

Holmes County kidnapping, chase ends in Moorhead with two dead

By Recardo Thomas
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An alleged kidnapping/ hostage situation turned fatal early Thursday morning, July 5, after law enforcement officers from multiple jurisdictions pursued a Madison County man across several county lines before the pursuit came to an end just east of Moorhead.

The man identified as Lavonte Lloyd, reportedly kidnapped a Holmes County infant from a home in Cruger, where shots were fired before he fled the scene.

Officials caught up with him after the truck he was driving left the road and went

into a ditch on the south side of U.S. 82, about 20 miles west of Greenwood. He and the infant were deceased in the truck.

Holmes County Sheriff Willie March said his Department received a call around 6:25 a.m. Thursday morning from the child's grandmother stating that Lloyd had kidnapped the little girl.

March said officers were in transit to the grandmother's house when a second call came in that Lloyd had left the area with the child and was headed north on U.S. 49 into Leflore County in a white truck with a tank on

the back. He was also told that Lloyd had fired shots in the small community.

At some point they attempted to intercept Lloyd and followed him into Sunflower County where his vehicle was discovered off of the road.

March said he was told what happened when he made it on scene.

"When I made it here, the truck was in the ditch, and when they made entrance into the truck, they found that the baby was deceased and also the driver, which is her father, was also deceased," said March.

March said he was unsure



Multiple law enforcement agencies and first responders were on scene Thursday morning after Lloyd's vehicle was located in a ditch twenty miles west of Greenwood. Both Lloyd and his infant daughter were found deceased.

(Photo by Recardo Thomas/The Enterprise-Tocsin)

of the child's age.

"I really don't know, it looks like it could be a small arm-baby, maybe one-year-old," he said.

He said the mother had pre-

viously filed a restraining order against Lloyd, however he showed up in the Cruger area over the weekend, and law enforcement officials were called, but when offi-

cers arrived, Lloyd had fled through a corn field and they were unable to catch him.

Officials were still on scene late Thursday morning processing the area.

Dedicated to serving "Y'all"

Beverage company sets roots in Lexington

By Matthew Breazeale
Coffee, tea and lemonade are the foundations of a new beverage enterprise that is setting anchor in Holmes County's seat.

Southern Coffee Services, a subsidiary of Chenoa Coffee Company, is now open and operating at the former Lexington Coffee Company on the Court Square in Lexington.

Stemming from the Cen-

tral Holmes Foundation for Excellence, the Lexington Coffee Company which has operated for the past four years, gave way for Chenoa and its brands, with Southern Coffee Services officially opening its doors on Friday, July 6.

"We have individual, unique blended coffees, developed here in Lexington," said Chuck Lovorn, CEO of Chenoa. "They are southern

inspired through heritage and tradition. We tried to encompass what we would consider a good cup of southern coffee on your front porch."

The four flagship blends of coffee are "Morning Roast, High Cotton, most popular, the one most everybody drinks; Premium dark roast; and Heritage, medium-light, a high-end blended coffee," according to Lovorn.

The beans used are sourced

from all over the world, with the company working with South American, African and Indonesian companies.

"Our roast is very specific," Lovorn added, "we designed it to be smoky and

earthy, but not sharp and acidic."

The coffee is available to offices, restaurants, convenience stores and other hospitality venues.

Tea is another product the

local distributor markets, along with Bunn brand machines to brew and serve it and coffee, commercially.

Online sales are other aspects of the business as the

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Southern Coffee Services held its ribbon cutting on Friday, July 6. The new business, located in the former Lexington Coffee Company location on the Court Square in Lexington, boasts a retail space, coffee roasting facilities and serves as a distributor of its products. Pictured above (from left): George Newton, route sales advisor, Chuck Lovorn, CEO of Chenoa Coffee Company, Nancy Barrett, president of Chenoa Coffee Company, Robin McCrory, mayor of Lexington, Janie Harris, customer service and hospitality, Gordon Haydel, senior director of sales, and Charles Graffeo, production advisor. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

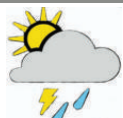
Lexington Scouts attend Camp Hood



The Lexington Boy Scout Troop 64 spent the week of June 17 - June 23 at Camp Hood at Hazlehurst, the home camp for Andrew Jackson Scout Council. Camp Hood is now rated as one of the top eight camps in the United States. The scouts are required to have two scout leaders with them at all times. Lamar Ferrell, Assistant Scoutmaster, spent the entire week with the scouts. Steven Edwards, Assistant Scoutmaster, spent half of the week, while Billy Edwards, Troop Committee Chairman, spent the second half of the week with the troop. Doyle Gilmore, Scoutmaster, prepared the boys for camp and helped transport them to the camp.

The scouts worked on many merit badges including archery, first aid, leatherwork, programming, robotics, swimming and wood carving. They also had free time to enjoy the water slide and blob at the lake, zip lining, rock wall climbing, bike riding and hiking. Front row (from left): Doyle Gilmore, John Ward, John Hudson Word, Bennett Word, Hayes Hester, Cayton Edwards and Lamar Ferrell. Back row (from left): Steven Edwards, John Allen Burns, Michael Jones, Pierce Edwards, Bryce Hester, Jack Wooten and Colton Sumner. Not pictured, Billy Edwards. (Photo by Susan Word)

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