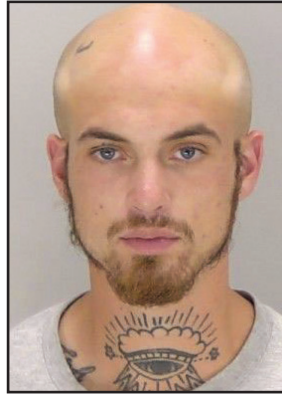
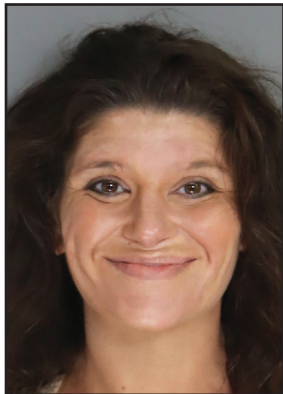


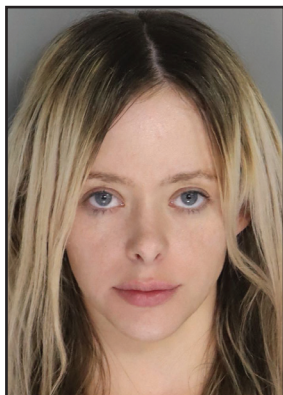
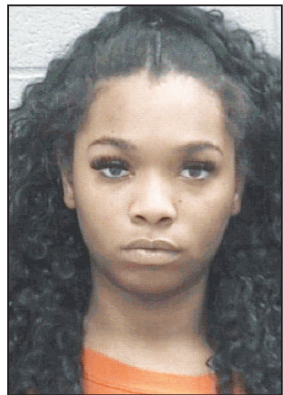


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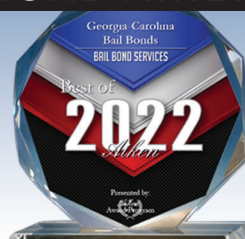
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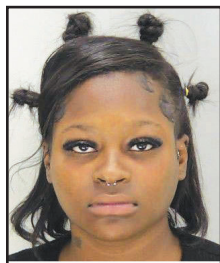
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DUI - CSRA



Adriana Shanks, 21, of Unknown,
DUI, open container,
no seatbelt



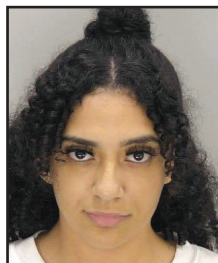
Alex Burnette, 38, of Augusta,
DUI, firearm
possession, open
container, obstruction,
speeding, failure to
yield



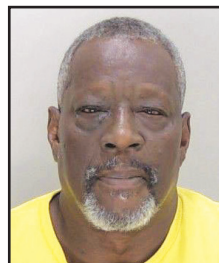
Alexis Harden, 29, of Augusta,
DUI, headlights on
when required



Anthony Weaver, 60, of Jonesboro,
DUI, driving on
wrong side of
roadway



Ashley Demaia, 26, of Unknown,
DUI, headlights on
when required



Charles Beasley, 68, of Unknown,
DUI, speeding



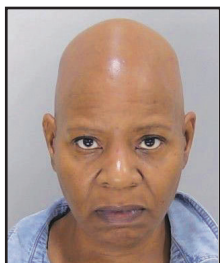
Charles Sanders, 42, of Augusta,
DUI



Cody Muns, 29, of Sardis, GA,
DUI, meth
possession, failure
to maintain lane,
driving while
license suspended,
suspended-
canceled or revoked
vehicle registration,
no proof of insurance,
no seatbelt



Corey Mauser, 33, of Augusta,
DUI, failure to
maintain lane,
uninsured vehicle,
unregistered vehicle



Courtney Douglas, 49, of Augusta,
DUI, driving under
suspension



Dijuan Hill, 45, of Augusta,
DUI, driving under
suspension, open
container, speeding,
bench warrant



Donnel Houston, 41, of Haddock,
DUI, fleeing or
attempting to elude,
driving under
suspension, cocaine
possession



Douglas Rickerson, 57, of Augusta,
DUI, heroin
possession with
intent to distribute,
theft by receiving
stolen property,
driving under
suspension,
failure to maintain
lane, unregistered
vehicle, order to
show cause



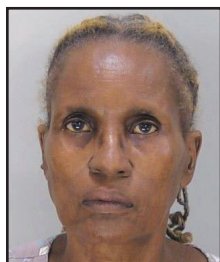
Jermichael Curry, 31, of Grovetown,
DUI, laying drag



Jose Mendez, 42, of N Augusta,
DUI, driving without
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container, improper
stopping on
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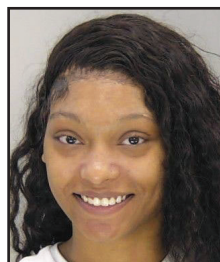
Joseph Wilson, 19, of Augusta,
DUI, reckless
driving, fleeing
police



Josephine Abram, 64, of Augusta,
DUI



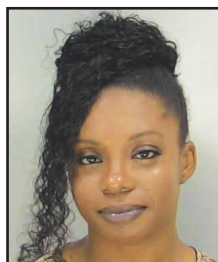
Kelvin Walker, 68, of Hephzibah,
DUI



Kemiah Wright, 23, of Augusta,
DUI, driving under
suspension,
unlawful use of
wireless device,
speeding, uninsured
vehicle



Landis Chambers, 38, of Augusta,
DUI, failure to
maintain lane



Latrease Cooks, 30, of N Augusta,
DUI, headlights on
when required



Lauren Smith, 24, of Halem,
DUI, speeding



Maddison Gruby, 25, of Grovetown,
DUI, failure to
maintain lane

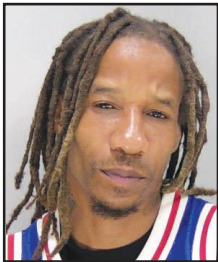


Marcus Borden, 44, of Decatur,
DUI, failure to
maintain lane

DUI - CSRA



Matthew Whitfield, 30,
DUI, endangering child under 14, open container, speeding



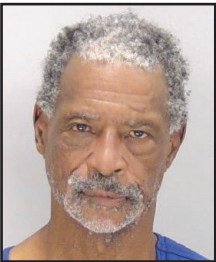
Nathaniel Patterson, 45, of Augusta,
DUI, distracted driving, failure to maintain lane



Phillip Tutt, 45, of Augusta,
DUI, following too closely



Rafael Yeldell, 40, of Beach Island,
DUI, driving under suspension



Ronald McCray, 68, of Augusta,
DUI, driving under suspension, taillights lenses required, bench warrant x3



Sara McCracken, 41, of Rossville, TN,
DUI, open container, driving on wrong side of roadway



Shannon Howse, 27, of Fort Eisenhower,
DUI, headlights on when required



Shawnethia Goodwin, 31, of Augusta,
DUI, endangering child under 14, no seatbelt



Tramaine Moore, 27, of Midville,
DUI, endangering child under 14 x 2, open container, following too closely



Travis Tallent, 26, of Augusta,
DUI, reckless driving, speeding



Trayshawn Randall, 24, of Columbia,
DUI, headlights on when required



Tryone Berry, 27, of Augusta,
DUI, driving without a license, open container, speeding



Willie Griffin, Sr., 69, of Riverdale,
DUI, open container, driving under suspension, speeding, uninsured vehicle



Anthony Carraway, 42, of Summerville,
DUI



Blair Freeman, 31, of Beech Island,
DUI, driving under suspension



Bryant Bennett, 41, of Aiken,
DUI



Cassandra Williams, 36, of North Augusta,
DUI, open container



Christopher Jackson, 31, of Aiken,
DUI, striking fixtures on or adjacent to highway



Cory Sargent, 32, of Barnwell,
DUI, domestic violence 2nd degree, open container, use of vehicle without permission



Sam Jones Jr., 53, of Gramiteville,
DUI, driving under suspension, operating vehicle with missing or incorrectly displayed license plate, uninsured motor vehicle



Tyrone Hamilton, 27, of Aiken,
DUI, speeding, more than 25 mph over the speed limit



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DRUGS - CSRA



Anthony Jackson, 50, of Augusta,
Trafficking fentanyl



Danielle Jenkins, 33, of Augusta,
Possession of MDMA, fleeing or attempting to elude



Haley Lane, 25, of Augusta,
Possession of cocaine, fentanyl, order to show cause x3



Jessica Compton, 41, of Hephzibah,
Meth possession with intent to distribute, adderall possession, weapons possession



Raymond Almand, 35, of Augusta,
Meth possession with intent to distribute, state court bench warrant



Ronnie Hall III, 20, of Augusta,
Marijuana possession, weapons possession, theft by receiving stolen property



Shantell Smith, 44, of Augusta,
Possession and use of drug related objects, theft by taking



Taliek Gibbs, 25, of Augusta,
Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute



Tyrone Jackson, 52, of Augusta,
Possession of meth, cocaine, obstruction of law enforcement, probation violation,



Andrea Poole, 52, of Graniteville,
Meth distribution x2, failure to return rented objects x2



Brittany McGill, 30, of Wagener,
Fentanyl possession



Brittney Jefferson, 32, of Windsor,
Meth possession, shoplifting, trespassing



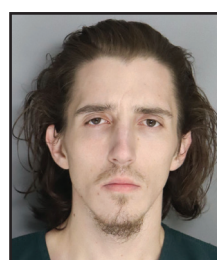
Bryan Mayes, 35, of Aiken,
Marijuana possession



Charles Keenan, 61,
Meth distribution x2



Christopher Heald, 29, of Beech Island,
Meth possession



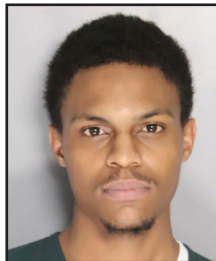
Cody Phelps, 24, of North Augusta,
Fentanyl possession, possession of other controlled substance, meth possession



Crystal Elledge, 43, of Pelion,
Narcotics possession, meth distribution



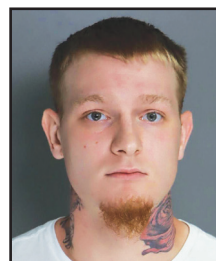
Hannah Starke, 26, of Aiken,
Narcotics possession, shoplifting



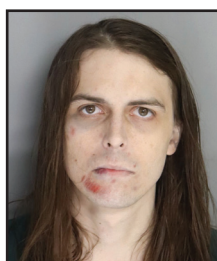
Jaheem Legons, 23, of Aiken,
Drug offense, failure to stop for a blue light x2, driving under suspension x2



James Branham, 46, of Beech Island,
Meth possession



Jared Graham, 21, of Aiken,
Marijuana possession, simple larceny, driving under suspension



Kristopher Frazier, 35, of Aiken,
Narcotics possession, violation Drug Distribution Law



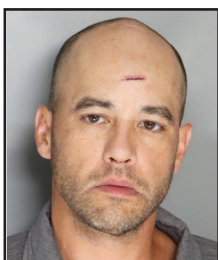
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Narcotics possession x3, drug offense



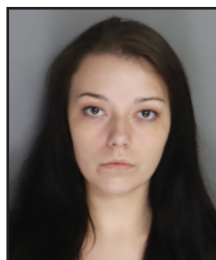
Megan Stamps, 35, of North Augusta,
Meth distribution



Robert Schmidtk, 41, of Loganville,
Meth possession



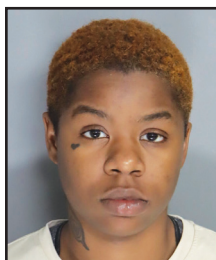
Ryan Johnson Sr, 39, of Aiken,
Marijuana possession, public disorderly conduct



Sarah Greer, 27, of Augusta,
Narcotics possession



Stefano Spann Jr, 38, of Aiken,
Meth trafficking, drug offense x2, assault & battery 3rd degree, contempt of Family Court



Tiaja Frazier, 26, of Trenton,
Marijuana possession, transport alcohol in motor vehicle with seal broken, driving under suspension



Timothy White, 53, of Beech Island,
Meth distribution



Travis Price, 38, of Aiken,
Meth distribution, drug offense



Whitney Simmons, 37, of Aiken,
Narcotics possession x3, drug offense, unlawful neglect of child or helpless person, receiving stolen goods, shoplifting x2, driving under suspension, traffic offense



WARRENVILLE

Woman Arrested After Pepper Spray Attack



Crystal Malpass, 43, of Warrentville

Deputies arrested a Warrentville woman who doused a female with pepper spray.

According to the Aiken County Sheriff's Office, 43-year-old Crystal Malpass was charged on Aug. 31 with second-degree assault and battery. The victim claimed the spray temporarily blinded her. She was evaluated by EMS but not hospitalized.

The report said Malpass left the vic-

tim's residence in a gray GMC Yukon shortly after spraying her in the face. Deputies later stopped Malpass at a nearby Dollar General, where she claimed she wasn't carrying pepper spray and had not used it on the victim. A second unit responded to the victim's residence, where they found her "screaming in pain and covered in pepper spray," the report said. The victim claimed Malpass was parked in her driveway when she re-

turned home Sunday afternoon. In short order, according to the report, Malpass exited her SUV and accused the victim of harassment. She then sprayed her directly in the face, the report said.

Malpass denied any wrongdoing and said she had pulled into the victim's driveway entirely by accident, which prompted an argument between the two women. Deputies arrested Malpass in the DG parking lot.

GLOVERVILLE

Mom Arrested for Assaulting a Middle School Pupil at a North Augusta Park

A Gloverville woman who allegedly slapped a boy who was playing at a North Augusta park in May has been arrested.

On Aug. 27, North Augusta Public Safety officers charged 38-year-old Junita Croft with third-degree assault and battery. According to reports, po-

lice met with the boy's mother on May 3. She claimed he was "jumped" the day before at Summerfield Park by a grown woman and several juveniles.

The mother said she received a video from someone she didn't know that "clearly shows a grown woman attack her son with a belt, striking him

about his body and face," the report said. Officers watched the video and identified Croft as the suspect. Several of the juveniles also were ID'ed.

Neither the boy nor her son said they knew Croft, but the boy claimed he and Croft's son attend North Augusta Middle School.



Junita Croft, 38, of Gloverville

Jackson Woman Punches Stranger's Vehicle in Hospital Parking Lot

Laura Hutto, 37, of Jackson



Aiken police arrested a Jackson woman who punched a stranger's vehicle at Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

Aiken Public Safety officers on Aug. 28 officially charged Laura Hutto, 37, with third-degree assault and battery, disorderly conduct, and malicious injury to property.

On July 25, a 19-year-old male

and a 34-year-old female said Hutto approached their Chevy Avalanche in the parking lot and claimed she was related to them. According to the report, Hutto cursed and screamed at the female and then dented their truck three times.

When the male confronted Hutto afterward, she swung a red bag at him and chased him around the parking lot,

the report said.

That same day, officers issued a trespass notice to Hutto after she confronted a woman at a nearby Zaxby's and cursed at her and five grandchildren who ate inside. The manager said Hutto tried several times to throw punches.

No one was injured in either incident.

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Bible Verse of the Week

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

— Matthew 11:28

The Hidden Danger on Our Roads: Unlicensed and Uninsured Drivers



Every week, we open up the arrest reports and see the same disturbing pattern: drivers on our roads without licenses, without insurance, and without regard for the laws the rest of us follow. This past week was no different.

In Grovetown, 23-year-old William Lopez-Denis was arrested and charged with DUI (refusal), failure to maintain lane, driving while unlicensed, and failing to register his vehicle. Just think about that: an unlicensed, uninsured, and possibly intoxicated driver swerving down the same streets our children ride their bikes on and our spouses commute to work on.

Then there's Abraham Perez-Gomez, 37, picked up in Columbia County for driving without a license and speeding. And Oliver Lopez-Reyes, just 19 years old, also caught in Grovetown for driving without a license.

These aren't isolated incidents. We see this nearly every week. And it's not just a nuisance. It's a public safety threat.

According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, unlicensed drivers are involved in about 1 in 5 fatal crashes in the U.S. That's 20 percent of deadly accidents caused by someone who shouldn't have been behind the wheel in the first place. The Insurance Research Council reports that 1 in 8 drivers nationwide is uninsured, and in Georgia, that number is even higher. In some areas, more than 20 percent of drivers are without insurance. So when one of these drivers causes a crash, guess who ends up footing the bill? You do, either through higher insurance premiums or out-of-pocket expenses.

While not every unlicensed driver is in the country illegally, the reality is that many

are. The Department of Homeland Security estimates that hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants are driving on American roads without proper credentials. Because they aren't eligible for a license, they also aren't subject to background checks, road tests, or even basic training behind the wheel. That means no accountability, no insurance coverage, and no legal path to hold them responsible when things go wrong.

This isn't about politics or immigration policy. It's about safety. It's about protecting law-abiding families like yours and mine.

As a father, a husband, and someone who plays by the rules, I take serious issue with the fact that so many are allowed to endanger our lives with so little consequence. We pay for insurance. We register our vehicles. We teach our kids to respect the law. But somehow, those who ignore these basic requirements are the ones getting away with it.



FROM THE PUBLISHER

Greg Rickabaugh

It's time for our leaders to take this seriously. Law enforcement needs more support to get these unlicensed drivers off our roads. Judges need to impose tougher penalties, not just fines that go unpaid or court dates that are ignored. And if someone is here illegally and repeatedly chooses to break our laws, especially by getting behind the wheel, they should face real consequences, including deportation if necessary.

We also need to keep talking about this. That's why platforms like *The Jail Report* are so important, because every time we shed light on this issue, we remind the public and our leaders that this isn't going unnoticed.

Until real change happens, we all remain at risk. The next time an unlicensed and uninsured driver runs a stop sign or drifts into oncoming traffic, it could be your family or mine on the other end of that crash.

And that's a risk we simply shouldn't have to take.

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ACROSS

1. Sculptor's moldable material
5. Attend a party
9. ___ con carne
14. Extreme anger
15. Imitated
16. Varnish ingredient
17. Phone app image
18. Pressed a doorbell
19. Knighted singer ___ John
20. Assume what's being asked
23. In ___ of (instead of)
24. Witch's spell
25. Egyptian snake
28. Magician's cry
31. Lobster eater's wear
34. Careless mistake
36. Metal in pewter
37. Edible ice cream holder
38. Ask a neighbor for sweetener
42. Fencing sword
43. Meat in an omelet
44. Trim back, as a tree
45. "Absolutely!"
46. Reveal, as a secret

49. Complete collection
50. "See ya!"
52. Smallest of a litter
54. Commit an infield "theft"
61. Clip fleece from
62. Horse's foot
63. Predatory dolphin
64. Stockpile greedily
65. Puerto Rico or Maui
66. Close by
67. Groups of cattle
68. Have to have
69. Repair, as a sock

DOWN

1. Infant's bed
2. Doily fabric
3. Extremely eager
4. Boy portrayed by Barbra
5. Long term occupation
6. Not transparent
7. Eatery's list
8. Border line
9. Large Greek island
10. DNA shape
11. "That's all there ___ it"
12. Roaring feline
13. Quaint lodging

21. Big African beast
22. Gleamed
25. Monks' residence
26. Hill to ski on
27. Holes of sponges
29. Step heavily (on)
30. Country singer McGraw
31. Not genuine
32. Silly
33. Flat French hat
35. Rock that might have copper
37. Mongrel dog
39. Auto tire
40. Jazz horn, for short
41. Pay out
47. Black-and-orange bird
48. Used a Web browser
50. Goatee, for example
51. Golf course distances
53. Govt.-debt investment
54. Sneaker or moccasin
55. Shed a ___ (weep)
56. Slender
57. Hydrant attachment
58. Vicinity
59. Lasting mark
60. Be worthy of
61. "Quiet!"

WORD SCRAMBLE

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Crispy
Golden
Griddle
Breakfast

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Sweet
Toppings
Maple
Strawberries
Squares
Fluffy
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Brunch
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Man who Suspected Cheating Assaulted Pregnant Girlfriend

Police arrested an Aiken man who allegedly held his pregnant girlfriend in a choke hold.

At one point, she blacked out, the report said. Suspect Ted Hartwell, 55, denied punching the woman or pinning her against their couch, but Aiken Public Safety officers charged him with first-degree domestic violence.

On Aug. 26, police went to the couple's residence on Chesterfield Street after 911 dispatchers said they heard a female's voice yelling into the phone, "Get off me." They immediately saw a freshly shattered window and glass shards on the porch. According to the report, Hartwell's girlfriend answered the door. He peeped around the corner and eased toward the back.

The victim "appeared to have glossy eyes, abrasions around her mouth and visible blood on her white T-shirt," the report said. Officers later learned she is 10 weeks pregnant with Hartwell's child.



Ted Hartwell, 55, of Aiken

He accused her of spending time with another man and eventually got physical during an argument, she said. At one point, he allegedly "shoved" her between the toilet and the tub and "again" strangled her, this time using his forearm to impede her breathing, according to the report. Afterward, he punched her in the face, which caused her to pass out for about 30 seconds.

When she initially tried to call for help, Hartwell put her in a second choke hold, "pinned her against the couch, and told her not to call police," the report said.

During questioning, Hartwell's admitted to arguing with his girlfriend about "his keys" but denied physical confrontation. He said she must have hit herself in the mouth somehow. EMS treated the woman on scene and then carried her to a hospital for further evaluation.

Caught in the Call Log! Phone Records Sink 911 Hoax Suspect

A 22-year-old woman was arrested on Saturday for the unlawful use of the 911 emergency system following a string of false reports and suspicious behavior, according to the Aiken County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies say Lilith Hebbard repeatedly texted 911 with claims that turned out to be unfounded, refusing to meet with law enforcement each time. On August 29, another emergen-



Lilith Hebbard, 22, of North Augusta

cy message led Deputy Harmon to respond to a residence on Cherokee Drive in North Augusta for a welfare check.

Upon arrival, Deputy A. Harmon found Hebbard lying in the backseat of a car, allegedly pretending to be asleep. When questioned, she denied contacting 911 and instead claimed the emergency services had called her.

Deputy Harmon observed that Hebbard appeared "grossly intoxicated" and was slurring her speech. A look at her phone's call log revealed only one outgoing call to 911—and no incoming calls as she had claimed.

Further investigation at the scene confirmed she had arrived intoxicated, according to friends. Hebbard was then arrested, handcuffed, and transported without incident to the Aiken County Detention Center.

NORTH AUGUSTA Two Cops Injured During DUI Traffic Stop

Two officers sustained injuries during a DUI traffic stop on Aug. 27.

Myles Hammond, 24, of North Augusta, was charged with marijuana possession, two counts of assaulting an officer, DUI and resisting arrest.

According to a North Augusta Public Safety report, two officers stopped Hammond in his SUV at 10:30 p.m. for driving a Toyota Rav-4 without lights. Cops immediately smelled marijuana in the vehicle and ordered Hammond to get out. He refused several direct orders and was eventually pulled out by force.

The report said Hammond briefly fought with officers, who were injured during the scuffle. Both were treated at Piedmont Augusta. One sustained cuts to his hands and road rash on his arms. The other complained of knee pain.

While searching Hammond's vehicle, police found marijuana in the floorboard and several empty containers of THC, the report said. Nothing illegal was found on him, however. At headquarters, Hammond's breathalyzer registered blew 0.00 percent, often an indication that the offender might be high on drugs. Officers said he gave a blood sample at the Sweetwater ER.

According to the report, Hammond told an officer twice that he was stopped because his tailgate lights were inoperable. Hammond's RAV-4 has taillights but not a tailgate. Tailgates are found on pickup trucks.



Myles Hammond, 24, of North Augusta

**Suicide Hotline:
800-273-8255**

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Alvin Johnson, 44, of Wagener,
Burglary, breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps where fuel stored



Anthony Renew II, 42, of Beech Island,
Driving under suspension



Arico Williams, 46, of Salley,
Assault & battery 3rd degree



Benjamin Bilton, 30, of Warrentonville,
Probation violation



Carlos Barnes, 34, of New Ellenton,
Possession of stolen pistol



Chance Bryant, 35, of Graniteville,
Driving under suspension



Charles Cummings Jr, 51, of Windsor,
Domestic violence 2nd degree



Chloe Ford, 39, of Columbia,
Driving under suspension



Christian Fincher, 29, of Aiken,
Trespassing



Christina Croft, 60, of Aiken,
Domestic violence 2nd degree



Christopher Drayton, 47, of Beech Island,
Driving under suspension, uninsured motor vehicle, use of license plate other than for vehicle which issued



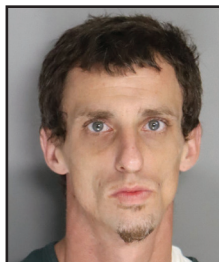
Christopher Dubose, 43, of Leesville,
Harassment 2nd degree x2



Christopher Goins, 40, of Aiken,
Breach of peace



Christopher Lawrence, 40, of Aiken,
Shoplifting



Christopher Troupe, 33, of Warrentonville,
Driving under suspension



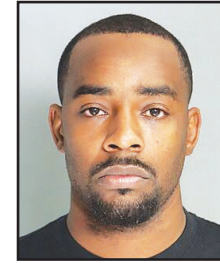
Clyde Robinson, 25, of Beech Island,
Malicious injury



Crystal Holland, 41, of Warrentonville,
Shoplifting



Davis Brown, 19, of Aiken,
Assault & battery 3rd degree



Demetrious Facison Jr, 33, of Williston,
Public disorderly conduct



Dominique Morris, 32, of Aiken,
Driving under suspension



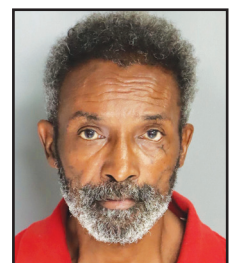
Dustyn Overstreet, 25, of Williston,
Simple larceny



Eric Quick, 32, of Warrentonville,
Assault & battery 3rd degree



Frenshaun Williams, 33, of North Augusta,
Domestic violence 2nd degree, assault & battery 3rd degree



Gregory Hall, 66, of Graniteville,
Violation of City Ordinance



Henry Wise Jr, 45, of Monetta,
Driving under suspension



Isaias Campos, 22, of Windsor,
Driving under suspension



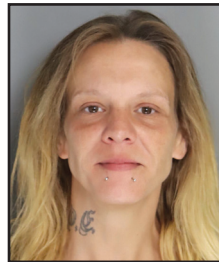
Jacqueline Gaines, 55, of Augusta,
Shoplifting



Jeremy Egle, 40, of Aiken,
Assault & battery 3rd degree



Jeremy Johnson, 52, of Augusta,
Assault & battery 3rd degree



Jessica Hufton, 35, of Aiken,
Public disorderly conduct



Jesus Barcenaz-Rodriguez, 41, of Leesville,
Driving without a license



Jimmy Cook, 36, of Warrentonville,
Driving under suspension

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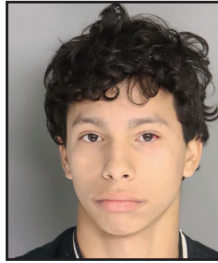
Joel Leverette, 18, of Graniteville,
Shoplifting



John Berret, 64, of Aiken,
Malicious injury



John Jackson, 32, of Augusta,
Fugitive from justice warrant



Jose Romano Contrera, 20, of Warrenville,
Hit & run, driving without a license, uninsured motor vehicle



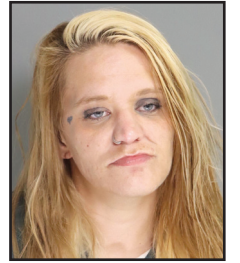
Josh Hall, 35, of Beech Island,
Use of 911 number unlawfully



Joshua Allen, 33, of North Augusta,
Driving under suspension, contempt of Family Court



Joshuah Ogden, 34, of Augusta,
Public disorderly conduct



Katie Hoots, 31, of North Augusta,
Shoplifting



Kelton Walker, 18, of Graniteville,
Shoplifting



Keshawn Williams, 21, of Augusta,
Financial identity fraud or identity fraud



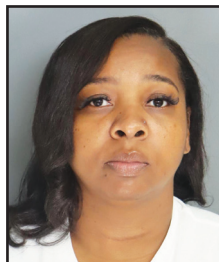
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Shoplifting



Lamari Toole, 24, of Aiken,
Driving under suspension, habitual traffic offenders



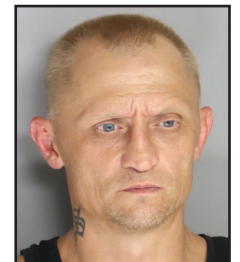
Laquan Beale, 26, of Augusta,
Financial transaction card theft, speeding, more than 25 mph over the speed limit



Lashanda Huggins, 43, of Williston,
Shoplifting x2



Latifah Williams, 27, of Aiken,
Assault & battery 3rd degree, public disorderly conduct



Leroy Laird Sr, 47, of Warrenville,
Sex Offender registry violation, fail to register



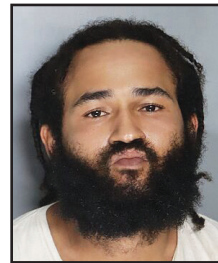
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Driving without a license



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Driving under suspension



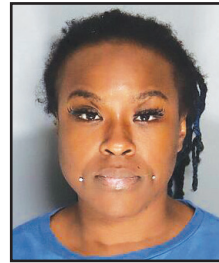
Marc Williams, 42, of Augusta,
Harassment 2nd degree



Marcus Jordan, 25, of Aiken,
Violation of court order of protection, harassment 2nd degree



Martin Reyes Romero, 29, of Aiken,
Public disorderly conduct



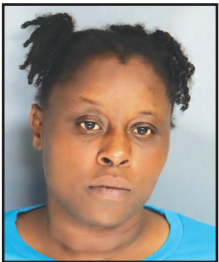
Mattelyn Parks, 35, of North Augusta,
Shoplifting



Michael Crockett, 47, of Aiken,
Domestic violence 3rd degree



Michael Ellis Jr, 42, of Aiken,
Shoplifting



Nashia Bradley, 40, of Beech Island,
Public disorderly conduct



Nathan Holman Jr, 39, of Blackville,
Driving under suspension, habitual traffic offenders



Nelson Lopez Rodriguez, 45,
Public disorderly conduct



Nicolas Torres-Ramos, 24, of Aiken,
Assault & battery 3rd degree



Norton Gaites II, 58, of Aiken,
Contempt of Family Court



O'Neal Miller, 75, of Wagener,
Cruel work, abandonment of animals



Man Arrested for Threats, Stalking in North Augusta

A suspect was arrested Tuesday after allegedly stalking and threatening his ex-wife while armed, according to the North Augusta Department of Public Safety.

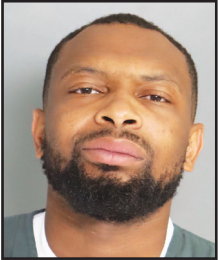
Ashton Robinson, 33, of Camden, S.C., is facing several charges, including stalking, unlawful communication, pointing and presenting a firearm, and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person.

Police responded to the Sonic on Whiskey Road on August 27, where Crystal Gadson reported that Robinson, her former spouse, had shown up with a gun and threatened her, saying, “Ima still show you.” Robinson fled the scene before officers arrived.

While police interviewed Gadson, Robinson repeatedly called and sent threatening messages, including a photo

of himself wearing a mask and holding a handgun. Messages included graphic threats against Gadson and her family, such as “you gone die” and “ima cut yo head off.”

Gadson shared screenshots with officers and declined shelter assistance, choosing to stay with a co-worker. Warrants were issued the same day.



Ashton Robinson, 33, of Camden



Quintteal Staley, 33, of Aiken, Driving under suspension



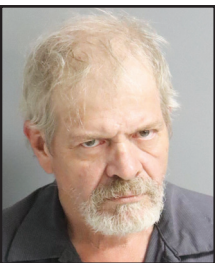
Raven Williams, 29, of Aiken, Driving under suspension



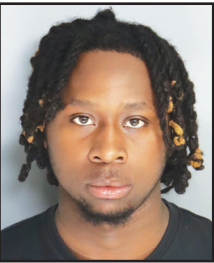
Ricardo Cervantes Munoz, 34, Driving without a license



Richard Johnson Jr, 30, of Aiken, Pointing & presenting firearms at a person



Ricky Williams, 59, of Wagener, Trespassing



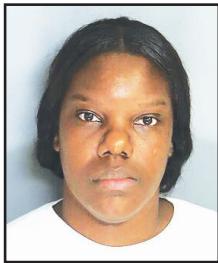
Ronald Ginyard Jr, 18, of Wagener, Attempted murder, discharging firearms into a dwelling, weapon possession



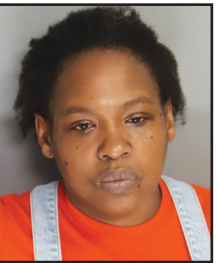
Ronnie Key, 41, of Aiken, Simple larceny x2, trespassing



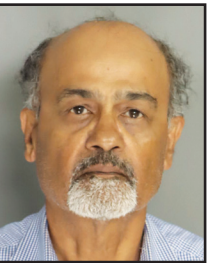
Samuel Toole, 22, of Aiken, Domestic violence 3rd degree



Shantell Watson, 35, of Aiken, Shoplifting



Sheronda Fuller, 49, of Aiken, Shoplifting, contempt of Family Court



Shyamal Bhattacharya, 65, of Katy, TX, Reckless driving, driving without a license



Tracy Aiken Jr, 37, of Windsor, Public disorderly conduct



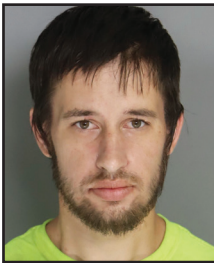
Tyquanzha Salter, 29, of Aiken, Public disorderly conduct



Warren Thomas Jr, 51, of Eastover, Grand larceny



Wesley Carter, 39, of North Augusta, Trespassing



Zain Curtis, 31, of New Ellenton, Simple larceny

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Some people look for a beautiful place. Others make a place beautiful.”
— Hazrat Inayat Khan

I asked a man wearing sunglasses if he wanted to see a magic trick. He said he would love to see anything.

Suspect No. 2 in Custody After Facebook-Live Shootout

A second suspect has been arrested in connection with the shocking shootout that was streamed live on Facebook last month, Edgefield County officials said.

Lasavion Johnson, 24, is now facing multiple charges, including attempted murder, aggravated assault and battery, and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Authorities say Johnson played a role in the dramatic confrontation that unfolded Friday morning, August 15, on Walnut and Rosa Hill Streets.

The chaos began when a brawl between several women was being live streamed to Facebook. Viewers watched in disbelief as the scuffle escalated with hair-pulling, shouting,



Lasavion Johnson, 24

and pepper spray being used before gunfire shattered the scene.

Multiple shots rang out, sending terrified bystanders scrambling. In the background of the live video, a woman can be heard screaming that she's been shot.

Deputies arrived to find the victims had already been rushed to hospitals in private vehicles. One victim, suffering a critical chest wound, was airlifted to Wellstar MCG Health in Augusta.

The injured included Moesha Hightower and Mysterious Morton, the latter being the girlfriend of the first man arrested, Jordan Malik Wright, 21. Wright was also wounded in the incident and treated before being taken into custody.

Two vehicles riddled with bullet holes — a Nissan Murano and a gray Nissan Maxima — were later discovered at Edgefield County Hospital, according to Sheriff Jody Rowland.

Johnson initially claimed self-defense but has now been officially charged following a police investigation.

Daily affirmations:

I'm refreshing

I'm crispy

I'm popular

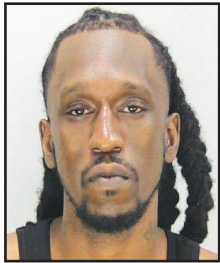
I'm loved

I'm iconic



			
Albert Graham, 68, Hold for SC DPPPS	Caroline Padgett, 63, Unlawful communication, resisting arrest x2, threatening to life, person, or family of public official	David Brown, 28, Domestic violence, burglary	Dylan Triplin, 38, Temporary Hold
			
E'monte Banks, 20 Attempted murder, weapon possession, possession of weapon by a convicted felon x2	Landon Washington, 23, Failure to appear after release for a misdemeanor	Pete Sherlock, 42 Possession of stolen vehicle	Randy Manley, 63, DUI, marijuana possession

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Albert Grayson,
31, of Union,
Simple battery,
bench warrant



Amy Kitchings,
32, of Augusta,
Driving under
suspension, fleeing
or attempting to
elude, theft by
receiving stolen
property, failure to
appear



Andrew Smith,
32, of Augusta,
Suspended-
canceled or revoked
vehicle registration,
no insurance
coverage, state
court bench warrant,
speeding



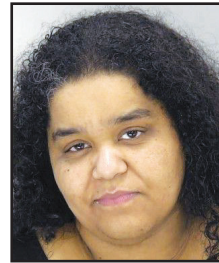
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36, of Augusta,
Driving under
suspension,
unregistered
vehicle, failure to
yield, bench warrant



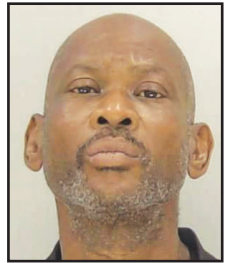
Anthony Kemp,
45, of Augusta,
Disorderly conduct



April Stephens,
60, of Augusta,
Other authority
warrant



Ashley Cheeks,
32, of Augusta,
Simple battery -
family violence x2,
criminal damage to
property



Bernard Shields,
64, of Augusta,
Criminal trespass



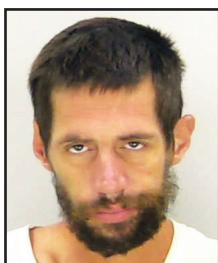
Brandon Morgan,
36, of Augusta,
Disorderly conduct,
obstruction of law
enforcement officer



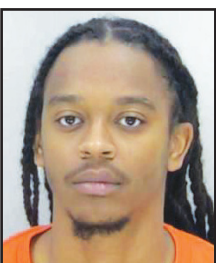
Calvin Philpot, Jr.,
18, of Augusta,
Aggravated assault,
possession of
firearm or knife
during crime



Chandler Mitchell,
22, of Hephzibah,
Simple battery,
prohibition on
nude or sexually
explicit electronic
transmissions,
terroristic threats
and acts, failure to
appear bail jumping



Charles Bromfield,
39, of Augusta,
Criminal trespass,
shoplifting,
obstruction



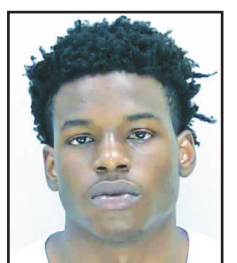
**Christen
Washington,** 28,
of Clarksville, TN,
Failure to obey
traffic-control
devices, driving
while license
suspended



Corey Griffin,
48, of Augusta,
Driving under
suspension,
speeding



Cory Barden,
32, of Augusta,
Theft by shoplifting



Courtney Jones,
18, of Augusta,
Disorderly conduct



Dahster Daniel,
49, of Augusta,
Obstruction of law
enforcement officer



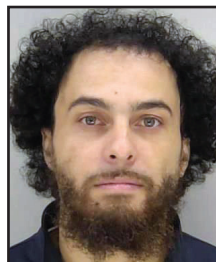
Danielle Roberson,
37, of N Augusta,
Hold subject do not
release, superior
court bench warrant



Dante Williams,
28, of Augusta,
State court bench
warrant



David Anderson,
40,
Other authority
warrant



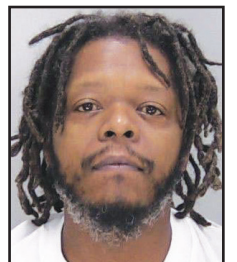
Davon Ramos, 30,
Other authority
warrant



Deanthony McNair,
33, of Hephzibah,
Order to show
cause



Deborah Sneed,
58, of Waynesboro,
Bench warrant



Derrick Smith,
49, of Augusta,
Order to show
cause



Devante Styles,
32, of Macon,
Other authorities
safekeeping



Didier Lewis,
37, of Augusta,
Driving under
suspension



Dontavious Moore,
24, of Augusta,
Possession of
firearm by first
offender



Dustin Day,
28, of Augusta,
Disorderly conduct



Eric Hobbs,
55, of Augusta,
Criminal trespass



Eric Hobbs,
55, of Augusta,
Disorderly conduct



Ezekiel Wimberly,
47, of Augusta,
Pedestrians
soliciting.



**Francis
Disapio, Jr.,**
32, of Augusta,
Order to show
cause

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Garnett Gaines, 45, of Augusta,
Murder



Halima Williams, 23, of Augusta,
Driving under suspension,
speeding



Harold Beach, 67, of Hephzibah,
Weapons possession by convicted felon



Isaac Wright, 41, of Augusta,
Aggravated sodomy, incest, child molestation - aggravated



Isaiah Carter, 26, of Augusta,
Probation violation



Jacory McNair, 19, of Augusta,
Obstruction, magistrate's court warrant



Jamari Jackson, 21, of Augusta,
Other authority warrant



Jeffrey Ashley, 47,
Aggravated stalking



Jhazel Talib, 23, of Augusta,
Criminal trespass



John Jackson, 32, of Beech Island,
Failure to appear, order to show cause



John Quarles, Jr, 57, of Augusta,
Theft by shoplifting



John Williams, 45, of Augusta,
Order to show cause x2



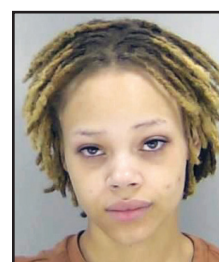
Josh Mobley, 36, of Hephzibah,
Aggravated assault x2, criminal damage to property x2, possession of firearm



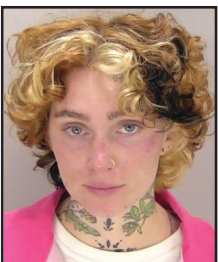
Joshua Moore, 22, of Augusta,
Obstruction of law enforcement officer



Joshua Small, 40, of Grovetown,
Criminal trespass



Karyn Wilson, 21, of Augusta,
Simple battery - family violence



Kathleen Howard, 27, of Evans,
Disorderly conduct



Keenan Varney, 45, of N Augusta,
Order to show cause



Kendrick Thomas, 40, of Hephzibah,
Magistrate's court warrant



Keondra Golden, 31, of Waynesboro,
Shoplifting



Kevin West, 45, of Augusta,
Order to show cause



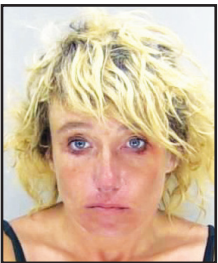
Kikarte Guyden, 31, of Augusta,
Order to show cause



Laquise Harris, 23, of Hephzibah,
Failure to appear, bench warrant x3



Larry Bradley, 44, of Augusta,
Other authority warrant



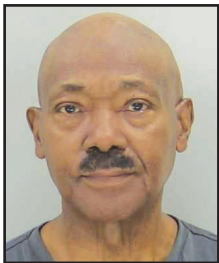
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Criminal trespass, shoplifting



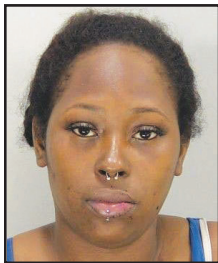
Le Victor Lakes, 20, of Augusta,
Fleeing or attempting to elude, obstruction of law enforcement, distracted driving



Lloyd Watson, Jr, 30, of Augusta,
Criminal trespass



Lonnie Williams, 77, of Augusta,
Bench warrant



Maniyah Lane, 26, of Augusta,
Aggravated assault



Mariah Shipley, 21, of Augusta,
Order to show cause

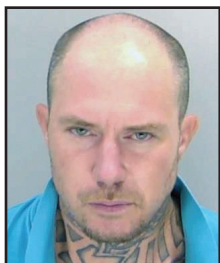


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Failure to pay child support, failure to appear

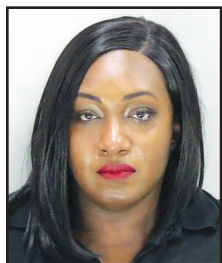


Michael Fields, 37, of Augusta,
Theft by receiving stolen property

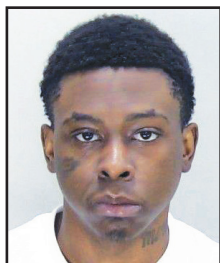
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Michael Oglesby, 40, of Hephzibah,
Other authorities safekeeping, order to show cause



Michelle Moment, 40, of Hephzibah,
Other authority warrant



Mikeem Gaines, 22, of Augusta,
Murder



Nahseem Andrews, 24, of Hephzibah,
Visibility requirements working brake lights, obstruction



Nick Brown, 32, of Austell,
Superior court bench warrant



Othniel Smith, III, 60, of Atlanta,
Criminal trespass, obstruction of law enforcement officer



Patricio Smith, 49, of Augusta,
Driving under suspension



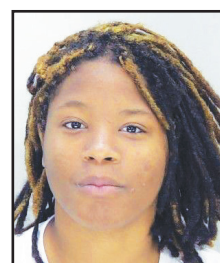
Perry Ritch, 44, of Martinez,
Criminal damage to property



Philip Brown, 40, of Augusta,
Criminal trespass



Renaldo Harris, 43, of Augusta,
Simple battery family violence



Reonna Davis, 17, of Augusta,
Simple battery against a public school employee, disrupting public school, obstruction



Riccardo Miller, 44, of Augusta,
Disorderly conduct



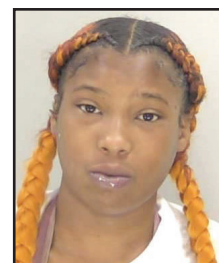
Selvin Martinez Sanchez, 37, of Augusta,
Criminal trespass



Sevina Walker, 41, of Augusta,
Terroristic threats and acts, criminal trespass



Shanicka Chance, 27, of Augusta,
Simple battery against police officer, terroristic threats and acts



Shaniya Dantignac, 20, of Augusta,
Battery, criminal trespass, obstruction of law enforcement officer



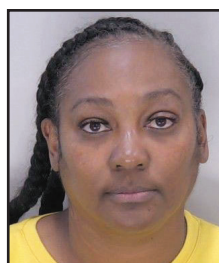
Stacy Pinkston, 53, of Augusta,
Disorderly conduct



Sylvester Moore, 48, of Hephzibah,
Aggravated stalking, disorderly conduct



Tacquae Staley, 19, of Augusta,
Terroristic threats and acts



Terrinice Lloyd, 53, of Augusta,
Reckless conduct



Timothy Reese, 57, of Augusta,
Theft by receiving stolen property



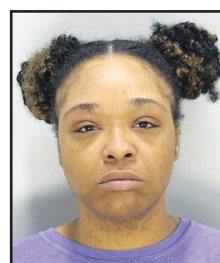
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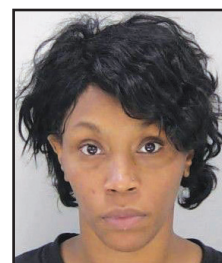
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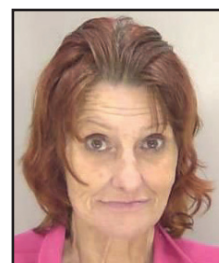
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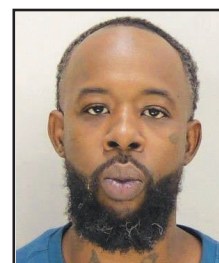
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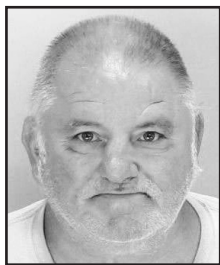


Dispute With Daughter Over Money Ends in Arrest

An Augusta father attacked his 41-year-old daughter, accusing her of taking money from him.

Donald Lee Stensrud, 66, was arrested Aug. 28 for simple battery family violence.

The daughter told Richmond County deputies that she and Stensrud argued after he claimed she stole money from him. The daughter said Stensrud had taken the money himself about two years ago and that she didn't



Donald Stensrud, 66, of Augusta

know what happened to it since.

During their argument, Stensrud was standing outside with the front door open. The daughter closed it to contain her pet cats, and Stensrud pushed through and jumped on her. He knocked her to the ground where he pulled her hair and tried to punch her while threatening to kill her.

The daughter blocked some of the punches to her face and was let go after a witness began

calling 911.

When deputies arrived on scene, Stensrud readily admitted to beating "the shit out of the victim," for stealing from him, according to reports. He also admitted to punching her, grabbing her hair and fetching a bat in the fight. Stensrud told deputies he got upset when his daughter slammed the door on him, hurting his toes. At one point, he believed she was going to throw hot water on him so he grabbed the bat.

A witness corroborated this story, and deputies arrested Stensrud on scene.

Batterer Lies, Blames Man's Injuries on Fall in Bedroom

An Augusta woman lied to deputies, saying that the man she hurt suffered injuries when he fell between the bed and nightstand.

Laticka Smith, 45, was arrested Aug. 30 for simple battery family violence.

Richmond County deputies were called to the pair's home along Fox Trace Aug. 29 for reports of an assault.

The 41-year-old man told deputies that Smith got upset with him because he had been outside all day and she believed he was drunk. Smith punched him in the face as many as six times, leaving visible injuries including a bloody nose and two bumps on his forehead.

The man was treated for his injuries on scene but did not want to go to the hospital.

Smith was not at the home when deputies arrived, so they tried calling her. She told them she was at Walmart but agreed



Laticka Smith, 45, of Augusta

to return to the home. Back at the home, she said nothing happened and claimed that the man fell between the bed and the nightstand.

Smith said she didn't feel there was a need to call for help and said she did not have any injuries.

Meth User Accuses Cousins of Poisoning Him

An Augusta man is facing charges for attacking one of cousins, accusing her of poisoning him through the air conditioner. Joshua Gordon Brown, 37, was arrested Aug. 26 for battery and criminal trespass.

The two cousins were sitting outside at Brown's home along Wilson Street when Brown came out and accused them of poisoning him. He then said he was going to fight one of the women, who stood up and began recording Brown with her phone. Brown hit the phone out of her hand then

began punching her in the face. She fell to the cement patio in the yard and hit her head on the cement. When she got up, Brown grabbed her by the throat and pushed her back down to the ground.

Brown began punching her again. He finally left the scene



Joshua Brown, 37, of Augusta

before deputies arrived.

The cousins told deputies that Brown uses methamphetamines and this causes him to get upset and make up stories.

Deputies noted the cousin Brown attacked had scratches and bruises on her neck, chest and back. Her right eye was swollen and bruised and she had a headache from hitting the cement. The cousin said she and Brown lived together for a 10-year period in Hephzibah.

Brown was arrested the following day.

Argument Over Car Radio Volume Ends in Arrest

An Augusta husband attacked his wife, ripping his phone from her hands and choking her after an argument about the car radio volume.

Billy Londrell Williams, 29, was arrested Aug. 30 for obstructing a person making an emergency call and simple battery family violence.

The wife told Richmond County deputies that she and Williams were driving along Wrightsboro Road when he told her he would beat her if she touched the radio again. The wife claimed the volume was "set to 100" and she needed to turn it down so she could hear Williams talk. She turned

it down to 20 and said Williams pushed her head and pulled into a Pizza Hut parking lot. She told Williams she would call the cops if he touched her again and began dialing 911. Williams tried to yank the phone from her, so she threw it out the window. Williams then put his wife in a chokehold and

she nearly lost consciousness.

When he let go, the wife reached for the keys and tried to escape but said Williams took them from her and drove off. Deputies noted the wife had marks on her neck. They could not locate Williams the day of the incident, but arrested him the following day.



Billy Williams, 29, of Augusta



BLYTHE FATHER ARRESTED IN DECADES OLD SEX ABUSE CASE

Deputies say a Blythe father molested his daughter between 2012 and 2014.



Alan Arthur,
41, of Blythe

Alan Charles Arthur, 41, was arrested Aug. 26 for noon-aggravated child molestation and aggravated sexual battery.

Richmond County deputies first learned of the abuse this year, when the now 19-year-old daughter came forward to make a report Aug. 1. The daughter told

deputies that Arthur molested her over a two-year period when she was 6 and 7 years old. She said Arthur would touch her "private area" and tried to have sex with her.

The daughter also implicated Arthur's wife at the time, whom she claimed watched some of the incidents.

According to the daughter, the wife was willing to work with investigators in the case.

Deputies arrested Arthur less than a month later and more than 10 years after the abuse first began.

K9 Cracks the Case! Armed Teens Found Hiding in Hole

Two armed juveniles were taken into custody last Wednesday afternoon following a high-stakes foot pursuit and K9 deployment near Salem Arms, according to the Richmond County Sheriff's Office.

At approximately 4 p.m., Deputies Mitchell and Gagne began chasing two Black male teens, ages 14 and 16, who were reportedly armed with pistols. The pursuit led officers through thick woods and into a ravine near Rosier Road and Eric Court.

Deputy Robert Banks and his K9 partner, Gajes, were called to assist. Upon entering the wooded area, K9 Gajes signaled toward a ravine. There, hidden in a hole, were the two fleeing suspects. Before releasing the K9, Deputy Banks successfully located and apprehended the teens without incident.

Two loaded handguns were recovered at the scene, one of which was confirmed to have been previously reported stolen.

The juveniles were transported to the Youth Development Center and are now facing mul-

tiples charges.

Sheriff Eugene Brantley praised the teamwork and professionalism of his deputies.

"Our Road Patrol Deputies are not just driving by neighborhoods like Salem Arms—we're getting out of the car and getting the job done," said Brantley. "This could have ended very differently, and I'm proud of Deputies Mitchell, Gagne, Banks, and K9 Gajes for their courage and quick action."

The sheriff emphasized the rising concern of juvenile gun violence and urged stronger community efforts to address the issue.

"We will not tolerate this kind of behavior. Far too often, when juveniles are armed, it ends in tragedy," Brantley stated.



Deputy Robert
Banks and his K9
partner, Gajes

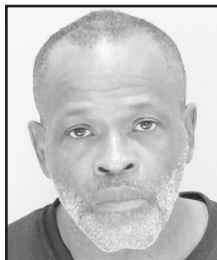
Bon Air Bloodshed: Convicted Dealer Shot by 'Uncle Luke'

A familiar face to law enforcement, 61-year-old Dannie Luke, was arrested Tuesday following a May 24 shooting at the crime-ridden Bon Air Apartments on Walton Way.

Deputies with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office were called to the complex around 7:30 p.m., where they found a male victim suffering from a gunshot wound. The man, 46, identified his shooter as "Uncle Luke" before being

transported to Wellstar MCG Health for treatment.

According to jail records, Luke faces multiple charges including aggravated assault and possession of a firearm during a crime. Authorities say this isn't his first



Dannie Luke, 61

run-in with the law. He has pending meth possession charges, and prior convictions for cocaine possession, domestic violence, and obstruction of law enforcement.

The victim wasn't exactly clean-cut either. He's a recently released felon with a past in cocaine and marijuana distribution in Richmond County. Officials confirmed he was not a resident of the Bon Air Apartments.

The shooting adds fuel to the

fire surrounding Bon Air Apartments. In July, Augusta commissioners called a hearing, citing the property's decaying conditions, rampant crime, and the owner's years-long delay in making upgrades.

Bon Air has drawn over 340 police calls this year alone, according to Chief of Staff Lewis Blanchard, who declared, "There is no apartment complex in Augusta that we respond to that often."



FRAUD FEAST

Food Stamp Lies Land Two in Jail

Two Columbia County women have been arrested and charged with public assistance fraud in separate cases involving alleged abuse of the federal food stamp program, also known as SNAP.



Kaylee Burdette, 29

Kaylee Burdette, 29, is accused of fraudulently obtaining hundreds, possibly thousands, of dollars in food stamp benefits by making false statements to the state between 2018 and 2022. The alleged fraud was discovered in 2023, leading to a grand jury indictment later that year. She was arrested last Monday on the felony charge.

Bridget Heath, 32, was also arrested the same day on the same felony charge. Investigators say she submitted false information between 2023 and 2024 to unlawfully receive benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Both women are charged with public assistance fraud under Georgia Code, which defines the crime as knowingly obtaining or attempting to obtain public benefits – including food stamps – through false statements, failure to disclose information, or other fraudulent means. If the total amount obtained exceeds \$1,500, the charge becomes a felony, punishable by one to five years in prison.

Georgia law also allows for prosecution of anyone who helps another person obtain benefits il-

legally, and the state has the right to recover overpayments through civil action or by reducing future benefits. Prosecutors may offer a consent agreement allowing the accused to repay the money and avoid criminal conviction, but failure to comply can lead to full prosecution.

Food stamp fraud is a serious crime. According to USDA data, the nationwide SNAP overpayment rate in 2023 was 10.03 percent, translating to more than \$10 billion in benefits paid incorrectly. Most of these errors are due to administrative mistakes or unintentional



Bridget Heath, 32

reporting issues. Intentional fraud, such as trafficking or lying to obtain benefits, is estimated to make up just 1.5 to 4 percent of total SNAP transactions.

In Georgia, public assistance fraud cases represent only a small portion of overall SNAP usage. In 2019, state investigators uncovered \$8.4 million in improper payments after investigating nearly 3,000 cases. That same year, only about 0.2 percent of Georgia SNAP recipients were found to have committed intentional fraud.

Authorities have not released the exact dollar amounts involved in the Burdette and Heath cases, nor have they said whether either woman may be eligible for a repayment agreement. If convicted of felony public assistance fraud, both could face prison time.

Attack of the Stained Scrubs Customer Goes Nuclear Over Return Policy

A woman has been charged with simple battery after a confrontation over a refund turned physical at a medical uniform store in Evans last week.

According to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to Scrubs of Evans on Tuesday, August 13, after receiving a call about a disturbance involving a customer. The incident occurred between 3:40 p.m. and 3:54 p.m. at the store, located at 4158 Washington Road in Evans.

Store manager Amanda Ashley Land reported that a customer, later identified as Stephanie Johnson,

41, entered the store attempting to return previously purchased scrubs.



Stephanie Johnson, 41

Land told deputies the scrubs had visible stains and appeared to have been washed, which violated the store's return policy. Land said she informed Johnson that the items could not be refunded, but offered a refund for a separate custom order.

Johnson reportedly became

upset, raised her voice, and left the store. However, she returned minutes later with another item she wished to return. Land said that item was also visibly stained and again was not eligible for return. Johnson allegedly became verbally aggressive, yelling and calling her names.

Land stated that Johnson then swung one of the garments at her "with apparent intent to strike," and made contact with her upper body. At that point, Johnson was asked to leave the store and was told she would no longer be welcome as a customer.

Store owner Mark Harrill, who was not present during the incident, later reviewed surveillance video showing the altercation and confirmed Johnson's actions. Deputies viewed the footage and confirmed the physical contact between Johnson and Land, a report says.

Harrill requested that Johnson be formally trespassed from the store. Deputies attempted to contact Johnson at her place of employment, identified as Legacy Dental, but the business was closed at the time.

Johnson was officially charged with simple battery on Friday.

Deputies Track Suspect Using Traffic Cameras

A Martinez man saw his ex-girlfriend at a gas station, followed her home and attacked her.

Demarcus Reshawn Battle, 27, was arrested Aug. 31 for battery.

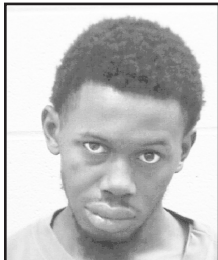
According to reports, the ex-girlfriend was at the Circle K along South Belair Road with a friend when her ex-boyfriend Battle showed up. Battle began yelling at the ex-girlfriend who left to go home. At home, the ex-girlfriend got a call from her friend, warning her that Battle had followed her.

She walked out of her home and Battle ran up to her, punched her in the head and continued punching her when she fell to the ground. The friend who called to warn her then showed up to break up the fight.

Battle left the scene, and the ex-girlfriend realized her iPhone was missing.

Columbia County deputies used traffic cameras to trace Battles and his vehicle back to his home where they located him and detained him. They also recovered the ex-girlfriend's iPhone at his home.

Deputies noted that the ex-girlfriend had bruises and swelling to her hand and knots on her temple and eyebrow.



Demarcus Battle, 27

Teen and Mom Fight Over Electronics

An Evans teen is facing charges for hitting her mother and throwing a ceramic bowl at her after she took her electronics away.

Makayla Cristen Brown, 18, was arrested Aug. 27 for simple assault.

According to reports Brown and her mother, living at a home along thoroughbred Lane, got into an argument after the mother gave Brown's car keys to the mother's sister.

During the argument, Brown swore at her mother, so she went into Brown's room and took her TV, cell phone and iPad. Brown became more upset and tried to take the TV from her mother's hands.

Brown then hit her mother with a fist on the top of her head twice.

The mother said she pushed Brown away then exited the room but Brown followed her and forced her way into her mother's bedroom, barricading herself inside. Brown eventually let the mother into the room.

The mother gave Brown her phone back then went to leave the room.

That's when Brown allegedly threw a cardboard box at her mother, hitting her in the back. Brown then picked up a ceramic bowl and threw it toward her mother, missing her and shattering the bowl against the wall instead.

Brown admitted to throwing the bowl and trying to hit her mother, and she was arrested on scene.

Neither Brown nor her mother had visible injuries.



Makayla Brown, 18

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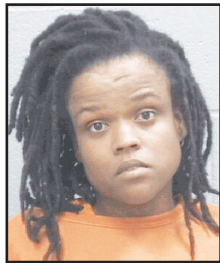
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Abraham Perez-Gomez, 37,
Driving while
unlicensed,
speeding



Anisha Olive, 31,
Probation violation



Anthony Jones, 29
Probation violation



**Anthony
Vance, 31,**
DUI, speeding



April Suazo, 33,
Drug possession,
failure to appear



**Ashley
Williams, 38,**
Reckless driving,
fleeing police,
drug-related
objects, tinted
tag cover, bench
warrant



**Azalia Rivera-
Medrano, 20,**
Bench warrant



**Cadesia
Thomas, 31,**
Driving while
license suspended



**Cameron
Cunningham, 20,**
Hold for Grovetown



Carlin Powell, 41,
Shoplifting



Carlos Rivera, 33,
Shoplifting



Christina Day, 34,
Probation violation



**Courtney
Bacon, 22,**
DUI



**Dandre
Campbell, 22,**
Driving while
license suspended



**Demario
Dargan, 46,**
Driving while
license suspended,
hands-free violation



**Donjane
Blockett, 28,**
Hold for Burke
County



Dustin Leeking, 32
DUI, failure to
maintain lane



**Elizabeth
Ailstock, 37,**
DUI, following
too closely



**Franco
Overton, 36,**
Hold for
Aiken County



**Ja'Chundria
Frye, 20,**
Shoplifting



**Jackson
Pickett, 18,**
Rape, incest



Jacob Deaton, 26,
Hold for Thomson
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James Reeves, 52,
DUI, endangering
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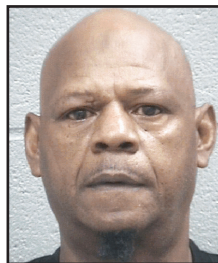
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Compton, 41,**
Hold for RCSO



John Beaver, 42,
Probation violation



**Johnnie
Wallace, 59,**
DUI



Joshia Herron, 40,
Hold for
Harlem Police



Joshua Pearce, 27
DUI, speeding



**Kayleigh
Broxton, 33,**
Battery - family
violence

STUN GUN SHOCKER

Harlem High Teen Nabbed with Weapons in Class!

A Harlem High School student was arrested Tuesday after police discovered a stun gun and pepper spray in her backpack during class.

Savanna Arlynn Mobley, 17, was charged with possession of a weapon on school property, according to Columbia County authorities.

In a letter sent to parents Tuesday afternoon, Harlem High School Principal

Casey Dees emphasized that no threats were made toward students, staff, or the school.

“Administration received a report that the student may possibly be in possession of these items,” Dees wrote. “Columbia County School District Police responded immediately and upon further investigation, the items were discovered in the student’s bookbag in class.”

School officials said the items were immediately secured, and Mobley is facing both criminal charges and disciplinary consequences in accordance with the district’s Code of Conduct.

Principal Dees used the opportunity to urge parents to talk with their children about what items are inappropriate to bring to school, on the bus, or to school-sponsored events.



Savanna Arlynn Mobley, 17

COMEDY CORNER:

My girlfriend borrowed \$100 from me. After three years, when we separated, she returned exactly \$100. I lost Interest in that relationship.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

There are 6 differences between these pictures. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1) One of the firemen is missing. 2) There are flames in one of the house windows. 3) The ladder is shorter. 4) The chimney is missing. 5) The water hose is missing. 6) There is a cat on the roof.

Friend Calls Deputies On Drunk Man

An Evans man is facing charges for drinking in public after his friend called deputies when he became irate.

Mac Taylor Smith-Muir, 21, was arrested Sept. 1 for public drunkenness.

Columbia County deputies received a call from Smith-Muir's friend just after midnight on Sept. 1. The friend said Smith-Muir was highly drunk and had gotten into one altercation earlier in the evening. Smith-Muir then calmed down, drank some more and passed out.

When the friend woke Smith-



Mac Smith-Muir, 21

Smith-Muir provided an address, but said he didn't like the deputies and began screaming at them.

Deputies noted Smith-Muir

Muir, he got up-set, so the friend called the Sheriff's Office for help.

When deputies arrived, they asked Smith-Muir where he lived so they could give him a ride home.

Smith-Muir smelled of alcohol. They sat him in the back of his friend's vehicle and looked for any active warrants in their system. Finding none, the deputies announced they were arresting Smith-Muir for public drunkenness. Smith-Muir began hitting his head on the rear window of his friend's vehicle.

Smith-Muir then said he wanted to take an alcohol test. Before deputies could administer the test, he then claimed the test was rigged and refused to take it.

In the back of the deputy's cruiser, Smith-Muir claimed he needed

to go to the bathroom. The deputy told him that intake at the jail was full and he would need to hold it until he was booked. Smith-Muir threatened to pee in the deputy's cruiser, so the deputy took him out of the car. Smith-Muir walked aggressively toward the deputy while yelling profanities. Smith-Muir told the deputy "he shouldn't have been placed under arrest for drinking a few beers and that (he) had no right to arrest him." The deputy pushed him back, warned him, then pinned him to the intake door until jail deputies could assist in booking him.



Kerry Shaw, 46, DUI, open container, failure to maintain lane, terroristic threats and acts, obstruction, driving while license suspended, hands-free law, expired tag, no proof of insurance



Kristy Boyd, 46, DUI, failure to maintain lane



Maranda Gillam, 35, Probation violation



Mariah Shipley, 21, Richmond County charges



Markes Moore, 38, Simple battery



Mary Williams, 40, Shoplifting



Matthew Brown, 23, Drug offense x2, weapon possession, speeding, no proof of insurance



Matthew Lanier, 35, Drug offense, going inside guardline with weapon-liquor or drugs, shoplifting



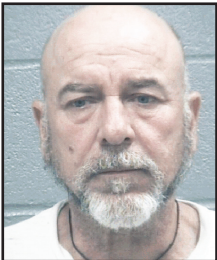
Misael Tobal-Molina, 47, Driving while unlicensed, failure to maintain lane



Morgan Stroup, 40 DUI, drug possession x2, fleeing police, reckless driving, headlight requirement



Oliver Lopez-Reyes, 19, Driving while unlicensed



Richard Gregerson, 55, Theft by conversion



Ryan Paplaczyk, 39, Duty to make immediate report of accident



Sebastian Franklin, 21, DUI, driving while license suspended



Shamarriah Jackson, 20, Shoplifting



Father Chokes Ex After Argument About 3-Week-Old

A Martinez father is facing charges for choking his ex-wife after she criticized the way he was holding their infant child.

Justin Heath Daniel, 33, was arrested Aug. 28 for battery and third-degree cruelty to children.

The ex-wife called Columbia County deputies to her home along River Watch Parkway af-

ter she got into an argument with Daniel who was drunk and holding their newborn child.

The ex-wife told Daniel to put the child down because he had been drinking and said this enraged Daniel. The ex-wife went to open the fridge and the door fell off. Daniel then began antagonizing the ex-wife as he held

their child, hoping to get her to hit him, according to the ex-wife.

Instead, the ex-wife took their other child, a 4-year-old, with her to a bedroom to avoid Daniel. Daniel followed them, pounced on the ex-wife and wrapped his hands around her throat, choking her until she nearly lost consciousness.

Fearing for her life, the ex-wife called Columbia County deputies who found Daniel walking on a nearby street. Daniel took off running when he saw deputies but was apprehended after a brief pursuit. Daniel claimed he never touched his ex-wife and was only over at her home to help with their kids.



Justin Daniel, 33



Shani Conner, 20,
Criminal damage to property



Shi'heed Small, 25
Shoplifting



Steven Boatwright, 29,
Shoplifting



Stevonta Jones, 27,
Driving while license suspended, speeding



Taylor Wood, 22
DUI, failure to maintain lane, probation violation



Timothy Yoder, 37
Contempt of Superior Court



Tremika Baker, 48,
Aggravated assault



Tyler Barcenas, 32
Terroristic threats and acts, harassing communications, failure to appear



Tyrone Speakman, 55,
Shoplifting x2



William Lopez-Denis, 23,
DUI - refusal, failure to maintain lane, driving while unlicensed, 30 days to register vehicle



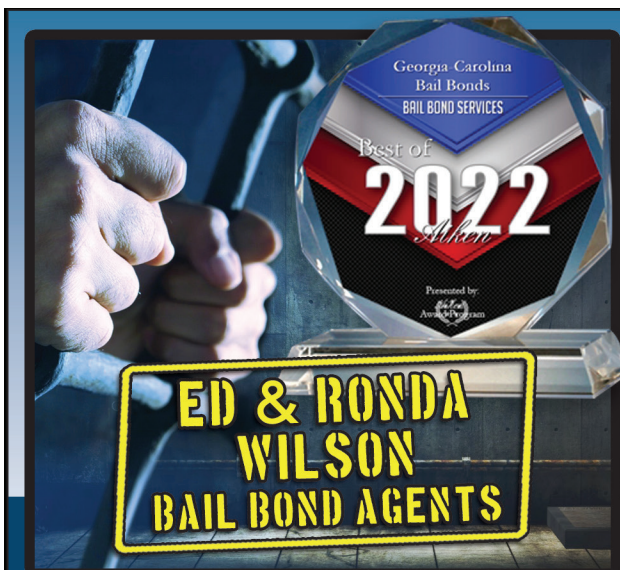
William Ross Couloute, 39,
Duty to stop at accident, driving while license suspended, failure to obey traffic-control devices



Willis Tolbert, 27,
Failure to appear



Zenobia Walker, 34
Hold for other agency



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