

# NEWS LOCAL & STATE

# Lakeland Fire Department Report



## A message from Congressman Austin Scott

Today, our nation comes together to celebrate the remarkable life and lasting legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Let us embrace his timeless truth: 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' Inspired by Dr. King's powerful message, we remind ourselves to champion the equality and value of all human life.

This month, the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is hosting Farm Loan Information Sessions in our district. State Executive Director Arthur Tripp, Jr. will be in attendance to discuss FSA capital assistance options.

Session information is below:

Date: January 17, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Tift County USDA Service Center, 1468 Carpenter Rd S., Tifton, GA 31793

Date: January 18, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Colquitt County USDA Service Center, 350 Veterans Pkwy N. Bldg 3, Moultrie, GA 31788

To RSVP for one of the sessions or to contact the USDA with any questions, please email [GAOutreach@usda.gov](mailto:GAOutreach@usda.gov).

As always, my staff and I are here to help. If you need assistance with a federal agency or have comments or concerns to share with me, please do not hesitate to call my Warner Robins, Tifton, or Washington, D.C. offices.

Sincerely,

Austin Scott  
Member of Congress



### Introducing Bipartisan Legislation to Commemorate the Life of Nell Patten Roquemore

Last week, I introduced a bipartisan resolution to rename the U.S. Postal Office in Lakeland, GA, the "Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office" after late constituent and former Lakeland Postmaster Nell Patten Roquemore.

Ms. Nell Patten Roquemore was a model public servant and an active member of the community. Her unwavering commitment to the people of Lanier County was evident in her involvement in numerous local initiatives and organizations. Renaming the post office in her honor is a small way to commemorate her legacy in Lanier County.



### Supporting Senior Access to Physicians

As the son of a physician, I know firsthand the obstacles that providers face to keep pace with inflation and rising practice cost expenses. On top of this, consistent Medicare reimbursement cuts leave many physicians with no choice but to shrink their practices and limit the number of Medicare patients they can accept, ultimately threatening our nation's healthcare system at the expense of deserving seniors, especially in underserved and rural communities.

For these reasons, this week, I cosponsored H.R. 6683, the Preserving Seniors' Access to Physicians Act. If enacted, this bill would protect patients from the harmful rule established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), decreasing reimbursement for physician services by 3.4 percent in 2024.

**01/09-** Several units were standing by while stormy weather passed through the area. Along with several calls of trees and power lines down firemen also responded to an auto accident on Hwy 221 North where a pickup pulling another suv on a trailer left the roadway and overturned with no injuries. Another call involved a log truck on hwy 84 with a brake fire on it's trailer.

**01/09-** Call to an alarm on Moody Drive. Arrived to find the CO2 detector going off but no problems were found inside the home.

**01/09-** Call to an auto accident on Hwy 125. Arrived to find that a vehicle pulling a trailer turned left into the path

of oncoming traffic and another vehicle struck the trailer. No injuries were reported.

**01/10-** Call to an auto accident on Teeterville Road. Arrived to find that a vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree with the driver receiving an injury to the face.

**01/14-** Call to an accident involving an ATV on Hwy 129 South. Arrived to find the operator of the ATV sitting on the porch with a leg injury. The subject advised that the ATV had rolled over with him and a rider but the rider was not injured. EMS transported the operator to SGMC main campus.

# Lanier County Sheriff's Office Report

• **January 08, 2024, 0958 hours. Christopher Scott Blank (38)** charged with Probation violation (when probation terms are altered) for finger printable charge (2 counts). Arrested by: Lowndes County Jail. Arresting officer: not listed. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Property/Cash Bond: NO BOND/NO BOND.

• **January 10, 0830 hours. Micale Nicole Robinson (28)** charged with Interlock probation violation. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Chris Souza. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed

• **January 10, 0835 hours. Duane Edward Scully (45)** charged with Probation violation (when probation terms are altered) for finger printable charge. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Kartez Robinson. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Property/Cash Bond: NO BOND/NO BOND.

• **January 11, 1425 hours. Jamarla Andropolis Jermaine Sims (19)** charged with Marijuana – possession less than 1 oz. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer:

Amanda Giddens. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Property/Cash Bond: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00.

• **January 13, 1305 hours. Karissa Shantel White (32)** charged with Driving without insurance – 1st offense, Expired registration revalidation decal, Speeding 11 to 15 miles over 55MPH zone, and Suspended registration – 1st offense. Arrested by: Georgia State Patrol. Arresting officer: Trooper Morris. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed

• **January 14, 1111 hours. Joel Vega Escutia (58)** charged with Operating commercial vehicle without CDL. Arrested by: Georgia State Patrol. Arresting officer: not listed. Housed for: Ware County Jail. Property/Cash Bond: NO BOND/NO BOND.

• **January 14, 1345 hours. Khadijah Nicole Donaldson (29)** charged with Driving while license suspended 1st offense in 5 years, and Speeding 16to 20 miles over 55MPH zone. Arrested by: Georgia State Patrol. Arresting officer: Trooper Morris. Housed for: Ware County Jail. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed

# Lakeland Police Department Report

• January 08, 0139 hours. Lakeland Police Department was dispatched to the area of East Bostick in reference to a welfare check. Offender's name: Not given. Incident type: Not listed. Reporting Officer: Dallas Harmon. Property type: not listed.

• January 09, 2007 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to East Simpson Avenue in reference to a domestic dispute. Offender's name: Not given. Incident type: Not listed. Reporting Officer: Gena Willis. Property type: Not listed.

• January 12, 1851 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to West Main Street in reference to a property retrieval. Offender's name: Not listed. Incident type: Not listed. Reporting Officer: Zachary Benika. Property type: not listed.

• January 12, 2013 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to South Oak Street in reference to damage to property. Offender's name: Not given. Incident type: Not listed. Reporting Officer: Gena Willis. Property type: not listed.

• January 13, 1505 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to South 8th Street in reference to damage to property. Offender's name: Not listed. Incident

type: Not listed. Reporting Officer: Gena Willis. Property type: not listed.

• January 13, 2225 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to West Main Street in reference to a mental health subject. Offender's name: Not listed. Incident type: Not listed. Reporting Officer: Kevin Christian. Property type: not listed.

• January 14, 2109 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to East Talley Avenue in reference to someone chasing a juvenile. Lakeland Police Department Units were flagged down by an individual on Highway 129 South. Offender's name: Not given. Incident type: Not given. Reporting Officer: Kevin Christian. Property type: not listed.

• January 15, 1230 hours. Sergeant Sumner was dispatched to East Darsey Avenue in reference to harassment. Offender's name: not listed. Incident type: Not listed. Reporting Officer: James Sumner. Property type: not listed.

• January 15, 1340 hours. Sergeant Sumner was dispatched to West Main Street in reference to a gasoline drive off. Offender's name: Redacted. Incident type: Gasoline drive off. Reporting Officer: James Sumner. Property type: not listed.

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