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## Officer shot while responding to social distancing complaint

**Associated Press**

Three suspects were arrested Friday, May 8, in connection with the shooting of a Mississippi police officer who responded to a call about a party where people were reportedly not practicing social distancing, authorities told a news outlet.

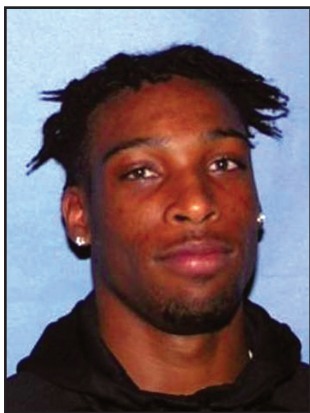
The Lexington police officer drove himself to the hospital Thursday night after being shot while responding to the disturbance call, WLBT-TV quoted Holmes County Sheriff Willie March as saying. The officer was in stable condition Friday, news outlets reported.

Kiara Brown, Jamie Pernel and Ayquanya Brown were arrested about 1 a.m. Friday by the Lexington Police Department, the Holmes County Sheriff's Department, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Marshal's Service, the sheriff said.

Authorities did not immediately



**KIARA BROWN**



**AYQUANYA BROWN**

release any charges against the suspects. It's unclear whether they have attorneys who can comment for them.

Under Mississippi's "safer at home" order, people are still banned from indoor gatherings in groups of 10 or more, and are required to maintain distance of at least 6 feet (2 meters) from one another to protect against the spread of the coronavirus. Groups of 20 or fewer are allowed to gather outdoors.

## Governor Reeves extends 'Safer At Home', reopens barbershops and salons

**Press Release**

On Friday, May 8, Governor Tate Reeves announced the next stage for Mississippi to continue safely reopening the state's economy while protecting public health.

In a new executive order, Governor Reeves extends his Safer At Home Order for another two weeks until 8:00 AM on Monday, May 25, in an effort to continue flattening the curve while allowing Mississippians to get back to work safely. Consulting with our state health officials, the Governor also lays out strict social distancing guidelines and sanitation protocols for

salons, barbershops, and gyms to begin reopening now to restore the livelihoods of the small businesses owners and their employees.

"The human cost of another Great Depression is higher than the benefit of broad orders. As we work to re-open our economy, that is not a signal that the threat of the virus is gone. It is a shift in strategy because months of making it illegal for small businesses to operate is not sustainable. To the people of Mississippi: I am asking you—begging you—to exercise your personal responsibility," said Governor Tate

Reeves.

Governor Reeves announced his new executive order at his daily press briefing, which can be viewed on Facebook.

In this latest executive order, the Governor lays out strict social distancing guidelines to begin the process of slowly and safely reopening salons, barbershops, and gyms, including:

### **SALONS & BARBERSHOPS**

For businesses:

- Before they can reopen, the entire salon or barber-shop must be deep-cleaned,
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## Valedictorian and co-salutatorians named at Holmes County Central HS

**Press Release**

Holmes County Central High School has announced the valedictorian and co-salutatorians for the Class of 2020. Issac Randle Jr. has been named valedictorian with Jatoni Donelson and Alexandria Hilliard named co-salutatorians.

Issac Randle Jr. is the son of Issac and Matilda Randle. He lives in Lexington/Acona community. Issac grew up in a blended family of one brother, Jerome Jordan, and three sisters, Lakeyta Jordan, Angela Jordan and Lasade Ragulan. The scholar leads his class academically this year as the valedictorian with a grade point average of 4.151. Issac excels in math, science and technology classes.

In Issac's spare time, he sings in the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Choir and serves as a junior deacon. He also lifts weights, enjoys Taekwondo, in which he has earned a 1st degree black belt and he enjoys outdoors sports like hunting and archery.

During his high school matriculation at Holmes County Central High School, Randle was enrolled in numerous advanced placement and college-level dual credit courses and also earned multiple academic accolades. He also participated in the National Society of High School Scholars; the powerlifting team; was a member of the ACT 20+ Club; the president of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Roundtable; took part in college pilot programs; attended summer programs at both Ole Miss and Mississippi State; was a member of the Student Dis-



**ISSAC RANDLE JR.**



**JATONI DONELSON**



**ALEXANDRIA HILLIARD**

cipline Committee; and also took pride in volunteering in various capacities.

Issac will attend the University of Mississippi in Oxford to major in accounting. At this time, he has received both a scholarship and a grant from the University of Mississippi. In addition to the University of Mississippi, Issac has offers from 30+ colleges all over the country.

Jatoni Donelson has the honor of being named one of

the two co-salutatorians of HCCHS's 2020 graduating class. Donelson is the son of Deshanna Donelson and Anthony Hogan. The Tchula native is the big brother of 8-year-old Jadarien Donelson.

During his senior year, Donelson was elected as Mr. Holmes County Central High School 2019-2020. Additionally, Donelson is the senior class vice-president; a member of the HCCHS Senior Beta Club; a National Honor Society inductee; an ACT 20+ Club member; and a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Roundtable.

After high school, Donelson plans to attend college at either The University of Mississippi or Mississippi State University. Donelson plans to pursue a bachelor of science degree in biological sciences, with hopes of someday becoming a registered nurse. After that, Donelson plans to further his education in the field of science so that he can go to medical school. The time in medical school will assist the future plastic surgeon with obtaining a doctor of medicine degree.

Donelson says, "My goal will not only help me become another successful person from Holmes County, but it will hopefully allow me to be an influence on the several generations to come in Holmes County."

This year's second highest average honor also goes to Miss Alexandria Hilliard. The class salutatorian is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Adrienne Neal and Donald Hilliard. She has four siblings.

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**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
87/64  
Precip. Chance  
20 %



**Friday**  
Scattered T'Storms  
87/65  
Precip. Chance  
40%



**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
89/67  
Precip. Chance  
20%



**Sunday**  
Isolated T'Storms  
88/67  
Precip. Chance  
30%



**Monday**  
P.M. T'Storms  
85/66  
Precip. Chance  
40%



**Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
87/64  
Precip. Chance  
20%



**Wednesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
88/66  
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