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A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF DERRICK CUNNINGHAM

The MCSO has enjoyed a great summer with many community gatherings and special events hosted by our agency. I have had the pleasure of speaking at numerous neighborhood association

meetings, taking questions and engaging our citizens about their concerns and suggestions in making our communities safe and secure. As a sheriff, it is my favorite thing to do; meet with citizens and solve problems. In this publication, you will see an article on the Korean-American Association, which is comprised of not only Koreans, but other Asians that live, work and play in Montgomery County. I am very proud of the relationship building we have achieved in the Korean community through MCSO Sergeant Steven Wallace, a second generation Korean-American, we have strengthened the ties with the Asian community. We have also forged a strong commitment in the Hispanic community with several of our Latino deputies. Please look for the article on our efforts in the Latino community in the following Montgomery Sheriff Quarterly this January (2024).

Camp Show-n-Tell, held in late July, was a tremendous success. This year we saw an increase in Hispanic children participating in the week-long camp. With this in mind, we provided a special counselor, Deputy Nayobi Tea, one of our outstanding Latino deputies, and fluent in Spanish, as a guide and mentor for the Hispanic children attending the summer program. It was a resounding success, and all the children of different backgrounds forged strong relationships with one another. The Montgomery County youth took part in canoeing, archery, arts, crafts, swimming and outdoor survival skills. Establishing friendships and trust with our youth youth with programs such as this camp, the fishing rodeo,

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deputy in the park, etc., pays great dividends for the future of our agency. Some of the current MCSO deputies who were involved in these programs in their youth are now career law enforcement officers at the sheriff's office, a fact I am very pleased with.

Autumn is one of my favorites times of the year for the many things it brings. College football, fall festivals, and the Alabama National Fair (ANF), sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery are a few. I have been a Kiwanian for 18 years and am honored to have been selected by my peers as the President of the Alabama National Fair for 2023. The ANF is a family-friendly event held each fall at the fairgrounds located at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery. The ANF remains an independent, self-sustaining, non-profit corporation and is not an agency of the State of Alabama. The proceeds from the ANF provide hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to fund Montgomery County non-profit

agencies, student scholarships and other worthwhile organizations such as the Montgomery Area Food Bank, Montgomery Area Council on Aging, Brantwood Children's Home, to name just a few. The MCSO has a booth inside the Coliseum every year at where we have a rock-climbing wall, law enforcement static displays, novelty prizes and information on our many community outreach programs and services. I look forward to seeing you and your families this year at the 2023 Alabama National Fair.



2023 MCSO Camp Show-N-Tell



Another fall activity that generates one of the largest annual gatherings with our agency is the MCSO Halloween Spooktacular held on October 31st. This event is also held at the Garrett Coliseum. A few years ago (during COVID 19) we started a drive-through trick-or-treat where parents entered through the rear of the Coliseum property (off Coliseum Blvd.) and drove through with their children, who received their candy while remaining in the safety of their parent's vehicles. The drive-through event has been such a resounding success, we have continued it to this day. For those attending the Spooktacular, please come early to get in line. We have to close the entrance at a certain time as the event unfolds in order to get everyone through the many MCSO partners and vendors who provide candy for Montgomery County children. Please see the Halloween Spooktacular flyer in this edition of MSQ for more information.



The MCSO Senior Fishing Rodeo was held last month at the Montgomery County Ponds near Highway 231. The cooler weather at the event was a nice contrast this year and the turnout was excellent. The MCSO staff enjoyed a day of fishing, fellowship, food and beverages. Many of the seniors reached their limit of fish early that morning and were able to escape the warmer part of the day. I am grateful that several of the area nursing homes participate every year in this event. The nursing home staff members have shared with me that following

the senior fishing rodeo, they enjoy a fish fry with their residents and have a special evening of good food and laughter with them.



MCSO Senior Fishing Rodeo

The Alabama Sheriff's Association Foundation (ASAF) offers college scholarships to the children of employees that presently work for an Alabama Sheriff's Office. Students are awarded ASAF scholarships based on grades and community service. This year's scholarship recipient is Ms. Abby Richerson, a marine biology major, and is the daughter of MCSO Assistant Chief Deputy Wesley Richerson and his wife Deedra. We are very proud of Abby and wish her great success in her academic career.



Sheriff Cunningham presents \$1,000 to Miss Abby Richerson, a student at Troy University. Applicants are awarded based on educational goals within the Alabama college system.

The Town of Pike Road recently made a public safety contribution to the MCSO that assists our agency in providing the needed support to the citizens of that community. The school resource officers and deputies that are assigned and patrol the portion of Montgomery County where the Town of Pike Road and schools are located provide excellent service to our citizens. The cooperative partnership I have been able to forge with Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone and members of the town council has allowed us to move forward in a positive and productive manner in focusing on the needs of public safety for this fast-growing community in Montgomery County.



Front row (left to right) Sheriff Derrick Cunningham and Gordon Stone, Mayor of the Town of Pike Road
 Back row (left to right) Council Member Rob Steindorff, Chief Deputy Kevin Murphy, Council Member Dough Fuhrman, Council Member Chris Dunn, and Assistant Chief Deputy Wesley Richerson

One of the most critical components of an effective modern law enforcement agency is technology. It is something I strive for constantly in my leadership of the MCSO. The technology used by the MCSO permits us to do our jobs more efficiently, in a safer manner, and in turn, provide greater service to our citizens. Included in this MSQ publication is a photograph taken at one of our recent crimes scenes, unfortunately where a homicide occurred. The technology

used at this location, from the crime scene response vehicle, equipped with forensic tools and evidence collecting equipment, allowed our crime scene investigators to thoroughly and efficiently collect evidence for presentation in a court of law (for a conviction). Also, in the photo you will see unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV/drone) in the sky. The drone has a bright search light and is (also) equipped with a FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) thermal camera. During this investigation, we received information that the fugitive homicide suspect had fled into a heavily wooded area near the scene. The drone was able to assist MCSO deputies on the ground in searching a wide area in a shorter amount of time, and in a much safer manner. Rather than deputies searching in the dark, the FLIR system allowed them to pinpoint areas that indicated “hot.”



MCSO Crime Scene Unit investigators processing a homicide crime scene assisted by the UAV (drone) in the sky that is a

It was quickly determined that the suspect had fled the area and an “all safe” was called by the scene commanders. The suspect, Brandon Earl Kelley, was later apprehended a few days later (after a further crime spree that occurred in the City of Montgomery involving robbery and carjacking). Kelley has been charged with murder, breaking and entering a vehicle, three counts of robbery, theft of property and two counts of burglary. He remains incarcerated in the Montgomery County Detention Facility. From body worn cameras, vehicle computers, a forensic laboratory, tools, UAVs, fingerprint identification systems, National Integrated Ballistic Information Network, to name just a few of the technology tools at our disposal, it is my desire to provide our personnel with the most up to date equipment and training to make their mission as safe and efficient as possible.

On the topic of training, last month the Alabama Sheriff’s Association sponsored a jail management conference held in Eufaula, Alabama. The MCSO coordinated the event with other sheriff’s offices. The conference was well attended. Several of the speakers were members of the MCSO. Correctional officers from throughout Alabama attended the conference. Topics included Gangs in Jails, Staffing: Building Moral, Jail Security: Pat Downs and Body Searches, Civil Rights, Virtual Reality Training, and Crisis Intervention Training. Currently, there is no state law mandating training for county and city correctional officers, which unlike the State of Alabama Department of Corrections, which requires 480 hours of academy training in order to be certified as a correctional officer by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission. The MCSO presently offers a 120-hour jail management course to all municipal and county correctional officers. It is conducted at the MCSO training facility. It is my hope that more comprehensive training is available to

correctional officers that are employed in county and city detention facilities in order to increase professional standards. Recently, the Alabama Department of Corrections increased state correctional officer pay. With the advent of this, they have seen the largest correctional officer graduation rates in state history. It is my desire emulate this initiative and focus on the issue of correctional officer pay and training at the MCSO in order to remain competitive in this area of public safety.

On the topic of pay for public safety employees, the setbacks in recruiting in law enforcement that have occurred nationwide have not gone unnoticed at the MCSO. We continue to struggle with recruiting and employing acceptable and qualified applicants for deputy and correctional officer. The millennial and Generation X workforce require a different paradigm in order to attract those individuals into public service. In order to remain competitive, public safety salaries must be examined on an annual basis. Failure to do so will only cause the MCSO to lose interested applicants to agencies who offer more in compensation. This stark reality is a nationwide phenomenon, with agencies competing for the [now] smaller employment pool. Overlooking this problem would cause a negative long-term effect for our agency that would affect public safety for decades to come.

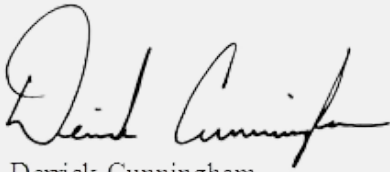
On the subject of a qualified and educated workforce, I am pleased to announce the many senior staff of the MCSO have accumulated a wealth of education throughout their careers. I have always

strived for education in my own development and completed my graduate degree many years ago, in addition to several professional development certifications. Additionally, Chief Deputy Kevin Murphy, Assistant Chief Deputy Wesley Richerson, Major Joshua Douglass, Captain Frederick Johnson, and Director of Detention Sonja Pritchett all possess graduate degrees (masters) from accredited universities, in addition to professional development certificates (Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, National Executive Institute, etc.). Captain Leigh Persky has a bachelor's degree. The Assistant Director of Detention Sallie Foster possesses a bachelor's degree. The Director of Juvenile Detention, Dr. Scott Holmes, has a Doctor of Psychology, and the Assistant Director of Juvenile Detention Patricia Boyd has a bachelor's degree. I am very proud of my senior staff that serve the MCSO and citizens of Montgomery County and assist me in the daily operations of the MCSO and leading us into the future.



In closing, please take time and review the flyers in this addition of MSQ for the MCSO Toy Drive and Christmas Angel Tree. The holiday season will be here before we know it. The toy drive and angel tree are worthy events that provide toys, clothing and hygiene products for those less fortunate than others. The organizations we sponsor for these events have been chosen in advance so we may provide the gift of giving during the holiday season. With that said, I wish all of you the very best in these closing months of 2023, and as always, I am always of service to you and your needs.

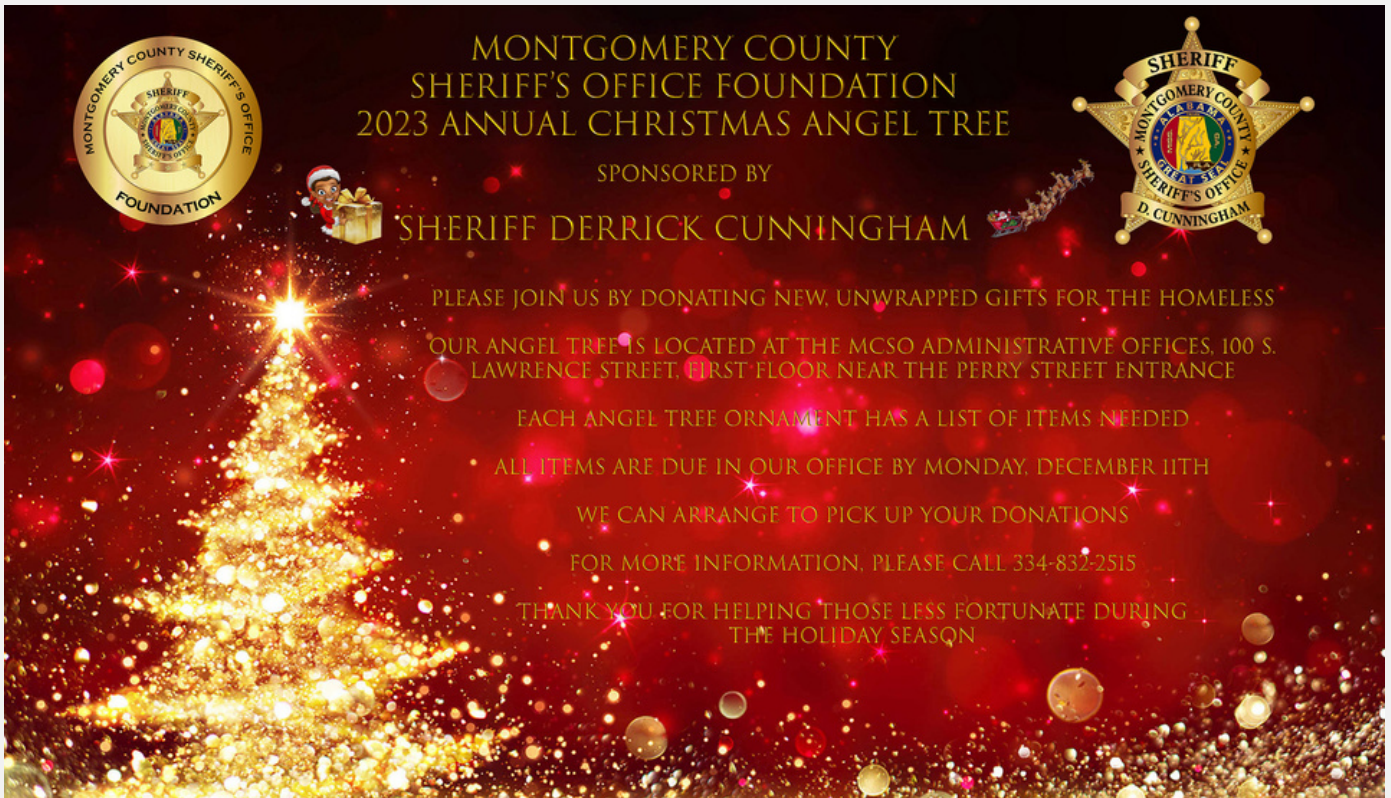
Sincerely,



Derrick Cunningham
Sheriff



The flyer features a festive background of blurred yellow and red bokeh lights. At the top left is the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office logo, and at the top center is the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Foundation logo. On the right is the Sheriff's Office badge for Sheriff Derrick Cunningham. The main text reads "Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Foundation ANNUAL TOY DRIVE" in large, colorful letters. Below this, it says "Sponsored by Sheriff Derrick Cunningham". The central image shows a red pickup truck overflowing with wrapped gifts, with a small Santa Claus figure on top. To the right of the truck are several colorful gift boxes. At the bottom left is a snowman illustration. The event details are listed at the bottom: "Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 8 AM to Noon" and "Walmart 10710 Chantilly Parkway - Montgomery".



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOUNDATION
2023 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

SPONSORED BY
SHERIFF DERRICK CUNNINGHAM

PLEASE JOIN US BY DONATING NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS
OUR ANGEL TREE IS LOCATED AT THE MCSO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, 100 S.
LAWRENCE STREET, FIRST-FLOOR NEAR THE PERRY STREET ENTRANCE

EACH ANGEL TREE ORNAMENT HAS A LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED
ALL ITEMS ARE DUE IN OUR OFFICE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
WE CAN ARRANGE TO PICK UP YOUR DONATIONS
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 334-832-2515
THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE DURING
THE HOLIDAY SEASON

THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES: AN OVERVIEW

The Alabama Department of Youth Services (DYS) is the state agency charged with the responsibility for administering and regulating juvenile justice programs and services. DYS is responsible for custody and rehabilitative services to youth committed by the state's juvenile courts and is independent and separate from adult corrections in Alabama. Responsibility for probation, supervision, and aftercare for juveniles is held by the Administrative Office of Courts in each county. Regional detention facilities are licensed by DYS but are a combination of private and local government-controlled entities. All juvenile detention facilities in Alabama that house custodial youth are required to be certified by this governing body.

The Alabama Administrative Code, Title 950 - ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH

SERVICES, Chapter 950-1-6, requires the MINIMUM LICENSURE STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS. The certification process is twofold. Facility Management and Education Services are paramount when it comes to housing custodial youth.

DYS requires that all facilities be equipped with adequate humanistic services that include food service, proper sanitation, and hygienic practices, as well as health services. All facilities are required to have a certified nutritionist, certified dietician, or licensed physician that annually approves the menus provided in the Facility. The identified facility should make provisions for safety and sanitation areas. All areas of the Facility must comply with the sanitation and health codes of the County and State Health Departments in their area

Lastly, there should be written policy, procedure, and practice providing that the Facility has a designated Health Authority with responsibility for Health Care pursuant to a written agreement, contract, or job description. The Health Authority may be a physician, health administrator, or health agency.

The second part of the certification process requires that all children receive a free and appropriate public education. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) this requirement also applies to children with disabilities. IDEA requires school districts, intermediary units, local educational agencies, and youth correctional facilities to provide special education services to students who require them to ensure they receive a free and appropriate public education.

When a child who has been identified as needing special education services and who has an individualized education plan (IEP) is sent to a youth correctional facility, the IEP comes with them. The education and services that are provided must be comparable to those the child received in their home school. Students must receive education by a certified special education teacher while in a correctional facility. Students are still required to take all state assessments and their scores are included in the data for their home school or school district.

In conclusion, we are proud to report that during a recent 2023 audit of the Montgomery County Youth Detention Facility, the DYS audit team determined that 100% of the Mandatory Standards, and



94.6% of the Non-Mandatory Standards were in compliance. In addition, the Montgomery County Health Department inspected the sanitation and hygiene areas of the facility, as well as the kitchen, and received 100% compliance. MCJDF will continue to maintain compliance with the aforementioned areas, for the purpose of providing a safe place for justice-involved youth.



PROMOTIONS

July 21, 2023

(Left to Right) Corporal Lydia Young, Corporal Anthony Amadore, Corporal Mason Reid, Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, Lieutenant Jeff Davis, Sergeant Brian Fullard, Corporal Shundra Rowe, Sergeant Mike Krezeminski



August 7, 2023

(Left to Right) Corporal Deanthony Trammell, Corporal Andrew Belser, Corporal Pamela Brooks, Corporal Taka'ya Emerson, Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, Assistant Chief Wesley Richerson



August 18, 2023

Sheriff Derrick Cunningham congratulates recent promotees (Left to Right) Corporal Cedric Law and Corporal Leslie Harrell. Also, MCSO unmanned aerial vehicle drone pilots Deputy Gregory Ocampo, Corporal Lydia Young and Lieutenant Robert Whitmore received their UAV certification.

September 29, 2023

Sheriff Derrick Cunningham with new Corporals (left to right) Jordan Ivey and Felicia Calhoun



Congratulations

NEW EMPLOYEES



Sheriff Derrick Cunningham with new Correctional Officers (left to right) Jewel Jean and Janice Hardy



Sheriff Derrick Cunningham with new MCDF members (left to right) Correctional Officers Darkerrious Young, Kala Roberson and Administrative Support Assistant Adrienne Armstrong

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY UNDERGOES RENOVATIONS

The present day Montgomery County Detention Facility located at 225 S. McDonough Street was completed in 1985. Additional buildings were added in 2009. They comprise an entire city block in downtown Montgomery. Prior to 1985, the Montgomery County Jail was located on the fourth floor of what is now the Montgomery County Administrative Building & Courthouse Annex I, located at 100 S. Lawrence Street, where the MCSO administrative offices are situated.

The MCSO has a “one jail” policy that does not separate the facility of two separate structures—its design fundamentally requires it to operate as a holistic system. The kitchen and laundry services are located in Jail-1. The medical infirmary and inmate booking are located in Jail-2. Every component of jail functions requires them to operate in coordination with one another. The design of the building, its periodic renovations and proper maintenance is pivotal to the efficient and effective mission of inmate security, custody and control.

The MCDF has a present average inmate population between 680 to 750 prisoners. The inmate population consists of county inmates, those charged with a felony or misdemeanor in Montgomery County, who have not made bond or that have no bond, federal inmates in the custody of the United States Marshal Service or U.S. Bureau of Prisons and are awaiting

trials or hearings before the U.S. Middle District of Alabama, and those convicted and now classified as state inmates awaiting transfer to the Alabama Department of Corrections. The MCSO also houses inmates from other Alabama counties that are high-risk or need to be secluded from other inmates in their home county. The MCSO receives payment from the USMS, USBOP, Alabama DOC and other sheriff's offices for the housing of inmates. In addition to the large inmate population, the MCDF conducts booking for over 5,000 people a year.

The MCDF is presently undergoing major infrastructure renovations due to the deterioration of aged and worn plumbing, electrical and security systems that are over 38 years old. The project for the renovations will include new plumbing throughout the facility, electrical repairs, security/technology, renovating and modernizing the kitchen and laundry, lighting upgrades, placing cell locks that are worn, and a new air conditioning (that is shared by the courthouse). To illustrate the great need for these repairs, some of the water and sewage pipes were so worn that they disintegrated when the contractors removed them by hand.



Renovations of the Montgomery County Detention Facility will include plumbing line replacement, electrical work, reconditioning cells and common areas and improvements to modernize inmate services (kitchen and laundry.)

The updated kitchen facility and equipment will accommodate the increased number of meals that are prepared and will provide for future growth. The kitchen presently serves over 15,000 inmate meals a week. Furthermore, the laundry room is being upgraded in order to meet the ever-increasing demands of providing clean uniforms, undergarments, towels, linen and footwear for those in custody.

The age and constant wear and tear of the cells doors has damaged the locks in many of the older cells. Some of the cell doors and locks are over 35 years old; this creates a dangerous situation for staff as well as the inmates in our custody. Our first objective is security, custody, and control. The new cell door locks are from the Willo company, a leader in the detention industry and security solutions. The locks the Willo company produces are the newest in technology and are in use in over 1,500 facilities in the United States. They are manufactured in the United States and are very reliable.

The Fulton County Jail in Georgia has had great success with Willo locks. In jail lingo, a "Jammed Door" is done by an inmate stuffing the lock with wet toilet paper or getting a strip

of fabric to run between the door jam and the lock. The old locks can be defeated by crafty individuals. An alarming phenomenon is there are YouTube videos illustrating how the locks can be thwarted. As you can imagine, this is very dangerous.

The Willo lock system has preventative technology that can foil tampering. They are constructed in such a way that if anything is placed in the locking mechanism, it falls through the device into a solid cage. Any tampering causes an alarm to sound to notify detention personnel of a security breach.

The MCDF will also be equipped with a new digital camera system throughout the facility and its perimeter. The MCDF renovations are slated to take over two years. The MCDF staff has worked diligently with the architect, engineers, contractors and county maintenance to facilitate a plan that allows for construction, while keeping facility security as an utmost priority. The end result will be a safer and more efficient facility for the MCDF staff inmates.



New Willo locks installed



Corroded pipe being replaced

TRAINING FACILITIES PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Within law enforcement there has always been a need for quality, continuing education and training. Initial training in the police academy was always devised as a “launching point” in a law enforcement career and was intended to be supplemented with annual continuing education. For this reason, the Alabama Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission established in 1995 a minimum continuing education requirement for law enforcement. Furthermore, any continuing education credits received must be submitted to APOST for review before being accepted as valid. The obvious goal is to provide meaningful continuing education to our law enforcement, thereby making them more effective.

For many years, the MCSO has recognized the importance of continuing education and has taken a progressive approach in providing the most relevant course material to our deputies and other law enforcement agencies. Instead of relying exclusively on various outside training opportunities, we have developed a variety of certified instructors, trainers and subject matter experts in several disciplines. This allows us to actively develop, implement, host and export training opportunities throughout the state.

To support these efforts, the MCSO has multiple training locations and facilities that may be utilized. The primary training facilities are located on Janet Warner Road in west Montgomery County. The “DT

Marshall Firearms and Training Facilities” comprises a main training building and offices with a classroom that can accommodate 75 students. Adjacent to this structure is a “shoot house” where live-fire scenarios are conducted, a 24 lane/50-yard pistol range, range training classroom, a “VirTra” firearms training simulator, running track and obstacle course. Additionally, there is a separate 12 lane firing range that doubles as both a pistol and long-distance rifle training area.



MCSO Sheriff “DT” Marshall Firearms Training Center located at 6955 Janet Warner Rd. in Montgomery County.

A third classroom is adjacent to this dual-purpose range. It is utilized for various training courses but is also the primary training location of the MCSO Jail Management Course that is offered to detention and correctional personnel throughout Alabama. A functioning mock jail cell is located nearby, and it is used not only in the jail academy, but also for continuing education of our own detention facility personnel. All of our classrooms are

equipped with modern audio and visual equipment such as smartboards, wi-fi access, etc.

The MCSO has 2 other training locations in south Montgomery County (Ramer and Grady) that are primarily used to instruct our “Single Officer Response to Active Shooter” course. This is an immersive, 3-day course, that specifically addresses a pro-active response to active threats, and was developed via the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. This course is available free of charge for law enforcement agencies statewide and is conducted by our on-staff instructors.

All of these training locations and facilities are intended to be utilized as a regional training opportunity. As such, we currently welcome multiple federal and state agencies throughout the year for a wide array of training, and we actively seek out training opportunities from both public and private entities to host at our facilities. Attendees have remarked repeatedly that our facilities are among the best they have seen.

As an example of collaboration with our federal and local partners, we recently hosted a “Threat Evaluation and Reporting Course” at our Sheriff DT Marshall Firearms Training Center. This three-day course is provided by the Department of Homeland Security NTER-certified Master Trainers and teaches participants how to apply Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management best practices to prevent or deter acts of targeted violence (such as

school shootings, attacks in public spaces, etc.). While this is becoming an integral part of our school resource officer program, we were happy to have the resources to invite our local partners such as the Montgomery Police Department, Pike Road Public Schools, Montgomery Public Schools and local private schools to attend with us

In addition to traditional “brick and mortar” facilities, the Sheriff’s Office has recognized the financial and staffing limitations that smaller and rural departments may face when looking for training. For this reason, we have developed remote training opportunities that can be exported throughout the state. Utilizing our in-house instructors and equipment specifically obtained for remote learning, we offer training to these agencies free of charge and where they are, greatly reducing the impact on their daily operations while simultaneously offering a valuable training resource.

A portion of our equipment, both on site and remote, as well as some instructor development has been financed through various grants and relationships with federal partners. To obtain these grants it is imperative that accurate statistics and information be used in the application process, as well as to show the effectiveness of the investment. Until June 2021, this information was compiled manually by various means of storing and tallying information from paper files.

Recognizing the need for prompt, accurate and concise information, the MCSO developed an internal digital information

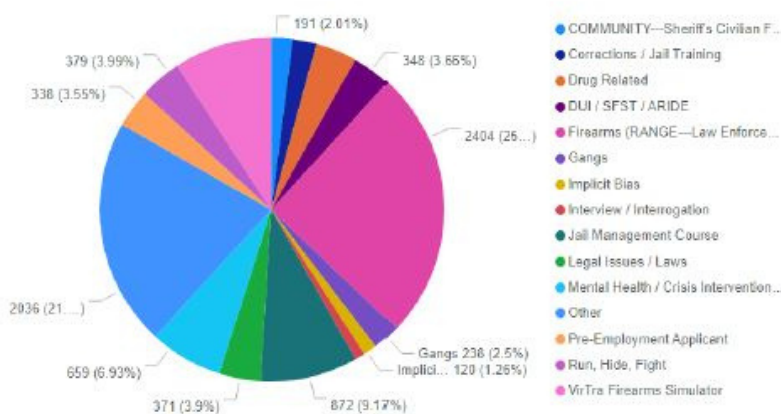
and sign-in platform to more accurately track training performed in our facilities as well as remote training conducted by our instructors. Using this system, we record real-time statistics to include the type of training provided, agency information, etc. All of the information obtained can be cross-referenced as well, meaning that you can drill down specific agency information, what type of training they've participated in, provide a calendar of past events and locations, and many other reports. All of this data has been made available to the Sheriff's Office senior staff in an interactive "dashboard" (accessible from any internet capable device) where they can filter, sort and parse the information as necessary. This dashboard is useful not only for validating financial obligations and generating reports, but also to assess

future training needs and improvements. Building on the successes of the initial digital reporting platform, it has been expanded to include post-training evaluations and school resource officers' grant reporting requirements. The training division (through partnerships, on-site training and remote training) has documented over 8500 training interactions alone since implementing the digital information process in July of 2021.

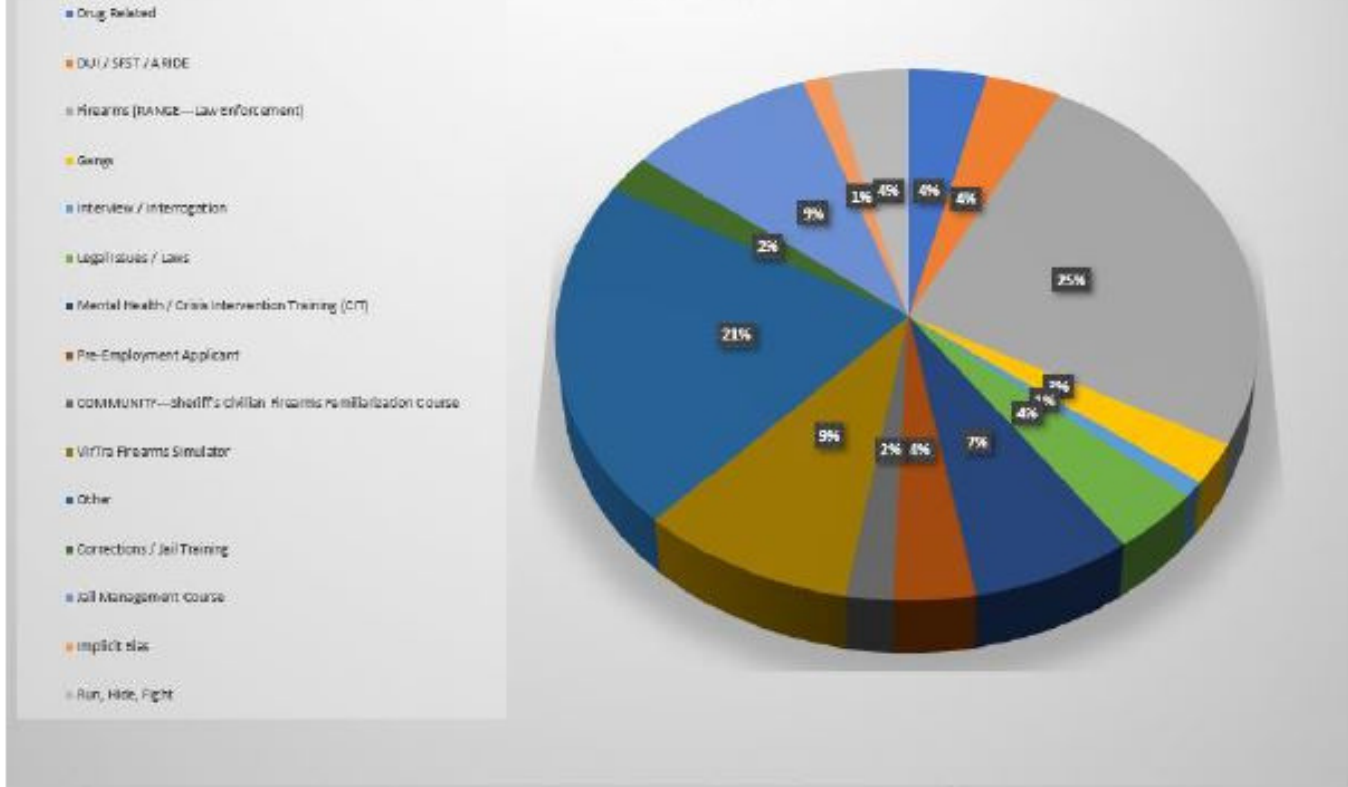
The MCSO is committed to the highest standards of continuing education for our law enforcement officers throughout the state. Sheriff Cunningham is constantly looking for new and innovative programs to provide for 21st century policing.

The MCSO training division (through partnerships, on-site training and remote training) has documented over 9500 training interactions since implementing the digital information process in July of 2021. In the first five months tracking this information, there were approximately 1626 interactions. In 2022 that number increased to 4,460, and for 2023 alone there have been 3422 interactions to date. With more training scheduled throughout the remainder of the year, 2023 should easily surpass previous years in participation.

Training Type



Total Training Type Comparative



THE MONTGOMERY KOREAN COMMUNITY: LEARNING HOW TO BE SOUTHERN

In early spring of 1980, just a few blocks down from the Montgomery Police Department sat a small store called the Asian Market. Inside three Korean women, talking and laughing were making Kimchee. A staple of the traditional Korean diet consisting of salted and fermented vegetables with napa cabbage or Korean radish.

Bonnie Ok Chom Wallace, arrived in Alabama in 1970 said, “This store was the only way we could get a taste of our homeland. To meet other Asians and share our stories and culture. It was also a way

to learn how to integrate into American society.” In essence, the Asian Market was not just a store, but a meeting spot for Asians that had just arrived in the US.

When Hyundai (HMMA) announced the plant development in 2005, everyone knew the landscape of the city and county would change both culturally and economically. Not only did the plant bring in 15,000 new American jobs, but there was also an influx of Asian Americans to the region. In 2005, a branch of the Korean-American Association was formed in Montgomery County. The

purpose of the association was to assist Korean families that were new to the country and Alabama to learn how to build friendships.

In 1976 there were a total of 46 Asian Americans in Montgomery. Today there are over 6,000 Koreans that live in the city, and another 4,000 in the Town of Pike Road, and the surrounding rural areas that call Montgomery County their home. Local Koreans are interested in American and southern culture and learn as much as they can of their new communities.

The Korean-American Association is very active in the Montgomery community by hosting several Korean-based events that are held annually. These events are not just for Koreans, but for everyone that wants to experience Korean culture. This year, in conjunction with HMMA, the KAA will be hosting the first ever K-Pop Dance competition at the Alabama National Fair on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. At the end of the year, the association has arranged a group of talented and popular MCSO Sheriff “DT” Marshall Firearms Training Center located at 6955 Janet Warner Rd. in Montgomery County.

The Korean-American Association meetings also address some of the concerns residents have when it comes to business growth, educational opportunities, and public safety. Sheriff Cunningham’s community outreach promotes MCSO programs and services to the Korean community.

MCSO Sergeant Steven Wallace, a second generation Korean-American, is the MCSO liaison for our agency and the KAA. His mother is Bonnie Ok Chom Wallace. The Wallace family has been active in Montgomery for over 50 years and have been involved in several business and community activities during their time in calling Montgomery home.



MCSO Sergeant Steven Wallace and local representatives of the Korean-American Association

By participating in community and KAA events, the MCSO wishes to develop proactive strategies to enhance public safety. While cultural diversity is important, it is much more important to learn from each other. At MCSO we are always looking for innovative and effective ideas to establish positive and trusting relationships with all of the communities we serve.



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- 제27대 한인 회장 당선자 발표
- 김기항박사 장학회 장학금 전달



일시 : 2023년 8월13일 (일) 오후6시

장소 : Taylor Lakes Club House

주소 : 5138 Taylor Lakes Parkway



DEPUTY OF THE 3RD QUARTER

On June 27, 2023, around 4:40 PM, MCSO units assisted Montgomery Police Department officers in a pursuit of a stolen vehicle. Deputy Carl Andrews went to the intersection of Highway 80 West and Mitchell Young Road to deploy spikes. As he approached the intersection and stopped, the suspect vehicle turn from Highway 80 West onto Mitchell Young Road at a high rate of speed, and struck Deputy Andrews' patrol vehicle in the driver's side door.

As a result of the collision, all the airbags deployed, and the patrol vehicle suffered major damage. Deputy Andrews, who was injured in the collision, crawled across the middle console and out of the passenger side door of the vehicle, falling to the ground. Although injured and shaken, he was able to engage the suspects in a foot pursuit. He was assisted by Corporal William Wilkerson where the armed suspects were taken into custody.

Due to Deputy Carl Andrews actions, deputies were able to locate the suspect's weapon that was thrown into the field. In a moment that was extremely challenging and stressful, Deputy Andrews showed bravery and resolve. He never let the fact of being hit in the driver's door of his patrol vehicle at a high rate of speed, thrown around the inside of the vehicle, and the extreme pain that occurred from the accident, stop him from pursuing the two suspects into custody. It is for these reasons Deputy Andrews has been selected as the MCSO Deputy of the 3rd Quarter of 2023.



Deputy Carl Andrews accepts an award from the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery and Concerned Citizens Organized for Police Support (cCOPS) for his valiant efforts apprehending 2 felony suspects. Pictured with his wife, Erin Andrews and Chief Deputy Kevin Murphy.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE 3RD QUARTER

Lieutenant Kimberly Mims-Harris has proven to be a valuable asset to the Montgomery County Detention Facility. Although she is a member of the administrative team, Lieutenant Mims-Harris works from Booking addressing new intakes paperwork, assessing property, and processing inmates. She extends her many duties to include overseeing the cleanliness of the facility by organizing inmate volunteers to commit to cleaning the dorms to selecting workers to buff and wax the floors. She has proven to be instrumental to all squads as she helps with cell searches and the discovery of contraband ordinary missed to by an untrained eye. But her “firm but fair demeanor” with the incarcerated population has proven to be her best quality of all as she serves as the CIT Trainer for the Jail Division.



Lieutenant Kimberly
Mims-Harris

CIVILIAN OF THE 3RD QUARTER

On 8-30-2023, at approximately 01:09 a.m., Emergency Communications Operator (ECO) Michael Hamner received a 911 call about a subject shot. The female caller was hysterical and panicking. Using his skill and training, ECO Hamner was able to calm the caller to get the address of the occurrence and relevant information needed for the deputies responding to the scene. ECO Hamner immediately dispatched patrol units and provided them with all the information he received. ECO Hamner also contacted emergency medical personnel so they could respond once deputies secured the scene. The information ECO Hamner received from the caller led to a search for the suspect and an eventual arrest that occurred days later. ECO Hamner did an outstanding job performing his duties under a high amount of stress. He is a true professional and works hard to keep his skills keen. He is committed to the citizens of Montgomery County. ECO Michael Hamner is the MCSO civilian of the 3rd quarter of 2023.



Emergency
Communications
Operator
Michael Hamner

JUVENILE DETENTION OFFICER OF THE 3RD QUARTER



Juvenile Detention Officer
Desmond Howard

JDO Desmond Harris has been chosen as the Juvenile Correctional Officer for the third quarter of 2023 for going above and beyond the call of duty. JDO Harris has been employed with the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Facility since March 13, 2017. According to the colleagues that work with him, as well as observations by his supervisors, JDO Harris works well with youthful offenders, where his calm and consistent manner has diffused many tense situations.

JDO Harris has an excellent work ethic, as evidenced by his willingness to work extra shifts to assist other shifts that are short staffed. Outside of work, he enjoys playing basketball, being with family, and working on community events with his high school alma mater, George Washington Carver High School in Montgomery, Alabama. He is most deserving to be the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Facility JDO of the third quarter 2023.

PHOTO GALLERY



September 11, 2023

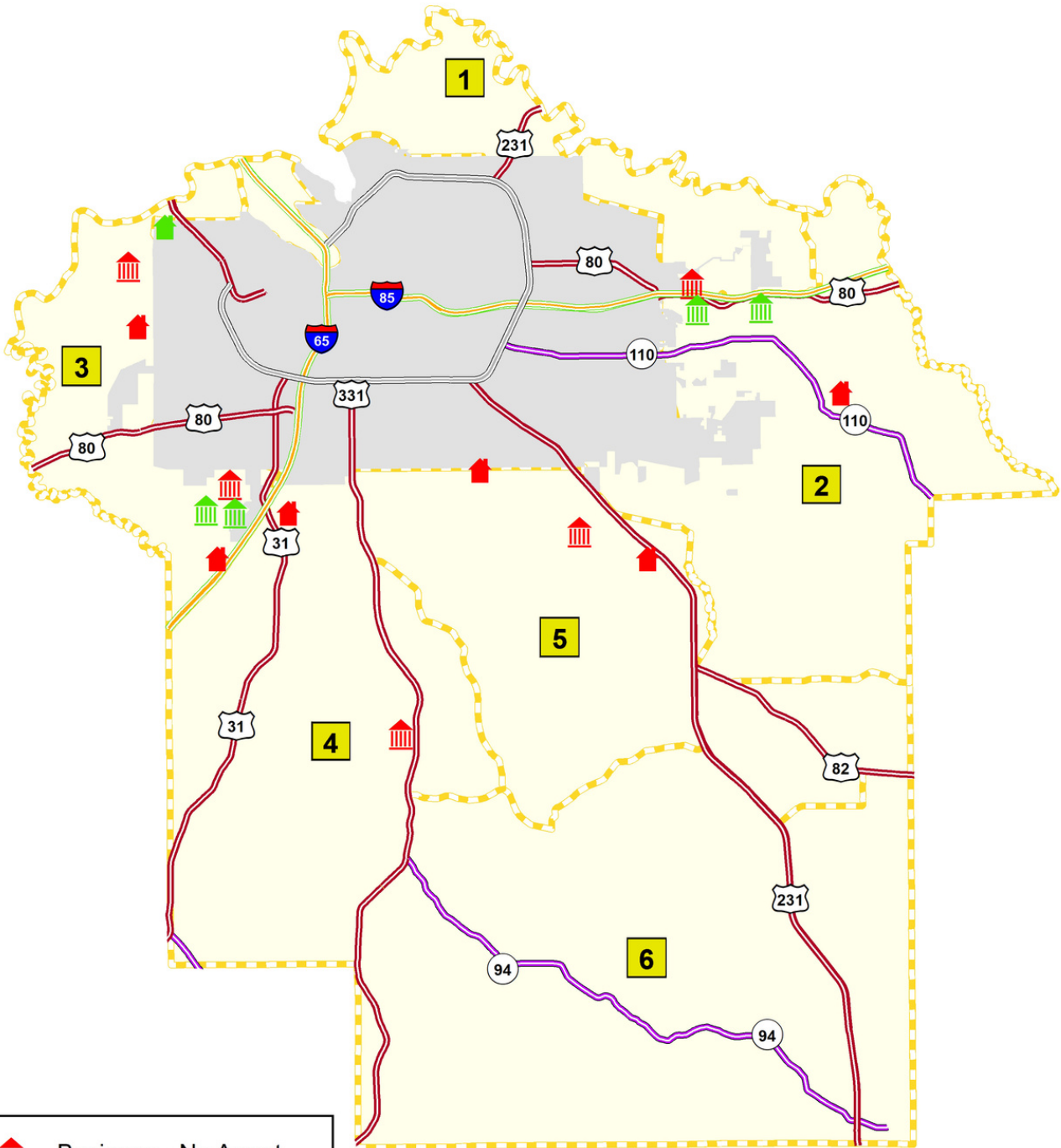
Andrea McCain and Barry Harp of CB&S Bank provide MCSO deputies with snacks and drinks in commemoration of 9/11.







Janet Robinson, Executive Director of the Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure, presents Sheriff Cunningham with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service on the board.

(Left to Right) Sophia Walker, Deputy Elijah Hendrix and Corporal Jessica De'Andrea attend the college and career fair at Percy Julian High School in Montgomery. The MCSO strives to offer young members of our community career opportunities in law enforcement, corrections, also including cadet and explorer programs.





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|  | Business - No Arrest |
|  | Business, Yes Arrest |
|  | Residential - No Arrest |
|  | Residential - Yes Arrest |

2023 M.C.S.O. INVESTIGATIONS 3RD QUARTER FELONY ARRESTS



Barnes, Christopher
Prom. Prison Contraband
Montgomery County



Brock, Kaleb Augustis
Burglary 3rd
Wasden Rd.



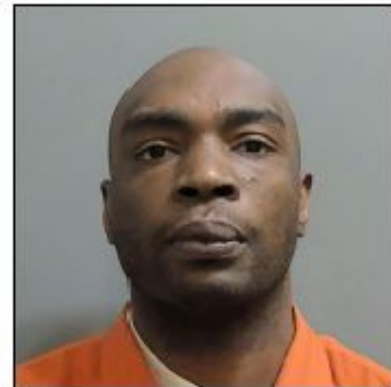
Dotson, Zachariah James
Robbery 1 x2
U.S. Hwy 31



Floyd, Ivan Jarvis III
Assault 2 / Prison Contr.
Montgomery County



Foster, Joshua Garrett
Rec. Stolen Prop 1st
I-85 / East Blvd.



Frazier, Gabriel Marquintin
Prom. Prison Contraband
Montgomery County



Hails, Barbara Joe
Assault 2nd
Williams Dr.



Henderson, Michael Jr.
Obst. Justice / False I.D.
Montgomery County



Hollenquest, Ja/Marvin Jamon
Robbery 1 x2
U.S. Hwy 31

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Jaramillo-Gonzales, Edwin
Prom. Prison Contraband
Montgomery County



Johnson, Fred Douglas
Attempt. Elude (Felony)
Wetumpka Hwy.



Jordan, Sha'King James
Assault 1
Williams Dr.



Kelley, Brandon Earl
Murder
Washington Ferry Rd.



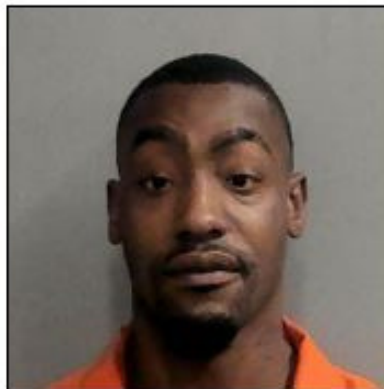
Lewis, Frederick Jerome
Burglary 3
Hwy 80E



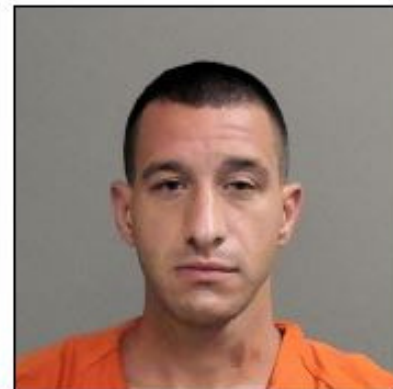
Mitchell, Michael
DV Strangulation
Mobile Hwy.



Orum, Michael
Theft Property 2
Birmingham Hwy.



Smith, Carl Keano III
Escape 2 / Dest. Prop Inmate
Montgomery County



Smitherman, Don Allen
Burg 3 / TOP 1
Hwy 80E

2023 M.C.S.O. INVESTIGATIONS 3RD QUARTER FELONY ARRESTS



Vinson-Pitts, Valerie
Assault 2
Stone Park Trail



Whittle, Christian
Prom. Prison Contraband
Montgomery County



Williams, Ernest Lee
TOP 2
Birmingham Hwy.



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