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A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF DERRICK CUNNINGHAM

I hope this publication finds you well. Now that school is in full swing, the college football season is well underway, we are all looking forward to the cooler autumn weather and say goodbye to the scorching Alabama summer heat. It has been a very busy time for me and my administration. In late June, as most all of you are aware, Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Secretary Hal Taylor partnered with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office to assist the Montgomery Police Department in addressing the violent crime issue plaguing the City of Montgomery. The U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also participated. The Metro Area Crime Suppression Units (MACS) was formed to combat the serious violent crime, drugs and illegal gun crime in Montgomery. I am pleased to announce the MACS has seen initial success, however there is still much to be done to continue driving violent and property crime down as much as possible.

Since MACS inception on June 24, 2024, the unit has conducted 1,300 traffic stops, served 347 outstanding arrest warrants, which range from failure to appear for traffic offenses to capital murder, arrested 127 individuals on various charges, recovered 16 stolen vehicles, seized 83 firearms, with 17 of those having machine gun



conversion devices, commonly known as "switches." Additionally, MACS made 30 drug seizures, including one significant seizure of Fentanyl on Thursday, August 15th. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) website, the amount of Fentanyl recovered from this one seizure was enough to kill over 5,000 individuals.

In addition to the MACS, the MCSO partnered with ALEA to increase our traffic enforcement presence in several major thoroughfares in Montgomery. Our motor deputies and the Alabama State Troopers worked in a cooperative partnership to reduce motor vehicle accidents in Montgomery County and within the city limits of Montgomery. There were hundreds of citizen contacts. The Alabama State Troopers also worked more than 145 motor vehicle collisions in Montgomery in order to assist the Montgomery Police Department. The presence of MCSO deputies in The Shoppes at East Chase saw a positive impact on both traffic violations and retail theft. Deputies visited stores and patrolled parking lots and areas around the shopping center. Many store owners and managers expressed their great appreciation for the increased law enforcement presence.



MCSO and ALEA working together to improve traffic safety and reduce vehicle accidents in Montgomery County.

One critical public safety issue that should be a concern for all citizens is the possession of “Glock” switches, particularly with juvenile offenders. Switches, also known as trigger activators, are a firearm part installed on a semi-automatic pistol that allows the handgun to fire at the same speed as a fully automatic weapon. A semi-automatic fires one round with each trigger pull. An automatic weapon fires rounds as long as the trigger is pulled, emptying the magazine quickly. We have

seen the result of this dangerous phenomenon and its impact on cities and communities in Alabama. The major metropolitan areas throughout the United States are suffering the most from these high-powered pistols. Recently, in a popular nightlife spot in Birmingham’s 5 Points South, four people were killed and 17 other were injured when multiple shooters opened fire with pistols converted with switches. More than 100 shell casings were found at the crime scene. We have had similar cases in Montgomery, where the overwhelming number of bullets fired at a crime scene were staggering, even to the most veteran law enforcement officers.



Example of a “Glock Switch”

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In 1934, Congress passed the National Firearms Act (NFA) that prohibited the availability of machine guns, short barreled shotguns, short barreled rifles, sound suppressors (silencers) and other similar weapons that were often used by criminals during the Prohibition Era. Congress passed additional legislation in 1968 that outlawed machine gun frames or receivers, and conversion kits for machine guns. Then in 1986, Congress passed the Firearms Owners' Protection Act that [only] allowed newly manufactured machine guns to be available only to U.S. government (such as the military) and law enforcement entities after May 19, 1986.

I am a strong supporter to the Second Amendment, the right to keep and bear arms. With my many years of experience, and the many violent crime scenes I have witnessed as both an investigator and as a law enforcement leader, I see firsthand the need for common sense legislation that will keep our communities, citizens and law enforcement safe. I have been involved in many discussions and meetings with the Alabama governor's office and state legislators on House Bill 26 which would prohibit persons from possessing a pistol with a part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a pistol into a machine gun installed on or attached to the pistol. HB 26 is sponsored by Representative Phillip Ensler and will be introduced in the upcoming 2025 Alabama legislative session which convenes January 14, 2025. It is my hope that bipartisan support will push the bill through both houses and Governor Ivey signs it into law. Presently an individual who possesses a switch device may be charged under federal statute, but it is also vitally important that law enforcement in Alabama has the means to charge those who are an extreme threat to public safety with a state crime (as it quickly takes them off the streets). An individual who possesses such a

switch weapon that has the potential to cause massive casualties should be stopped at all costs. Presently, most federal agencies undergo an indictment process that delays a federal arrest until a grand jury convenes. Even if a local jurisdiction chooses to go with a federal gun charge, having a state charge will allow the offender to remain in detention until the case can be transferred to the federal system. It will keep our Alabama communities safe while the judicial system runs its course.

Recently the MCSO sponsored firearms' demonstrations for staff members of the Alabama Governor's Office and members of the Alabama Legislature. Members of the U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives gave switch demonstrations to illustrate the firepower, magnitude and lethality of these devices. A pistol with a trigger activator can empty a 30-round pistol magazine in less than 3 seconds. To control a pistol firing at that extreme rate and maintaining a sector of fire (firing a bullet to a specific point) is difficult to even the most experienced firearms expert. Can you imagine how dangerous a weapon of this lethality would be in the hands of a juvenile offender? Law enforcement nationwide; including agencies in the river region, and the MCSO have responded to crime scenes littered with hundreds of bullet shell casings. Innocent bystanders have been killed and injured, and a massive amount of property damage, e.g., buildings and vehicles struck, have occurred. Simply said, the offenders possessing these weapons and devices cannot control them. The recklessness and wanton disregard for life in using these weapons is unparalleled in modern times, when past laws [that were previously referenced] were enacted to thwart organized crime syndicates and bootleggers from causing mass casualty events with weapons of mass destruction. There are videos on the

internet recording these crimes as they occur. Montgomery is not immune to this deadly threat. The rate of rapid fire is alarming. I believe the experience and firsthand visualization our state leaders witnessed with the switch demonstration truly illustrated the grave danger that exists with these illegal weapons.

I am very focused on the safety and welfare of our youth. Earlier this year the MCSO, United States Marshal Service, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency embarked upon a joint effort to fight human trafficking and child exploitation in our area. Through a partnership with the Covenant House, an organization dedicated to stopping human trafficking, we have successfully arrested over 40 individuals this year for soliciting minors for sexual exploitation. My thanks to the Montgomery County District Attorney, Daryl Bailey, for his dedication and steadfast prosecution of these cases. This is an international problem and must be addressed to stop the flow of human trafficking and the exploitation of children. There are countries in the world where there are no laws against, nor any deterrence for such an abomination against children. This multijurisdictional effort created by the MCSO and deferral assistance will continue in the future.

Last month we honored first responders with 9/11 ceremonies and events, marking 23 years since the deadly terrorists attacks that shook our nation. I am very grateful to the outpouring of support, every year, that we in law enforcement, the fire service, and the military receive during these remembrance services. Special thanks to CB&S Bank, Coca-Cola, Firebirds Restaurant and Friendship Baptist Church for donating snacks, and hosting a dinner for our deputies on this annual day of remembrance to honor our nation's heroes.



Sheriff Cunningham holds a press conference with the United States Marshal Service, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, Montgomery Police Department and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office on the recent sex trafficking sting operation that led to 11 individuals charged with various felonies. The MCSO has developed a cooperative partnership with the Covenant House, an organization that prevents and fights human trafficking worldwide, in order to protect Montgomery County children.



Sheriff Cunningham joins (L-R) Montgomery Fire/Rescue Chief Miford Jordan, Montgomery Mayor Steven Reed and Montgomery Police Department Chief Jim Graboys for a 9/11 ceremony honoring the fallen firefighters, law enforcement, military members and American citizens that perished during the terrorist attack on our country 23 years ago. Also honored were fifteen Montgomery firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty since 1898.



Members from CB&S Bank bring snack donations on 9/11



Coca-Cola drops off donations on the 9/11 anniversary



Firebird's Restaurant drops off food on 9/11 to our deputies



Many thanks to Friendship Baptist Church that hosted a dinner for MCSO deputies on 9/11

You will find a photograph in this MSQ edition of a recent demonstration of a new and innovative spike strip system now offered to law enforcement. Safely ending a vehicle pursuit where suspects are endangering others presents a variety of challenging circumstances. The deployment of spike strips, that is a device intended to disable the tires of a suspect vehicle fleeing from law enforcement, is a dangerous and (sometimes) may result in fatal incident in our profession.



The MCSO hosted local area law enforcement agencies for a demonstration of new spike strip technology that will allow officers to end vehicle pursuits in a safer and more reliable manner.

Spike strips are based on caltrops —metal spikes used in ancient times to lodge in the feet of soldiers or their horses to slow the advance of troops, chariots, war elephants and were particularly effective against the soft feet of camels. The first recorded use of caltrops can be charted back to 300 B.C. and were used in World War I and II. The modern spike strip (as we know today) in law enforcement was patented in the 1940’s and was a manually deployed device. The spike strip punctures a vehicle tires that make them slowly deflate. An updated version was developed in 1990. The version is closer to what is in use today, with detachable, hollow metal spikes mounted in a flexible nylon alloy base. This version was still manually deployed. Automatic deployed spike strips were then patented in 2006. The product we reviewed is remotely activated, allowing the deputy to maintain a safe distance from the unit as the speeding vehicle passes over the spike strips. The hazard of the law enforcement officer being in close proximity to the speeding vehicle is diminished. The MCSO is presently working on a Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and is anticipating purchasing some of these remote spike strip models for future use by our deputies. It will mitigate the hazardous conditions of attempting to disable and stop fleeing vehicles endangering public safety.

The MCSO recently held one of the largest citizen’s academies. Twenty-seven Montgomery County citizens participated in the seven-week course on learning about the MCSO, organization and administration, operations, and most importantly, creating lifelong relationships with our members. The class participated in presentations on legal services, patrol techniques, detention procedures, training, sex offender registration, investigations and crime scene, SWAT, drone operations, and the K-9 Unit.

We enjoyed a great time at the graduation and are looking forward to hosting the next citizen’s academy in the future. For upcoming citizens academy information and dates, please visit our website at www.montgomerysheriff.com or for more information visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/people/Sheriff-of-Montgomery-Alabama/100080144835540/>. You may also scan the following QR codes.



Sheriff's office Facebook page.



Sheriff's office website.



MCSO Citizen's Academy Graduation

I was a member of the Leadership Montgomery Legacy Class 17 (the best class ever). Since that time, I have been a big proponent of this organization and the fine work they do in our community. Bringing leaders together from a large diverse range of business, government, academia, and religious backgrounds has made Montgomery stronger. The class meets once a month during an eleven-month period. Every year the MCSO sponsors a member from our agency to attend this worthwhile program, as well as the Leadership Montgomery Torchbearers Class (that focuses on young

professionals). This year I had the distinct honor of being nominated for Leadership Montgomery Unity Award. The Leadership Montgomery Unity Award is presented to an individual who “improves the quality of life, resolution of community issues, and has shown effective and sustainable cross-cultural collaborations in Montgomery.” The annual Unity Breakfast was held at the Wynlakes Golf & Country Club on September 30, 2024. Several very well respected, worthy and dedicated public servants were also nominated. I was most surprised and honored to receive the Unity Award this year.



Sheriff Cunningham gives remarks after receiving the Leadership Montgomery Unity Award

The many programs we have established at the MCSO focus specifically on bringing the many diverse communities in Montgomery County together. We have worked hard on building bridges in the Latino and Korean communities, as well as focusing on under privileged and marginalized communities that lack resources and opportunities. I am committed to working even harder to make Montgomery a safe, vibrant and inclusive community that all may enjoy to call home. I am humbled to have received this recognition and will work even harder in the future to bring the Montgomery County community together.

We recently held the final quarterly jail management class at the MCSO training facility. This course has gained much attention in the law enforcement community, particularly with agency heads who recognize the importance of maintaining a well-trained work force in municipal and county detention facilities. The three-week class encompasses topics on jail standards, operations, law, administration, ethics, mitigating emergencies and critical incidents, developing effective strategies, inmate relations, mental health awareness, de-escalation and self-defense tactics. Operating a detention facility poses its own unique challenges for sheriffs and police chiefs. I am proud to host this course and have seen an increase in registration every year from throughout Alabama. It is my hope and desire that the State of Alabama Legislature will require all law enforcement agencies (that operate jails and detention facilities) in the future to mandate core curriculum courses and certifications for their correctional officers. Presently, there is no law requiring local jails and detention facilities to have mandatory training for their officers. This is an important issue that must be addressed in the future. This is something I am having ongoing discussions with Alabama legislators in making a reality someday.

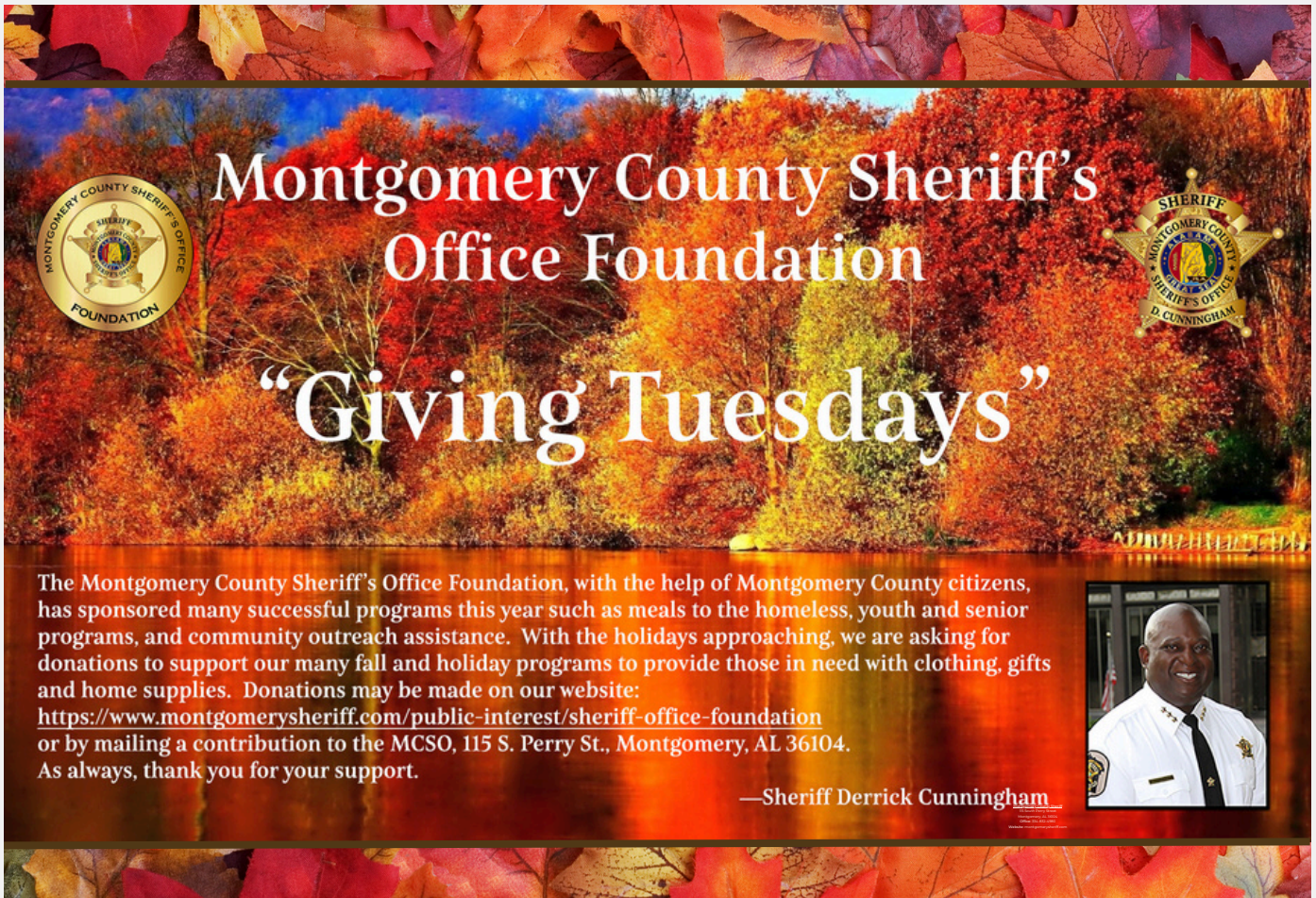


The MCSO hosts quarterly jail management correctional officer training for corrections officers throughout Alabama. Correctional officers attend an 80 hour course on jail standards, operations, law, administration, ethics, mitigating emergencies and critical incidents, developing effective strategies, inmate relations, mental health awareness, de-escalation and self defense tactics.

In this MSQ publication, you will find a flyer on “Giving Tuesdays.” The many programs and community events that we sponsor throughout the year that improve the quality of life and create sustainable cross-cultural collaborations could not be possible without the support (both from volunteering and financial) from our community members and business benefactors. The Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office Foundation was created to give back to Montgomery County citizens and support law enforcement. These contributions are crucial to maintaining the important programs that feed the homeless, provide clothing and daily necessities to those in need, youth and senior programs, and community outreach assistance. If you wish to give back to your community and support our worthwhile events, please consider a monetary donation. They may be made at our website: <https://www.montgomerysheriff.com/public-interest/sheriff-office-foundation> or by mailing a contribution to the MCSO Foundation, 115 S. Perry St., Montgomery, AL 36104. Thank you for supporting our mission and helping our neighbors.



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“Giving Tuesdays”

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Foundation, with the help of Montgomery County citizens, has sponsored many successful programs this year such as meals to the homeless, youth and senior programs, and community outreach assistance. With the holidays approaching, we are asking for donations to support our many fall and holiday programs to provide those in need with clothing, gifts and home supplies. Donations may be made on our website: <https://www.montgomerysheriff.com/public-interest/sheriff-office-foundation> or by mailing a contribution to the MCSO, 115 S. Perry St., Montgomery, AL 36104. As always, thank you for your support.

—Sheriff Derrick Cunningham



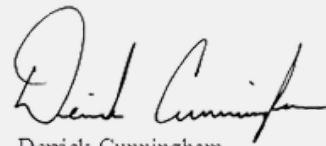
In closing, I wish to express my condolences to the Crenshaw family and the extended MCSO family of the recent passing of one of our dear friends and coworkers, Marilyn Melissa “Lisa” Crenshaw. I had the privilege of meeting Lisa shortly after we both started working at the Montgomery Police Department in 1989. I was a young police officer; Lisa started her career in administration. When I became the Sheriff in 2015, Lisa retired from the MPD and came to work in my office as the administrative assistant. She proved to be a hard working and very loyal employee, taking on added responsibilities within the organization as time went on. She volunteered for all the MCSO community events and was a very familiar presence at the Alabama Sheriff’s Association meetings, conferences and educational seminars.

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Lisa discovered she had breast cancer in 2021. At that time, the MCSO members volunteered and became involved in cancer awareness and helped raised funds for

Lisa fought cancer with the dignity and grace one would expect of her. For all that knew her, Lisa was a special person that would do anything for you and will always be remembered for her kindness and love to all she touched. The MCSO intends on continuing our efforts on cancer awareness and fundraising; in honor and remembrance of Lisa, for those presently enduring the fight against cancer, and to give hope to all who may one day find themselves facing the challenge of this disease, and to look forward to tomorrow and the future as a cancer-free survivor.

Sincerely,



Derrick Cunningham
Sheriff





Sheriff Cunningham and Lisa Orenshaw



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL

The Alabama Children's Policy Council (CPC) system originated from the Alabama Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and is designed to support providers of children's services as they work collaboratively in developing community service plans to address the needs of children ages 0-19 and their families. Its goal is to help families with economic security, health, safety, education, parental involvement and skills, and early care and education. One of the programs and services that have developed because of the CPC Needs Assessment are character education programs for middle school students and alternative school students. These programs assist in a child's developmental process, by assisting them to know what appropriate behavior is and what is not appropriate.



The Montgomery County Children's Policy Council is chaired by the Honorable Calvin Williams, Circuit Judge for the 14th Judicial Circuit of Alabama. Member agencies include the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Alabama Department of Youth Services, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery Public Schools, Montgomery Police Department, in addition to other private civic and social service organizations.



This article addresses the components of the needs assessment and can serve as an effective tool to give to parents who are seeking help for teens that are on the verge of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

The Root of the Problem

It's not easy dealing with teenage behavior. When it comes to your teenager, no matter how amazing a parent you are or how fantastic your relationship with your children is, you are bound to run against parenting barriers.

Teenagers have a lot of behavioral issues. However, if you are prepared to put out the effort to understand their needs and what they are going through, you will have no trouble dealing with them. Bad behavior can occur in children of all ages for various reasons. However, it's important to nip bad behaviors in the bud and practice positive discipline strategies while kids are still young to prevent behavior from getting worse.

If your child is acting out in surly ways, it's important to get to the root of the problem before they reach adolescence, it's a lot tougher to turn that ship around once they've matured. Here are a few common behaviors to watch out for, and tips on how to handle them.

Disrespect

When kids routinely struggle to show respect to you or another adult, they might have a deeper issue. If your child speaks to you or another adult rudely or uses backtalk, take them aside as soon as possible after the incident and find out why they are acting disrespectfully. Try and keep an open mind, sometimes children have reasons to not like different adults in your circle. Shutting them down when they are showing disrespect could close the conversation on why they are feeling that way. Always use good manners when you interact with your child, or with other people in your child's presence, so that they can learn by example. Thank them when they do something for you, say "please," and model respectful behavior.

Defiance

Often, kids who struggle with respecting adults will also need help improving their listening skills. Your child may truly be distracted or dawdling when you have to repeat yourself several times, but they also may not listen because they don't understand how being ignored hurts the person speaking.

If your child is willfully ignoring you and doing something you asked them not to do, talk to them right away. Take them away from the action, whether it's a family dinner or a play date, and help them to reset themselves and give them space to calm down while you explain why their actions were harmful.

Explain to them the value of being a better listener, try and provide a safe space for them to practice listening. If they refuse, try asking them to explain what they're feeling and why they're struggling to listen.

Entitlement

While it's natural for parents to want to give their kids the things they want and need, giving kids nearly everything they want could be harmful. To avoid spoiling your child, let them earn or save allowance money to buy some of the non-essential things they want.

Teach them how to experience and express gratitude (helping others through volunteer projects is one way to do this). You can also model this behavior yourself by bringing them with you as you do volunteer work.

Tantrums

While it can be understandable in a toddler or preschooler, a screaming and crying fit (and its equally bad behavior cousins, pouting and whining) in a school-age child is less acceptable. A 5- or 6-year-old may have an occasional meltdown, but they should be on their way to learning how to handle frustration in a more controlled, calm, and respectful way.

If your child has a tantrum, ask them to go to a safe, quiet place and sit down until they feel calmer. Some kids may need help doing this. You can provide assistance by remaining present and modeling calm.

Once they have reset their emotions and can listen, talk about why tantrums make it less likely that they'll get what they want. Discuss how they could have handled the situation better. Ask them to stop, take a deep breath, and think about those better choices the next time they feel frustrated.

Bullying

Parents often worry that their children may be bullied and talk to their kids about what to do if that happens. But what if your child is the bully?

Talk with your child immediately if you suspect or find out they've been mean and aggressive toward someone or have engaged in gossiping, teasing, or insulting behavior. Find out why they did these things and talk to them about why bullying is absolutely unacceptable and harmful for the victim as well as for them.

Lying

All kids lie at some point, and young children often cannot distinguish between lying and imaginative play. But as kids get older, they may deliberately tell lies for specific reasons (to avoid getting into trouble, for instance).

If your child is making a habit of telling fibs, take steps immediately to find out what's behind the behavior, make it clear that you want them to stop, and show them why lying can harm relationships.

Cheating

Some younger kids may cheat simply because they want to win, whether it's a board game or other playful competition. But older kids, who have a better-developed sense of right and wrong, may cheat deliberately (and in riskier situations, such as on a test at school). Talk to your child about how cheating lessens their achievements and emphasize the importance of fair play.

Key Takeaways (Lessons Learned)

Handling bad behaviors when your child is younger will leave you feeling grateful later. The older your child is, the more difficult it is to make changes. It is important to view children positively as a society and as parents. They want to make good choices. These choices shouldn't be forced, and kids shouldn't be told that pleasing others is the goal. Rather, focus on cultivating an internal desire to treat others with respect simply because it is right.

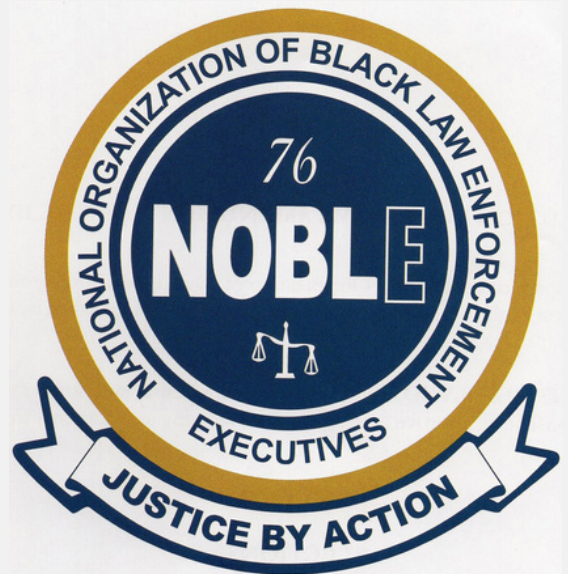
Remember, early intervention may help prevent aggressive teen behaviors from becoming more severe. Such strategies and tips to solve teenage problems can help promote better expression and regulation of emotions and provide a supportive environment and social network. Moreover, it can help them stand against difficult situations with resilience instead of resorting to outbursts and toxic behaviors.

Behavioral changes during teenage years are common. However, not all changes are normal. Thus, knowing what changes are normal and what are not is essential to appropriately deal with teenage behavioral problems. For example, while mood swings and increased use of social media may not be alarming, indulging in risky behaviors, such as drugs, alcohol, and sex, needs immediate parental guidance to prevent adversities. Parenting teenagers involves respecting their feelings and emotions and showing them how you trust and care for them. These practices are crucial for developing a trusting and cooperative relationship with each other.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) goal is to be recognized as a highly competent service organization that is at the forefront of providing solutions to law enforcement issues and concerns, as well as to the ever-changing needs of African-American communities.

NOBLE was founded in 1976, during a three-day symposium to address crime in urban low-income areas. The members exchanged views about high crime in black urban communities, and the socioeconomic conditions that lead to crime, the fairness in the administration of justice, strained police/community relations, the hiring and promotion of black police officers and the unique problems faced by black police executives and black police officers in general.



NOBLE is headquartered in Washington D.C. and has 57 chapters in the United States, one in St. Kitts & Nevis and one in the United Kingdom. The Alabama Chapter of NOBLE is based out of Birmingham. They sponsor many programs to include education and training such as “The Law and Your Community,” a curriculum for college students and young adults designed to prevent unwanted outcomes when encountering law enforcement officers. The Alabama chapter has hosted town hall meetings with law enforcement executives, prosecutors, community activists and religious leaders in an opportunity to exchange views and opinions and what changes need to occur when policing communities of color. NOBLE also participates in community outreach with area school districts and law enforcement agencies in backpack and school supplies giveaways, Christmas toy drives, blood drives, voter registration campaigns and gun takeback campaigns.

Sheriff Cunningham recently sponsored a luncheon at the MCSO to attract local law enforcement in hopes of generating interest in NOBLE membership. The event was very successful with a great attendance. Sheriff Cunningham stressed to the visitors that the organization is open to all, regardless of race, and is hoping to advance the participation and programs further in the River Region Area. NOBLE is an organization that is dedicated to public service and the promotion of advancing professionalism in law enforcement.



Local meeting of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)

JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE

The MCSO participates in many law enforcement federal task forces, from the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Secret Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Marshal's Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Local participation in these task forces produces valuable networking and information sharing that enhances public safety and at times prevents major crimes from occurring, such as acts of terrorism. The MCSO is a member of the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

The Joint Terrorism Tasks Force is a locally based multi-agency partnership between various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies tasked



with investigating terrorism and terrorism related crimes. It is led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Justice.

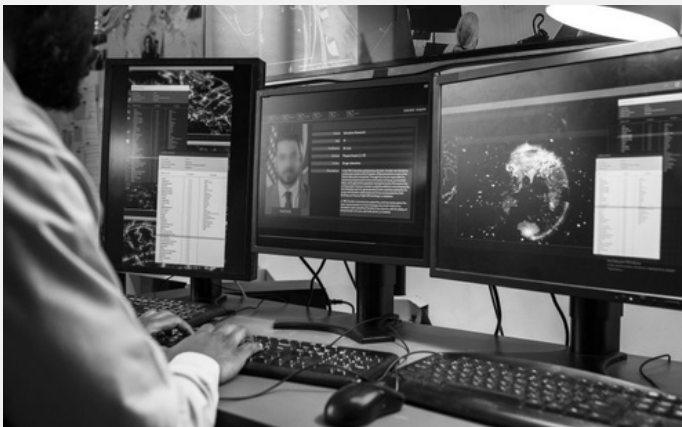
The first JTTFs were established before the September 11 attacks, with their numbers increasing over the years. The first one was established in 1980 in New York City, with ten FBI special agents and ten NYPD detectives. In 1999 there were 26 JTTFs in the U.S. By 2022, approximately 200 existed.

Presently, more than 600 state and local agencies and 50 federal agencies participate in the JTTF, comprising over 4,400 law enforcement officials. The

regional task forces coordinate their efforts through the interagency National Joint Terrorism Task Force based at FBI headquarters in Washington D.C. JTTFs tend to focus on investigative work while fusion center are geared towards information collection and analysis, but their missions are intimately related and often overlapping.

JTTFs focuses on domestic and international threats. South American drug cartels and domestic gangs are but a few examples of investigations into threats on U.S. soil. MCSO personnel regularly participate in investigations, briefings and analysis, contributing information and resources toward identifying, locating and apprehending suspects before they have the opportunity to strike.

REAL TIME CRIME CENTER/CRIME ANALYST



Modern law enforcement agencies must constantly evaluate and make improvements to crime analysis for the prevention of criminal activity and to ensure the effective apprehension of criminals. Under Sheriff Cuninghams leadership, the MCSO Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) is presently under construction. In the near future, two MCSO crime analysts will be employed to staff the center and provide law enforcement with real-time information that will assist officers in the field.

As technology moves forward, so must the techniques that law enforcement uses to detect and investigate crime. Today, surveillance systems exist in nearly every location. One cannot leave their home and travel anywhere without seeing a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system. Recorded images of people and events in public places, roadways, public transportation, government buildings and commercial centers are common in our society. The global CCTV camera market size in 2021 was valued at \$31.88 billion dollars and is projected to grow to \$105.20 billion by 2029. With this in mind, the MCSO has planned for the future in order to deliver effective and efficient law enforcement service and modern investigative methods for the safety of Montgomery County citizens.

Real-time crime centers present an important component to modern-day policing. They offer an unprecedented opportunity to increase safety in any moment, in every environment. The Montgomery County Commission and the MCSO has partnered with Alabama Power and the City of Montgomery to install more cameras in public areas in Montgomery County. Utilizing technology from AXON and Fusus, the MCSO will have at its disposal real-time technologies and seamless mutual aid capabilities, which help multiple law enforcement agencies work together on the same platform. The MCSO will partner with local law enforcement to rapidly detect, respond and resolve criminal activity in record time.

The MCSO is currently in the process of completing the RTCC in the fall/winter of 2024. We are presently seeking qualified applicants for two crime analysts positions to staff the center. The crime analysts will monitor live camera feeds, computer-aided dispatch, numerous police radio systems, and various data sources, while analyzing incoming data to identify potential criminal activities, incidents and threats, utilizing advanced software and technology tools to assist in data collection to identify and determine the necessity of a law enforcement response.

These events will be monitored in evolving situations. Crime analysts will assist in identifying in real time potential suspects, suspect vehicles, locating fleeing suspects and relay crucial information for on-scene personnel and investigators in resolving criminal cases. They will be networking with the Alabama Fusion Center as well as national data bases in order to provide law enforcement with relevant and critical information to enhance public safety.

The Birmingham Police Department's Real Time Crime Center, implemented in 2021, has seen success in thousands of cases in assisting officers on a scene, providing suspect and vehicle information, recovering vehicles, property, guns, drugs, and vital information that has led to hundreds of arrests and successful convictions in court.

Sheriff Cunningham's long range strategic plan is to incorporate the Real Time Crime Center methodology for all law enforcement in Montgomery County. He encourages all Montgomery County citizens to please continue reading future publications of MSQ in order to remain up to date on this developing initiative and technology.

GRADUATIONS AND PROMOTIONS



(L-R) Sheriff Cunningham congratulates Corporal Skylar Campbell on his promotion; administers the oath of office to Deputy Sheriff Kimberly Monique Todd, Deputy Sheriff Rodrigus Sheffield and Deputy Sheriff Merrie Peoples

DEPUTY OF THE THIRD QUARTER: CORPORAL SHUNDRA ROWE

On May 20, 2024, at approximately 10:30 PM a robbery occurred at 6835 Atlanta Highway, the Lions Pride Gas Station. Two unknown black males entered the store armed with handguns. The suspects two clerks and stole assorted currency.

Corporal Shundra Rowe responded to the scene. She learned that the Montgomery Police Department responded to [another] gas station robbery at 300 Coliseum Boulevard around 10:06 PM. Investigator Rowe responded to the MPD CID Office that night and learned that the same perpetrators committed both robberies. Throughout the course of her investigation, Investigator Rowe learned that these individuals were responsible for multiple robberies. As the robberies continued, the offenders became more violent, leading to one victim being shot in the leg.



On June 4, 2024, these crimes reached a peak when three men were murdered at 4111 Troy Highway, Tienda Los Hermanos, during a robbery of the business. Corporal Rowe worked side by side with MPD Detectives as well as federal agencies to compile all known information and evidence in a centralized location. At this point in the investigation, the subjects associated with these crimes were believed to have committed 16 business robberies.

On July 2, 2024, Montgomery Police Officers apprehended Jarques Butler. Investigator Rowe responded to the MPD CID Office to be present for the interview of Butler. During his interview, Butler gave a statement to being involved in several of the robberies in Montgomery to include the homicides on Troy Hwy.

Due to Investigator Rowe's tireless work, attention to detail, and determination in this case, multiple robbery investigations in the City of Montgomery as well as the robbery that took place in Montgomery County can now be prosecuted.

I request that this letter of commendation be placed in Investigator Rowe's personnel file. Through her countless hours of investigative work, Investigator Rowe helped ensure that a dangerous individual will not threaten any more citizens of Montgomery County. Corporal Rowe is the Deputy of the 3rd quarter 2024.

CIVILIAN OF THE THIRD QUARTER 2024 SENIOR FINGERPRINT CLERK FANNIE STOVALL



Fannie Stovall is an asset to the Fingerprints / Identification Office and the Legal Division. Fannie is our senior fingerprint clerk and serves multiple roles in the office. Fannie has fingerprinted thousands of people over the years, including the citizens of Montgomery County and many dangerous suspects. However, I am nominating her for her value outside of that role. Fannie works at almost every MCSO community event. Fannie serves yearly at the Alabama National Fair, youth summer camp, Halloween Spooktacular, and many more community events. Fannie is very versatile and has filled-in many times as the sheriff's secretary. It is for these many reasons Ms. Fannie Stovall in the MCSO Civilian of the 3rd quarter, 2024.

JUVENILE DETENTION OFFICER OF THE 3RD QUARTER 2024 OFFICER LA'BRADFORD ARMISTAD



Juvenile Detention Officer La'Bradford Armistad is often called by his peers the "supervisor in training" simply because he takes "other duties assigned" seriously. JDO Armistad's work ethic is outstanding. While his supervisor was on FMLA for a number of weeks, it was without question that he be left in charge to manage the shift. During this aforementioned time, a critical incident happened where the facility received some harassing messages from an unknown caller. Without any prompting, JDO Armistad took charge and made sure the entire building was secure, and immediately reported the incident.

After taking Mental Health First Aid for Correctional Professionals taught by his Detention Director, JDO Armistad felt the need to become a "Conduit of Care" for the purpose of creating a positive work environment for all. He is known for making mental health checks on all on all of his peers during their tour of duty, and out of his own funds, provides gift cards to them from local food vendors to encourage teamwork.

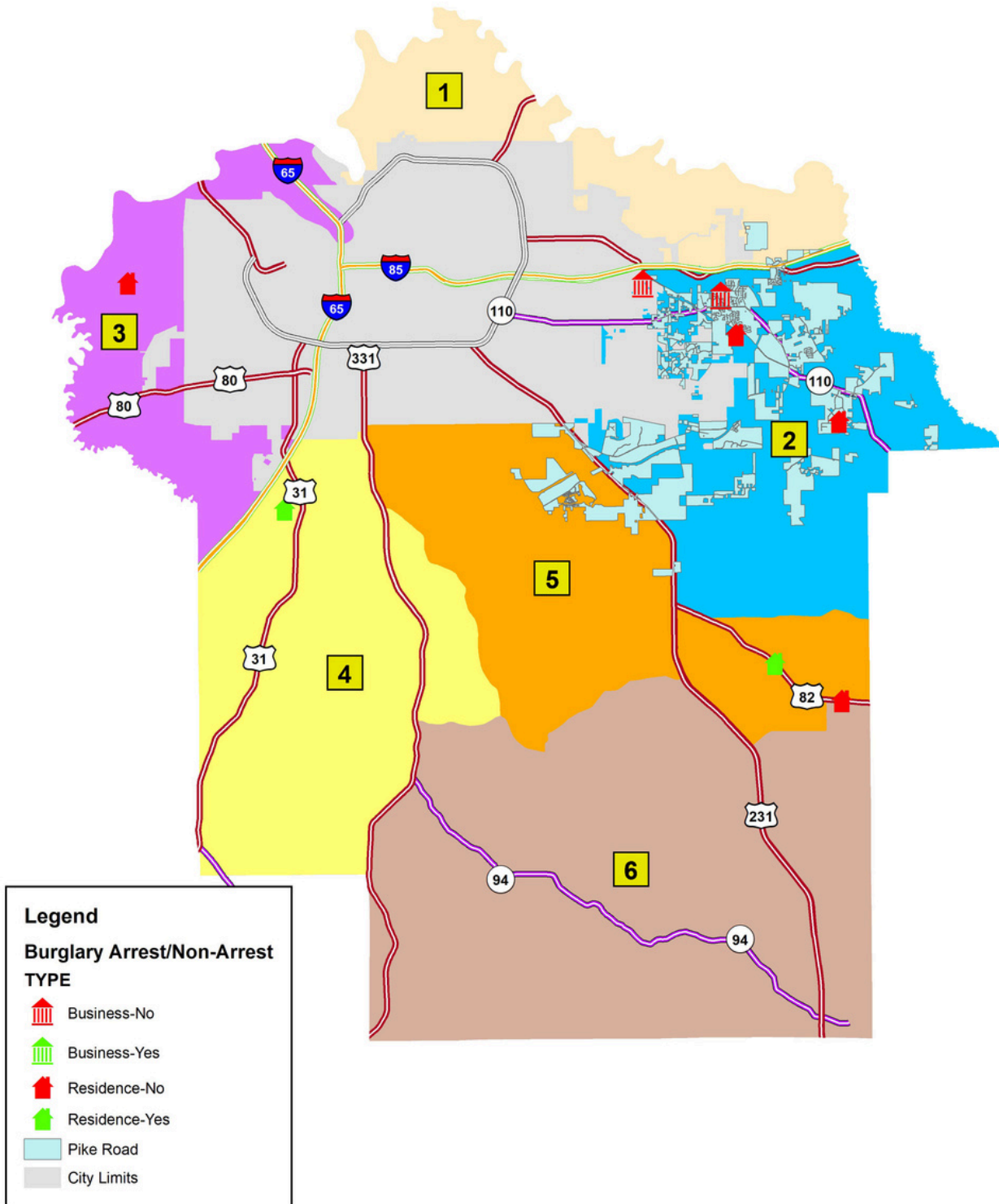
JDO Armistad is a U.S. Air Force Veteran, where he served in the Security Forces Squadron for 10 years. He holds BA in Political Science from Purdue University and is planning on earning his graduate and doctorate in Project Management in the near future.

In his spare time, he is big on high adrenaline activities, loves to travel and is a big gamer. He stays involved in community events and recently attended the CVI (Crime and Violence Intervention) Summit and the Riley Relief Foundation's missing person's event.

2024 M.C.S.O. INVESTIGATIONS 3RD QUARTER FELONY ARRESTS

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 Edwards, Charlie Rape 1 Cillie Ln	 Edwards, William K. T.O.P. 3rd Antioch Ln.	 Evans, Tamar R. T.O.P. 1 Butler Ct.	 Fitzpatrick, Tracy J. Traff. Stolen ID's 5400 blk Vaughn Rd.	 Grier, James C. Solic/Travel Meet Child East Montgomery	 Harris, Candace K. D.F.U.V. Hobbie Rd.	 Harvey, Kevin L. Assault 2nd S.McDonough St.
 Henderson, Keehsar A. Prom. Prison Contraband 1 S.McDonough St.	 Hester, Michael L. Solic/Travel Meet Child East Montgomery	 Hooker, Elijah J. Assault 2nd S. McDonough St.	 Kim, David Y. Domestic Violence 2nd Crescent Lodge Cir.	 Manuel, Yumetrius C. WARRANTS Obst. Just. False I.D.	 McGhee, James L. Solic/Travel Meet Child East Montgomery	 Medlock, Beanna L. Att. To Elude 6900 blk Mobile Hwy.
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M.C.S.O. 3rd Quarter Burglary Statistics



MARILYN MELISSA “LISA” CRENSHAW
DECEMBER 8, 1963 — SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

Marilyn Melissa “Lisa” Crenshaw was a dedicated and respected member of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. She was hired as an administrative assistant by Sheriff Cunningham at the beginning of his first term in office, handling various important duties for his office and the agency. Lisa’s responsibilities grew over time as she established herself as an essential part of the MCSO administration.

Lisa volunteered for all MCSO community events and was well known by the citizens of Montgomery County. She also assisted the administrative staff of the Alabama Sheriff’s Association, attending conferences, training seminars and legislative meetings, supporting Alabama sheriffs and associate members of the ASA. Lisa’s contributions to the ASA are widely known throughout Alabama.

Lisa had an infectious smile and a warm personality. She was most always the first person one encountered when visiting or calling the MCSO. She loved to sing and made everyone’s birthday a special occasion. If you were having a bad day, she was a special friend who could make you forget about your troubles.

Lisa was a graduate of Wetumpka High School, Class of 1982, and lettered in basketball and volleyball. She worked for the Montgomery Police Department for 25 years, attaining the position of administrative clerk IV for the deputy chief’s office, before retiring and beginning a new career with the MCSO. Lisa was very active in her church, the Crenshaw Road Church of Christ in Wetumpka, Alabama. She was devoted mother and grandmother and was a daily presence in the lives of her large family.

Lisa will be truly missed by those who were touched by her grace, kindness and love.



Marilyn Melissa “Lisa” Crenshaw



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