

Driver, passenger OK after reported rock strikes car near Bowling Green Road overpass

By Matthew Breazeale

Drivers travelling on U.S. Interstate 55 are urged to be cautious and vigilant around the Bowling Green Road overpass.

Oxford resident Clint McLean was sprayed with shards of glass on Saturday, September 19, after an apparent rock impacted the windshield of his vehicle.

Around 1:30 a.m., McLean and his brother Jason were driving in the right lane on I-55 north from Madison to Oxford. Jason was driving

the vehicle while McLean was in the front passenger seat, looking down at his phone. McLean reported that his brother saw what appeared to be "at least two, if not three figures standing on the overpass." McLean said initially his brother's attention was drawn to the overpass above after noticing a glowing light.

"It was like a glow stick or something being twirled around," McLean added.

After passing under the bridge, an alleged rock struck

the windshield of McLean's Ford Edge. The windshield was damaged but the object did not enter the car.

"There was glass all over us," said McLean.

McLean said the suspects appeared to be Caucasian but

added he could be mistaken. Holmes County Sheriff Willie March said on Friday, September 25, that the department did receive other reports of people throwing objects in the area. March said one his deputies canvassed the area but did not find any direct evidence of a crime.

McLean said his brother pulled the vehicle over to the side of the interstate but did not exit the vehicle.

Later, on Wednesday, Sep-

tember 23, McLean said he returned to the area to check for other possible objects or evidence of objects being thrown off the overpass, but did not find any.

A similar incident reported in another state led to the death of a driver and prosecution of four teens.

In 2017, a judge in Michigan ruled that four teens who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in a highway rock-throwing incident that led to the death of Ken-

neth White, 32, were to be sentenced as adults. White was riding in a van on Interstate 75, about 80 miles north of Detroit, in October 2017 when he was killed by a large rock thrown from an overpass.

If anyone has information about this incident or witnessed any related activities please contact the Holmes County Sheriff's Department at 662-834-1511 or Holmes County Crime Stoppers at 662-834-0099.



Clint McLean and his brother Jason McLean reported a rock striking the vehicle they were traveling in near the Bowling Green Road overpass on Interstate 55 in Holmes County. The pair were reportedly sprayed with glass after Jason witnessed people standing on the bridge around 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 19.

(Photo Submitted)

Feds offer to help curb crime in Mississippi capital

Associated Press

Mississippi's capital city says it plans to work with the U.S. Department of Justice to help fight crime.

Jackson City Council President Aaron Banks says U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst extended an offer to work with local law enforcement to reduce crime. Banks did not specify how Hurst offered to help, but he says city leaders look forward to discussing the collaboration, WLBT-TV reported.

"A lot of people around the country are talking about this being a political measure, because of the presidential election," Banks said. "They way I see it and the way some of my colleagues see it is we aren't concerned about the political measure. We don't want to see another life lost."

from citizens before taking any action on the offer.

The council recently agreed to increase the starting pay of Jackson Police Department recruits from \$26,900 per year to \$30,000 annually to help address one of the city's most pressing issues — the recruitment and retention of officers within the understaffed department. The department is short about 25% of its currently budgeted workforce, The Clarion Ledger reported.

Many of the vacancies include sergeants, lieutenants and detectives. Another 41 officers are slated to retire this year, according to Chief James Davis.

The pay increase comes as the city's homicide rate continues at a record clip and is close to surpassing the highest number of deaths, 92 in 1995, in the city's history.

HOLMES COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION *AMENDED POLL WORKER TRAINING NOVEMBER 3, 2020

ALL POLL WORKER TRAININGS will be held at 6:30 P.M. nightly for the November 3, 2020 General Election. It is mandatory that all potential Poll Workers attend training.

REMEMBER:

- If you are not a registered voter, you cannot work as a Poll Worker.
- If you are campaigning for a candidate, you cannot be employed as a Poll Worker.

Thursday, October 08, 2020

Beat 4 Thornton
Beat 5 Cruger
Beat 4 Lexington
Beat 5 Tchula

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Beat 2 Durant
Beat 2 Williams Sullivan High
Beat 2 West
Beat 3 Coxburg

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Beat 3 Ebenezer
Beat 3 Goodman
Beat 3 Pickens
Beat 1 Durant-Saint Andrews

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Beat 1 Acona
Beat 1 Lexington
Beat 4 Walden Chapel

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Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Beat 2 Durant
Beat 2 Sub Durant Williams Sullivan
Beat 2 West
Beat 1 Lexington
Beat 3 Coxburg
Beat 1 Durant
Beat 1 Acona

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Beat 5 Tchula
Beat 3 Ebenezer
Beat 3 Goodman
Beat 4 Thornton
Beat 5 Cruger
Beat 3 Pickens
Beat 4 Lexington
Beat 4 Walden Chapel

NO MAKE-UP TRAINING

If interested, you may attend a workshop for the regular Poll Workers & Encoders.

All training sessions will be at the Holmes County Circuit Court Complex located at 22549 Depot Street next door to the Lexington Multi-Purpose Building, formerly known as the Old National Guard Armory Building.

If you have questions, please call The Circuit Clerk's Office @ 662-834-2476

Submitted by Earline Wright-Hart, Circuit Clerk & Holmes County Election Commissioners

***Extended days for COVID 19