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MAKAYLA WINSTON



GOODMAN, MS

Age: 21

Height: 5'3" Hair: Brown/Red Highlights

Weight: 170 lbs. Eyes: Brown

Makayla Winston who is 9 months pregnant was last seen leaving her home in **Goodman, MS** on **Thursday, June 27, 2019** around 9:19 pm.

Makayla was wearing a black t-shirt dress and driving four-door 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix.

The car was located at the intersection of Highway 14 and I-55 in **Holmes County, MS** and the keys were still in the ignition switch.

Call Holmes County Crime Stoppers at (662) 834-0099

Electrical transformer plant looks to expand territory, footprint in Lexington

Press Release

Emerald Transformer, the leader in repairing, re-manufacturing and recycling transformers and related products, is increasing its footprint in the Mississippi region by expanding its primary service territory from four to eight states. Due to sustained growth and a second successful year in the community, Emerald continues to invest in process improvements, facility upgrades and the development of its employees. The 115,000-square-foot plant

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Texas-based Emerald Transformer opened its Lexington operations in April of 2017 and is now looking to expand from four to eight states. The Lexington location (pictured above) is housed in the former Fleetwood facility on Bowling Green Road outside city limits. The plant currently employs 70 local workers with plans to hire more.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

City of Lexington garners “Healthy Hometown” title and \$50,000

Press Release

The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation announced three cities as 2019 Healthy Hometown Award winners on June 27, at the Mississippi Municipal League Annual Conference in Biloxi.

The cities of Lexington, Quitman and Tupelo all earned the title “Healthy Hometown” in recognition of exemplary community health and wellness. Each will receive a \$50,000 grant award from the Foundation to assist in continued efforts to ensure their respective communities are healthy places to live and work.

The Foundation established the Healthy Hometown Awards Program in 2010 to encourage and reward cities that have made the most progress and displayed the highest level of commitment in creating a healthy community culture.

For 2019, the Healthy Hometown Awards Program expanded to incorporate approaches that have shown to be effective in creating healthy communities such as demonstrating municipal leadership and involvement, adopting environmental or



Local initiatives, like the Lexington Farmers Market, contributed to the seat of Holmes County being dubbed a “Healthy Hometown.” Blue Cross & Shield of Mississippi named Lexington along with Tupelo and Quitman as examples for health and wellness during the June 27 Mississippi Municipal League Annual Conference in Biloxi. Pictured above, Lexington resident Mary Calhoun, peruses the offerings from John Branch, standing right, of John’s Farms, on Friday, June 7 at the Lexington Farmers Market

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

finances and policies, providing access to healthier foods, promoting physical fitness activities, reducing tobacco use and ensuring healthy school environments.

The Healthy Hometown Awards are each \$50,000, regardless of municipality population, and one or multiple cities may be awarded.

“The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation celebrates the

achievements of city leaders and Healthy Hometown committee members from Lexington, Quitman and Tupelo for providing and sustaining opportunities for residents to lead healthy lifestyles,” said Sheila Grogan, foundation president. “Adopting health and wellness as a key community initiative improves well-being and sets a positive example for creating healthy cultures

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Grenada funeral home owner arrested for selling fake funeral plans

Owner advertised plans in Holmes County

Press Release

Eddie “Skeeter” Robinson, III, of Grenada County, was arrested Monday, June 24, on a 14-count indictment accusing him of selling unfunded, prepaid funeral plans without a license, collecting burial insurance premiums without a license and related charges, Attorney General Jim Hood announced.

Robinson, III, 51, was charged with one count of

conspiracy, four counts of embezzlement, three counts of false pretense, five counts of insurance fraud, and one count of wire fraud. The majority of the charges were in relation to Robinson selling preneed contracts, also known as prepaid funerals, and related services, which he was not licensed to sell. He was arrested earlier this month on a six-count indictment for similar charges in

DeSoto County.

Robinson advertised funeral services in the *Holmes County Herald* in May and June 2018.

Robinson’s funeral home is listed in the indictment under six names including: DBA Eddie “Skeeter” Robinson Funeral Home, Robinson Funeral Home, Eddie Robinson Funeral Homes, Robinson Burial

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