book *On Crimes and Punishments* that was written in 1764.

Beccaria was assisted by the Verri brothers, Pietro who was writing about the history of torture, and Alessandro, a Milan prison official who had firsthand knowledge of prison’s appalling conditions at the time. *On Crimes and Punishments* was the first first-scale work to tackle criminal justice reform. It argued against the use of torture to obtain confessions, secret accusations, the arbitrary discretionary power of judges, inequality of sentencing, using personal connections to obtain a lighter sentence, and the use of capital punishments for serious and even minor offenses.

Beccaria believed punishments should deter others from committing crimes, be proportionate to the crime committed, and be used to create a better society, not revenge. Beccaria emphasized individual dignity within the criminal justice system. Beccaria insisted that laws be in writing, enforced in a less arbitrary manner, and argued that procedures of criminal convictions should be public. He also argued against gun control laws, noting that “The laws of this nature are those which forbid to wear arms, disarming those only who are not disposed to commit crime which the laws mean to prevent.”

On Crimes and Punishments was well received throughout Europe and changed the political and criminal justice landscape forever. Many reforms in the penal codes of European nations followed, but few countries at that time embraced the dissolution of the death penalty. Beccaria was remembered as a very shy man, and only ventured outside Italy once, to France.

Beccaria significantly shaped the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, and the foundation of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. His work significantly influenced the founding fathers and the drafting of the U.S. Constitution's Fifth and Eight Amendments. The Fifth Amendment protects citizens against self-incrimination, prohibiting double jeopardy, and deprivation of life, liberty or property without due process. The Eight Amendment prohibits excessive bail, nor excessive fines, nor cruel or unusual punishment be inflicted.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, two of the great framers of our form of government and the U.S. criminal justice system, were greatly influenced by Cesare Beccaria's book *On Crimes and Punishments*. It is a must-read for those who wish to understand the roots of modern civilized government's evolution toward an equitable system of law.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDS COMMUNITY BONDS WITH FIREARMS FAMILIARIZATION COURSE

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has a long history of developing and implementing community outreach programs. These initiatives reflect our dedication to engaging with the community, providing access to our law enforcement resources, and expressing our gratitude for our citizen's support.

One of our most popular programs is the Firearms Familiarization Course (FFC). This free, one-day course is available to Montgomery County residents who hold a valid pistol permit. This six-hour course is offered one Saturday each month from March through October.

Through the use of both classroom and live-fire exercises, the FFC course is designed to provide our students with information related to:

- The safe handling of firearms
- Weapon, caliber and ammunition selection
- Suggestions for proper firearm storage
- Alabama gun laws pertaining to the possession, carrying and transportation of firearms
- Alabama laws relating to self-defense and use of firearms.

Each student is also afforded an opportunity to participate with an on-staff firearms instructor in live-fire exercises at the MCSP firearm's range. Attendees may bring their own handgun and ammunition to the course, but it is not required. The MCSO has weapons available for use during the course.

To attend the course, residents must first obtain a Montgomery County pistol permit and then submit an application for the Firearms Familiarization Course.

Detailed instructions on how to apply for a pistol permit are available on our website: <https://www.montgomerysheriff.com/public-interest/pistol-permits>. Residents may also contact the MCSO Pistol Permit Office directly at 334-832-1335 for assistance in obtaining a pistol permit.

Once a resident has obtained a valid Montgomery County pistol permit, they may complete and submit the Firearms Familiarization Course (FFC) application online through our website <https://www.montgomerysheriff.com/public-interest/firearm-familiarization-course>.

After the application is received, our staff will verify eligibility and send an invitation to the applicant for the next available FFC. Applications may also be submitted in person at our administrative offices located at 100 S. Lawrence St., Montgomery, AL 36104.

Residents who would like more information on our Firearms Familiarization Course may also contact the MCSO Training Division at 334-832-1645.



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**FIREARMS
FAMILIARIZATION
COURSE**

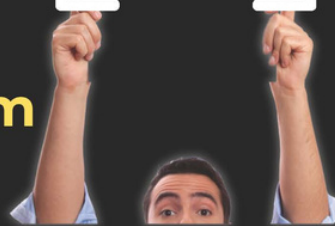
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MCSO CADET UNIT 2590 CELEBRATES GRADUATION OF FIVE SENIOR MEMBERS

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Cadet Unit 2590 was formed in 2022. Applicants must be 13 to 18 years old and be in good standing in school. The program has been very successful in helping young people mature, develop, and build lifelong relationships. Every year we are very proud to see the fruits of our efforts when the senior cadet members graduate from high school and begin the next phase of their lives. This year we celebrate five cadets who are leaving the program to start this transition.



Left to right: Cadet Captain Kenya Hampton, Cadet Corporal Sa'Mya Lassic, Cadet Alexander Thrasher, Cadet Corporal Garrett Dorsey, and Cadet Makari Williams

Cadet Captain Kenya Hampton graduated from Percy Julian High School. He is a member of several honor societies, with a GPA of 3.4. He has set a great example with his peers and has been an outstanding leader in the cadet unit. Kenya has applied to be a MCSO deputy sheriff cadet with the MCSO and aspires to become a deputy sheriff with our agency and attend the police academy in the fall of 2026.

Cadet Corporal Sa'Mya Lassic is a recent graduate of Park Crossing High School. She has also excelled in the cadet program and has developed her leadership, teamwork and communication skills that have prepared her for her future. Sa'Mya also desires to pursue a career with the MCSO and is undergoing the application process with our agency.

Cadet Alexander Thrasher has been a member of the cadet unit since 2023. He graduated from Success Unlimited Academy with honors and a 3.51 GPA. He is an Eagle Scout and has over 200 volunteer hours in the community. He scored an 84 (upper percentile) on the military ASVAB test. Alexander has received an enlistment bonus and will attend U. S. Navy basic training this fall, with plans enter the nuclear propulsion program afterwards.

Cadet Corporal Garrett Dorsey graduated from Johnson Abernathy Graetz High School last month. He has consistently been named to the A/B honor roll and has received a certificate in telecommunications. He has displayed outstanding leadership and teambuilding techniques as a cadet. His post high plans are to study automotive technology and other similar programs in order to apply his mechanical talents that require skill and precision.

Cadet Makari Williams rounds out our graduating cadets. He graduated from George Washing Carver High school with a 3.7 GPA, receiving many academic and athletic awards. He has steadily placed on the A/B honor roll with a high score in chemistry. He has received recognition as an outstanding offensive and defensive football player, highlighting his versatility as an athlete. Makari also intends to remain with the MCSO and in the near future, becoming a sheriff's deputy.



The MCSO cadet program was developed in order to interest young members of our community in the field of law enforcement and to provide a path to entering our profession. Sheriff Cunningham is deeply invested in the youth of Montgomery County. Many current veteran members of our agency started as MCSO cadets. The present cadet program will ensure this legacy continues.

NEW DEPUTY SHERIFFS SWORN IN



Left to right: Sheriff Cunningham administers the office of office to Deputy Sheriff Megan Walker, Deputy Sheriff Scott Seithalil, Deputy Sheriffs Georgina and Keane Seals

SHERIFF CONGRATULATES PERSONNEL ON THEIR WELL-DESERVED PROMOTIONS



Left to right: Sheriff Cunningham congratulates Corporal Scott Gilliland, Corporal Delana Perry, Lieutenant Joshua Stewart, and Sergeant Kyle Sage on their promotions

DEPUTY OF THE 2ND QUARTER 2025



Corporal Kofee Anderson

On June 10, 2025, a deputy from the Butler County Sheriff's Office transported a juvenile detainee to the Montgomery County Youth Facility. He was charged with trespassing and multiple incidents of domestic violence. Shortly after exiting the deputy's vehicle, the juvenile attempted to escape on foot, fleeing from the youth facility's property into a nearby neighborhood.

Corporal Kofee Anderson observed the juvenile fleeing. Corporal Anderson drove his unit into the area in order to locate the escapee. He asked several citizens if they had seen a handcuffed juvenile fleeing on foot. They indicated where he had fled.

Corporal Anderson walked to a ditch line, where he was able to take the juvenile into custody. Corporal Anderson's quick actions, effective communication, and ability to engage with witnesses, led to the swift capture of the escaped juvenile. Corporal Anderson is the 2025 Deputy of the 2nd Quarter.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY 2025 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE 2ND QUARTER



Corporal Rhonda Bailey

Corporal Rhonda Bailey joined the MCSO in July 2007. From her first day of work, her exceptional performance and dedication to duty was apparent. She is known as the "on-call officer" to her peers. Corporal Bailey volunteers to fill in whenever an unexpected shortage occurs on a shift. As a correctional officer, she works tirelessly to maintain safety and security with the facility.

On June 10, 2025, Corporal Bailey's assignment was the detention facility kitchen. While conducting a security check of the area, Corporal Bailey observed flames and dark smoke bellowing from the rear of a food warmer. Corporal Bailey immediately alerted the food service staff of the present danger. The staff extinguish the flames before the fire could cause serious damage. Corporal Bailey is to be commended for her attention to duty and decisive action. She is the 2025 Correctional Officer of the 2nd Quarter.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY 2025 JUVENILE DETENTION OFFICER OF THE 2ND QUARTER



Juvenile Detention Officer Joseph White

Juvenile Detention Office Joseph White began his career with the Montgomery County Youth Detention Facility in July of 1992 and retired in April of 2017. Shortly afterwards, due to his desire to work with juveniles, JDO White returned to work as an RSA1 part time employee. He is a consummate professional and exemplifies a strong work ethic and core values, along with excellent oral communication skills through interactions with parents, detainees, attorneys, social workers, and mental health professionals. JDO White has built a great rapport with the detainees in juvenile detention; they often respectfully refer to him as “Daddy White.”

While working in detention, JDO White is often assigned as a rover and is tasked with escorting detainees throughout the facility. He often volunteers to handle special details such as off campus medical transport, mental health transport, and when a shift needs additional coverage.

JDO White’s experience, unselfish attitude, and dedication toward his profession has proven to be a great asset for the MCJDF for the past 33 years. He is the 2025 Juvenile Detention Officer of the 2nd Quarter.

2025 CIVILIAN OF THE 2ND QUARTER



Evidence Clerk Danny Hudson

Evidence Clerk Danny Hudson has exemplified exceptional service to the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office while serving in the Investigative Division.

Mr. Hudson’s efforts in organizing the evidence room have significantly enhanced the efficiency, accuracy, and security of our property and evidence management systems. His diligence in addressing a long-standing backlog and his methodical approach to cataloging and preserving seized items have ensured compliance with agency procedures and legal standards.

Particularly commendable was his initiative in addressing the complex and sensitive task of reviewing, processing, and preparing for the lawful disposition of a substantial inventory of seized firearms. This project required continuous and meticulous attention to detail. He is required to have a deep understanding of chain-of-custody protocols and applicable legal considerations. His thoroughness and accountability have contributed directly to improved safety, transparency, and operational readiness within our agency.

His professionalism, integrity, and commitment to excellence reflect the highest values of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. His work has made a positive impact, and his contributions do not go unnoticed. Mr. Hudson is the 2025 Civilian of the 2nd Quarter.

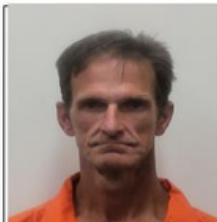
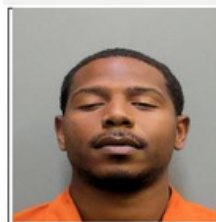
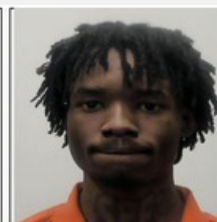
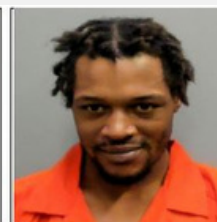
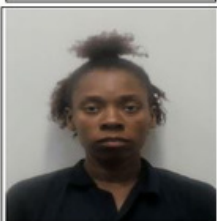
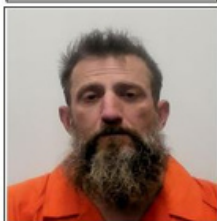
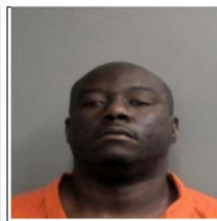
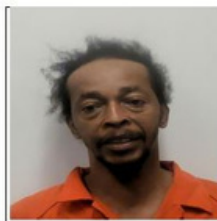
HUDGINS RETIRES AFTER YEARS OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE



June 30, 2025

Members of the MCSO Civil Division congratulate Clerk Marla Hudgins (center) on her retirement.

MCSO ARREST REPORT 2ND QUARTER 2025

					
Armstrong, Charles Receiving Stolen Property 1st Federal Drive	Ashley, Arseante Theft of Property 3rd WARRANT	Brant, Anthony Burglary 3rd Troy Highway	Carter, Brian Burglary 3rd Woodley Road	Dixon, Kewontae Promoting Prison Contra. 1st S. McDonough Street	Hamilton, Leterres Escape 3rd Mobile Highway
					
Jones, Norris DV 2nd-Assault, Assault 2nd Troy Highway	Jordan, Lanecia DV 2nd-Assault Kingman Drive	King, Ryan Burglary 3rd, TOP 1st Jackson Ferry Road	Knox, Demarcus Promoting Prison Contra. 1st S. McDonough Street	Lomax, Roderick Destr. State Property x2 S. McDonough Street	Means, Javan DV Strangulation Flintwood Drive

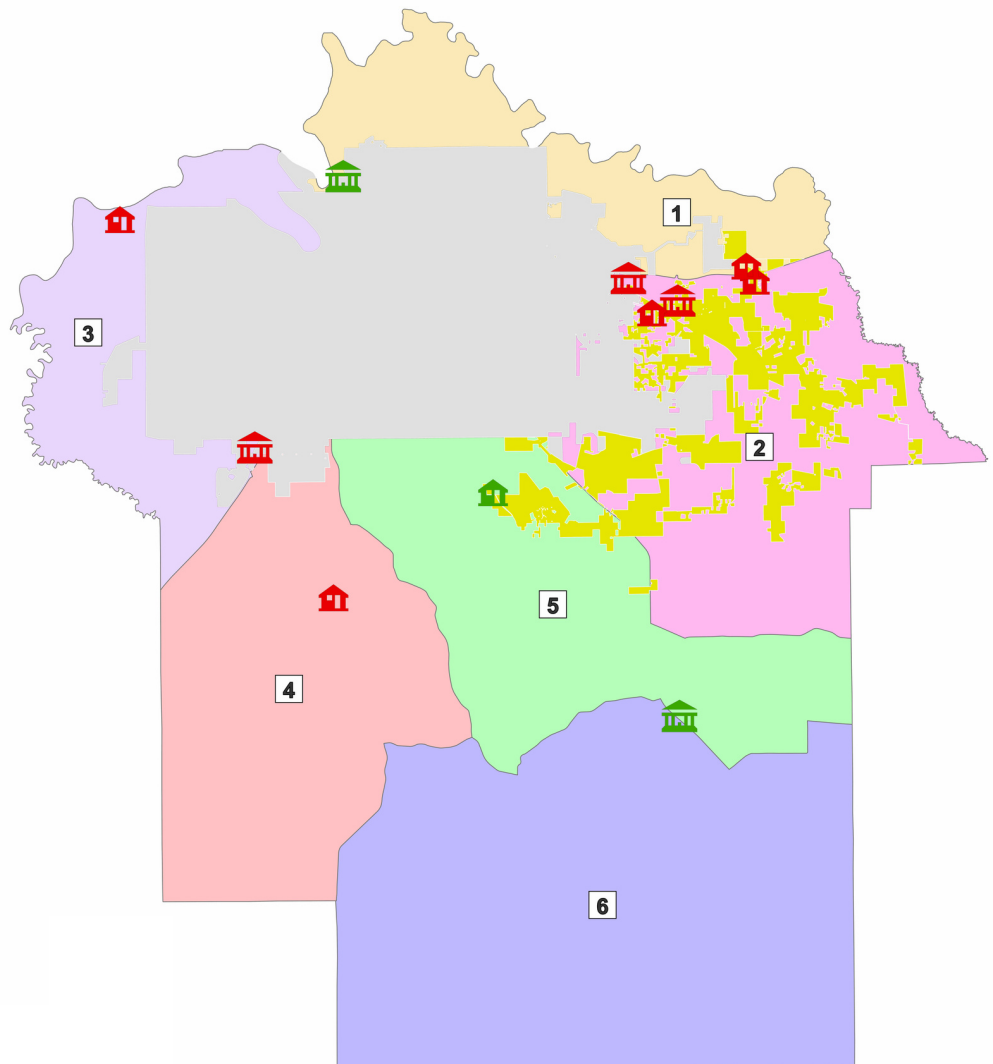


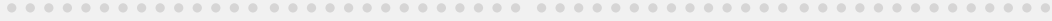
Montgomery County Burglary Statistics April - June 2025

Investigation Points

Type, Arrest

-  Business, No
-  Business, Yes
-  Residential, No
-  Residential, Yes
-  City of Montgomery
-  Town of Pike Road





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