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Suspect sought in **Lexington rape investigation**

By Matthew Breazeale

The Lexington Police Department is continuing its investigation into the rape of a 73-year-old woman as the search continues for a sus-

Timothy Brown, a convicted felon, is wanted by the Lexington Police Department in connection to the assault of a resident at her home on Westwood Avenue in Lexington on Thursday, January 24.

The crime was reported to the Lexington Police Department by officials at University of Mississippi Medical Center on Friday, January 25 after the victim sought medical treatment after the attack.

cate (Brown) at this time," said LPD Chief Robert



TIMOTHY BROWN

Stoppers hotline."

Kirklin Sr. "We've received been canvassing neighbor-

"We are still trying to lo- many leads from the Crime hoods and abandoned houses, conducting roadblocks, Kirklin said police have distributing flyers in efforts to locate Brown.

> of the FBI, the Department of Human Services, and the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on February 26, at the Lexington City Hall - 112 Spring St, Lexington, and will include a discussion with representatives from Stand Up, Mississippi, as well as local officials and professionals.

This meeting is just one in **County 4-H youth exhibitors**

Town hall meeting set in Lexington on growing concerns over illegal drugs

Monday after the Holmes Malachi Williams and John

Press Release

By Betsy Padgett

Lexington, 4-H youth moved

to Greenwood to exhibit in the Delta District Livestock

Monday's activities in-

and the district Livestock

Judging Contest. Compet-

ing and winning the Junior

Sheep Judging contest for

Show.

ration of several Mississippi A town hall meeting in agencies, including the De-Lexington on February 26 partment of Mental Health will address the growing im- (DMH), the Department of pact of opioids in communi- Public Safety, the Bureau of ties across the state. Stand Narcotics, the Board of Phar-Up, Mississippi is a collabo- macy, the Mississippi offices

Word, placed third in Swine

Howell, Tyler Diffey and

the Senior Judging Contest.

Davian Powell judged as a

Judging contest.

advance to Dixie National show Holmes County were Jordan senior individual ranking Holmes Co. Ext./4-H Agent Brooks, Lydia Killebrew, 15th of all senior judges.

Jordan Brooks won high County Livestock Show in Hudson Word. The Junior individual honors in the Ju-Swine Team, Hanna Hood, nior Sheep Judging; Hanna Colton Howell and Chloe Hood was 5th high in the Swine Judging.

Beef Cattle, Meat Goats Holmes County's senior and Sheep showed on Tuescluded check and weigh-ins team, Pearce Edwards, Livi day, January 29. Pee Wee Goat Showmanship started off the day with Kinley Kil-Lilly Word, stood fourth in lebrew winning the class, (Continued on page 9.)

"So far we've checked around 15 to 20 abandoned houses and over at the former Lexington Elementary School," said Kirklin. "People are nervous right now.

Kirklin added that Brown has no community ties and often bums around, looking for somewhere to sleep at night.

"Brown has apparently 'underground'...he hasn't made contact with his parole officer either," said

Evidence that was sent to the state crime lab was still being processed as of Tuesday morning, February 5.

The cash reward from Holmes County Crime Stoppers has been raised to \$2,500 for anyone with information leading to an arrest.

Anyone that does have information on the whereabouts of Brown can anonymously call Holmes County Crime Stoppers at 662-834-0099 for information on Brown or the case.

a series of town hall meetings that are open to the public and being held throughout the state during 2019 to educate communities about the growing issue of opioid abuse.

Arrest made in bomb threats against county schools

Press Release

Agents with the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation arrested a Goodman man Friday, February 1, after conducting an investigation into several bomb threats sent to multiple schools in the Holmes County area.

Montavious Landfair, 18, of Goodman, was charged with one count under MS Code 97-37-21(False Re- the case with the assistance porting of Explosives) and of the Federal Bureau of Inwas booked into Holmes County Jail.

MBI the investigation on Janu- Holmes County Sheriff's Deary 16, 2019 after receiving information regarding throughout the community. bomb threats made to several schools in the previous tive and ongoing investigaweek. During the course of tion and as with any case, our the investigation, additional investigative findings will be bomb threats continued to be shared with the District Atmade to schools in the area. torney's office throughout Agents were able to obtain the process, for considervital information regarding ation and review.

In early 2017, Governor Phil Bryant convened a task response to the findings and force of professionals from recommendations of the task the healthcare, legal, medical, dental, and law enforcement sectors to develop a working on multifaceted, comprehensive plan to ad-



MONTAVIOUS LANDFAIR

vestigation, Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, agents initiated Durant Police Department, partment and various sources

This continues to be an ac-

dress the opioid crisis. In force, the Stand Up, Mississippi partnership began

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Tyler Diffey showing at his last Delta District Livestock Show won the 16-18 year old Beef Cattle Showmanship competition. Tyler will finish his 4-H showing career this (Photo by Betsy Padgett)

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