

Local man arrested in connection with two recent burglaries

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A Homerville man has been arrested in connection with two recent local burglaries. Janard Jones of a Stalvey Road address has been arrested with a break-in at a Cuttings Loop address and a theft at a Frank S. Sessoms Memorial Highway address.

On March 31, deputies received a call that a woman had returned home to find that two windows had been busted out and that her Cuttings Loop residence had been broken into. She also stated that when she arrived at the residence that a silver Nissan Altima was parked on the side with a man waiting in it. She went on to state that the other male exited the residence, entered the car, and both fled the scene. She noted that the car had damage done to the front. The vehicle also had no license plate.

Upon arrival to the scene, deputies noticed that one of the male suspects, Jones, had inadvertently dropped his identification card on the ground while he was leaving the scene. The silver Nissan Altima that matched the description was found at a Pearson Highway address, and Jones was located inside the residence. Jones tried to flee officers,



Janard Jones

and force had to be used to detain him, according to the report. He was arrested and charged with burglary and obstruction of a law enforcement officer.

After taking Jones into custody, another call came in from a Sessoms Highway address that someone had busted in their front door while they were away and had stolen a gray pit bull puppy, a red puppy blanket, and a dog feeder. Officers had noticed the matching items in the silver Nissan when Jones was taken into custody. Deputies returned to the scene and recovered the puppy and the items and returned them to the owner and added a charge of theft by taking to Jones' list.

He is currently being held at the Coffee County Jail.

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at 6 p.m. The order supercedes any local restrictions. Two weeks prior, the Homerville City Council approved an emergency ordinance that included a curfew. Two days before the governor's order, the county implemented a voluntary "Stay Safe at Home" policy.

In the past week, cases have escalated across Georgia. As of Monday evening, there were 7,558 known cases of the Coronavirus in the state, with 294 accompanying deaths. In nearby Lowndes County, there are 42 cases and two reported deaths. In Ware County, there are 28 cases and three deaths reported. Lanier County has five cases, Atkinson County has three cases, and Echols County one case – also reported within the last few

days. Clinch County Emergency Management Agency Director Will Joyce said the governor's "Shelter-in-place" order is very similar to the City of Homerville's emergency ordinance – with the main emphasis on staying at home and social distancing.

"The main thing is keeping everyone at home, trying to keep people from going out," Joyce said on Friday. "The sooner we stay at home and stop congregating, the sooner this will pass on."

The City of Fargo also passed a similar ordinance recently, although that ordinance, like the city and county's, was superceded by the governor's order.

In the United States, as of Monday evening, there were 330,891 cases of the COVID-19 pandemic, with 8,910 deaths.

Hospital

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Ammons said the hospital recently met with a new supplier and hope to have a drive-thru testing service soon for COVID-19.

The hospital is also short on PPE (personal protective equipment) supplies, according to Ammons, although they have received some supplies from GEMA, and donations from individuals and the community.

"I know that some larger tertiary facilities have it worse than we do right now and are receiving the bulk of supplies, but if CMH gets

a surge of patients or have a significant increase in general admissions, our supply will be depleted very soon," said Ammons. "Our front line staff may be required to reuse surgical masks and other equipment for several days if we do not replenish our stock. Gowns are in high demand, as well as N95 respirators and surgical masks. We are also in need of head and shoe covers. The fabric masks that are being sewn by community members will allow us to extend the life of our N95 respirators. We are so very grateful for the outpouring of community support."

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Homerville Police Department

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- March 29 - Officers conducted a traffic stop for the vehicle having defective equipment. After a search of the vehicle, officers found a black hand gun that had

previously been reported as stolen. The vehicle's driver, Cedrick Terrell Carter, 32, of an Old Fargo Road address, was arrested and charged with theft by receiving stolen property, and possession of a fire arm by a convicted felon.

- March 31 - Officers pulled a vehicle over for speeding. After approaching the vehicle, officers observed the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle, according to the report. The vehicle was searched and a

quantity of marijuana was found. The driver, Scott Anthony Ross of a Spring Hill, Florida address, was arrested and charged with possession.

- March 31 - Officers conducted a traffic stop for a window tint violation. After stopping the vehicle and searching it, officers located a quantity of marijuana. The driver, Mark Anthony Coleman, 29, of a Thomasville address, was charged with possession of marijuana and a window tint violation.

- April 4 - Officers received a call that a wanted fugitive from Waycross may be staying at a Brookwood apartment on Sweat Street. Upon arrival, officers were granted entrance into the apartment and located the suspect, Quandarius Kennedy, 22, sitting on the couch. He was taken into custody without incident and was transported to Ware County. He was wanted for a gang related shooting.

School system

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Monday and Wednesday. We will use the same locations and times as we are currently using. On Monday, students will receive meals for two days: lunch for Monday & Tuesday and breakfast for Tuesday & Wednesday. On Wednesday, students will receive meals for three days: lunch for Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday and breakfast for Thursday, Friday, & Monday. Meal deliveries are scheduled to continue through Wednesday, May 20.

With the additional meals, the bags will be even heavier and your little ones may need help carrying them from the buses to the homes!

Awards Banquets: Administrators and staff members are working on ways to recognize students who would normally be honored at special end of year events. Our priority will be to celebrate the CCHS Class of 2020 as they end their 14 year journey in our school system. These recognitions normally do not occur until May. Specific details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Events such as end of grade honors programs will be cancelled.

Promotion/Retention: PK-8 teachers will contact parents if their student does not currently meet requirements to be promoted to the next grade. Teachers in grades 9-12 will contact parents if the student is not passing the

course. Additional work may be required in order to earn a passing grade. Any work assigned will be to help the student qualify for promotion or to earn credit. Parents will be contacted directly in these situations.

Learning Options: Online resources are posted on the parent page of www.clinchcounty.com. Many of our teachers are also providing resources through Google Classroom or other online platforms. Beginning April 13, printed learning packets for students in grades PK-7 will be available for pickup in containers at CCEMS. Printed learning packets will be available in courses in grades 8-12 upon request. These resources are supplemental learning activities and cannot replace in-person instruction. As long as students are passing, we will not require students to complete work and the learning packets do not have to be returned. However, we strongly encourage students to remain engaged in these learning activities.

Parents may reach out to teachers for feedback and assistance on student work. From the home page of our website (www.clinchcounty.com), scroll down to "staff directory" to find email addresses of all of our teachers. As a reminder, digital learning is not scheduled during the week of April 6-10.

High school teachers will have all Q3 grades updated in PowerSchool by April 13. If students are concerned about their grades at that

time, they may contact their teachers to see if additional work is available to improve their averages.

Registration:
PRE-K: Pre-K applications will be available beginning April 13 from the front entrance of CCEMS. Applications will be placed in a container where parents can pick up anytime. A drop box will also be available to return applications anytime. Staff members will be available at CCEMS from 11-1 on Mondays and Wednesdays during meal deliveries if parents prefer to return the application in person or if they have questions. Additional registration details will be provided on our website, social media accounts, and in the Clinch County News.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten applications will be available at CCEMS during the month of May. The applications for Pre-K and kindergarten are different. Therefore, so as not to confuse the two programs, we will focus on Pre-K from April 13 – April 30 and focus on new kindergarten applications in May. (If your child is in Pre-K, they do NOT need a kindergarten application). Continue to check our webpage and social media accounts for information.

High School: Students will participate in online registration for classes for the 2020-2021 school year in May. Students should check our webpage and social media accounts for updates.

Shelter-in-place order

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Bowling alleys
Theaters
Live performance venues

Dine-in services at restaurants and private social clubs (Exceptions include take-out, curbside pickup and delivery, as well as dine-in services at hospitals, health-care facilities, nursing homes or other long-term care facilities)

Estheticians (ex. waxing, threading, eyelash extensions, cosmetic treatments)

Hair designers
Tattoo parlors
Beauty shops and salons (including home shops)
Barber shops (including home)

Cosmetology schools
Hair design schools
Barbering schools
Esthetics schools
Nail care schools
Licensed massage therapists

How does the order apply to individuals and families?

All Georgia residents and visitors are required to shelter in place in their residences. "Shelter in place" means remaining in their residences and taking every possible precaution to limit social interaction to prevent the spread or infection of COVID-19.

Are there exceptions?

Yes. A Georgia resident or visitor is not required to shelter in place if they are:

- Engaging in essential services.
- Working in critical infrastructure.
- Engaging in minimum basic operations.
- Performing necessary travel.

What are essential services and critical infrastructure workers?

As defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, workers who conduct a range of operations and services that are typically essential to critical infrastructure viability, including staffing operations centers, maintaining and repairing critical infrastructure, operating call centers, working construction, and performing operating functions, among others. It also includes workers who support critical supply chains and enable functions for critical infrastructure. The industries they support represent but are not limited to medical and health care, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement and public works.

Engaging in essential services means obtaining necessary supplies and services for your household, engaging in activities essential for the health and safety of your household, and engaging in outdoor exercise activities as long as you have at least six feet between people who do not live in your household.

You can go to the grocery store, medical appointments and the pharmacy. You can go pick up food or have food delivered to your house. You can leave your house to buy supplies to clean or maintain your house. You can go outside to exercise.

You can also leave your house in an emergency. The key takeaway is that you need to stay in your

house as much as possible, but we recognize there are circumstances when you need to leave. Keep those circumstances rare, consolidate trips as much as possible and use take-out, curbside pickup and delivery service whenever possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Necessary travel means the travel required for someone to conduct or participate in essential services, minimum basic operations or work for critical infrastructure.

Minimum basic operations are limited to:

The minimum activities necessary to maintain the value of a business ... provide services, manage inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions. Such minimum necessary activities include remaining open to the public subject to the restrictions of this order.

The minimum activities necessary to facilitate employees or volunteers being able to work remotely from their residences.

Instances where employees are working outdoors without regular contact with other persons, such as delivery services, contractors, landscape businesses and agricultural industry services.

What does this order mean for church services and funeral services?

No business, establishment, for-profit or nonprofit corporation, organization or county or municipal government is allowed to have more than 10 people gathering in a single location unless there is at least six feet

We will also issue an alert with our all-call system.

Refunds & Fundraisers: Some grades and classes had scheduled field trips where students had paid to attend. We will issue checks to refund field trip money. Checks may be picked up at CCEMS (for all students in PK-12) on April 27 and April 29 from 11 – 1 during the meal distribution. Any checks not picked up by April 29 will be mailed.

CCEMS students recently participated in a fundraiser. We expect the products ordered to be available for pickup in May. Additional details will be provided in a few weeks.

Report Cards, Book Returns, Etc.: Report cards will be mailed at the end of the school year. Parents may always check grades online at <https://clinch.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

If a student has a library book, keep reading! You can return library books during meal distributions at CCEMS on Mondays and Wednesdays between 11 – 1 or you may give them to the teachers on meal routes.

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Can I go to state parks or play sports outside like golf?

Yes. You can visit state parks or play sports outside, including golf, subject to restrictions. Gatherings of more than 10 people are banned unless there is at least six feet between each person at all times. If people congregate in certain areas of a state park or golf course, for example, law enforcement will warn them to disband. If they fail to comply, they may face criminal charges.

What happens if I violate the governor's executive order?

If you violate any terms of the order, you are committing a misdemeanor, which is a crime in the state of Georgia. For example, if you are not sheltering in place and none of the four exceptions for essential services, minimum basic operations, critical infrastructure or necessary travel applies to your activities, you will receive a warning from law enforcement and risk facing criminal charges if you fail to comply.

How does this order apply to local governments?

No county or municipal government is allowed to have more than 10 people gathered in a single location unless there is at least six feet between each person at all times. The governor's order supersedes all local ordinances to the extent they conflict and states that no ordinance can be more restrictive or less restrictive.