

Sheriff: Men in truck chased, shot at Black teens on ATVs

Associated Press

A white father and son in rural Mississippi have been arrested after they allegedly chased two Black teenagers on ATVs off the road and repeatedly shot at them from a pickup truck, a sheriff’s deputy said Friday.

Wade Twiner, 48, and his son, Lane Twiner, 22, have each been charged with three counts of aggravated assault, said Chief Deputy Joseph Head of the Yazoo County Sheriff’s Office in central Mississippi. No one was hurt in the incident, which occurred on Sunday night, Head said.

The two teenagers were riding ATVs on a country road close to the Twiners’ home,

Head said. At some point, the father and son began chasing after the two boys, firing several shots and bumping into one of the ATVs with the pickup. A 9 mm handgun was recovered by authorities Sunday night. Both Twiners were arrested and transported to Yazoo County Regional Correctional Facility.

The Twiners have been released on bail. It was not immediately clear whether they have an attorney who could comment for them.

Yazoo County Sheriff Jake Sheriff told WLBT that the Twiners told law enforcement they own land on both sides of the road and that they shouldn’t have to deal with people riding

ATVs on the road, since that’s against the law.

Although operating ATVs on public roads is illegal in Mississippi, that regulation is not strictly enforced. The sheriff told WLBT there were other people riding ATVs in the area of the Twiners’ home on the day they allegedly con-

fronted the teens.

Head said they were looking into whether it was a potential hate crime, but he did not provide details as to why. The sheriff said in an interview with the Clarion Ledger that they were looking at social media posts made by one of the Twiners.

One Facebook post displayed the words “Redneck Neighborhood Watch” and a photo of a Confederate flag, the sheriff told the newspaper. The posts appear to have since

been taken down.

Until recently, the Confederate flag was depicted on the Mississippi state flag. Legislators voted to change it in June after criticism that the flag is widely considered a racist symbol.

A hate crime is defined as a crime typically involving violence that is motivated by prejudice on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation or other grounds.

Authorities did not disclose further information, citing an ongoing investigation. Head said authorities are conducting interviews with everyone involved, and have one more potential witness to interview this weekend.

FBI spokesperson Brett Carr said the FBI is aware of the incident and is in regular contact with local authorities.

“If in the course of the local investigation, information comes to light of a potential federal civil rights violation the FBI is prepared to investigate,” he said.



This image provided by the Yazoo County Regional Correctional Facility in Yazoo City, Miss. shows Wade Twiner, 48, left, and his son, Lane Twiner, 22. The Twiners have each been charged with aggravated assault after they allegedly chased and shot at two Black teenagers that were riding in ATVs near their home on Sunday Sept. 27, 2020.

(Yazoo County Regional Correctional Facility via AP)

Changes made to WMA Waterfowl Draw Hunts for 2020-21 season

Press Release

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) has made procedural changes to waterfowl draw hunts on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) for the 2020-21 hunting season.

Due to ongoing health concerns from COVID-19, drawing procedures have been altered to limit close interactions between individuals who are visiting or working on these areas. New procedures for the upcoming hunting season are outlined below:

- All waterfowl draw hunt applications for the season (up to 5 draw periods per WMA) will be open concurrently from October 1 to October 15 and all drawings will be completed by November 1.
- Hunting units will be assigned when draw winners are notified.
- Drawn hunters will have 48 hours to confirm their reservation online before it goes back into a second re-fill drawing.
- Applicants who are not initially drawn will be entered into the re-fill drawing

for a chance to fill any hunting positions that were not confirmed.

- Drawn hunters and their guests must sign in by 5:00 am the morning of their hunt and will proceed to their hunting unit.
- Howard Miller, Mahannah, and Muscadine Farms WMAs WILL HAVE STAND-BY OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-DRAWN HUNTERS to show up the morning of a hunt for a chance to fill any vacant hunting units.

Applications for WMA draw hunts can be found online at <https://xnet2.mdwfp.com/drawings/public/WmaDrawingsV3.aspx>.

Hunters are reminded that not all WMAs with waterfowl hunting opportunity require a draw permit to hunt, and specific regulations for each WMA should be reviewed prior to hunting.

For more information regarding waterfowl in Mississippi, visit our website at www.mdwfp.com/waterfowl or call us at (601) 432-2199.

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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**