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A message from Congressman Austin Scott

Last week, the Department of Defense (DoD) reported that three soldiers were killed in action as a result of an Iranian proxy attack on a U.S. outpost in Jordan. All three servicemembers were from the U.S. Army Reserve's 718th Engineering Company out of Fort Moore, Georgia.

Among the fallen were Sgt. William Jerome Rivers, 46, of Carrollton, Georgia; Sgt. Kennedy Ladon Sanders, 24, of Waycross, Georgia; and Sgt. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett, 23, of Savannah, Georgia.

My wife Vivien and I extend our condolences to their families whose loss cannot be measured with words, and we are praying for a swift recovery for the dozens of additional servicemembers who were injured in the attack. I joined my colleagues in the Georgia delegation for a moment of silence on the House floor last week to honor their sacrifice. Never forget that our nation is the land of the free because it is the home of the brave.

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



Recognizing the 2023 Congressional App Challenge Winners

Congratulations to Aarin and Aarav Dave, who won first place in the Congressional App Challenge for a second time with their app ICUSpeak. This is Aarin's third time winning the App Challenge overall!

ICUSpeak is an app that helps patients who are unable to communicate with their providers and families effectively after surgery. Patients use a hardware device with five buttons and a hand imprint to communicate messages to the app. The app uses Thinkable's text-to-speech technology to convey these messages to the patient's health care providers.

Their app will be featured on the U.S. House of Representatives website and displayed in an exhibit in the U.S. Capitol Building alongside winners from other participating Congressional Districts across the country.

It was an honor to recognize these especially talented students in Hahira!

Announcing 2024 Congressional Art Competition

My office is excited to announce that we are taking submissions for the 2024 Congressional Art Competition.

All high school students (9-12th grade) who reside in or attend school in the Eighth Congressional District are encouraged to participate.

The winning entry will be displayed in the United States Capitol for a year alongside artwork from every congressional district across the country.

All artwork must be framed and submitted by **April 19th** at one of the following five drop-off locations:

- Howard High School: 6400 Forsyth Road, Macon, GA
- Congressman Scott's District Office in Warner Robins: 120 Byrd Way, Suite 100, Warner Robins, GA
- Lowndes High School: 1606 Norman Dr., Valdosta, GA
- Coffee County High School: 159 Trojan Way, Douglas, GA
- Congressman Scott's District Office in Tifton: 127-B Central Ave N, Tifton, GA

For more information, visit [here](#).

02/02- Call to a grass fire on the right of way on Hwy 84. Arrived in the area but no fire was found.

02/03- Call to a grass fire in Oak Ridge subdivision. Arrived to find a fire had spread over three properties and also a mobile home was starting to burn. Firemen and neighbors with hoses fought to stop the spread before more houses were damaged. The mobile home which was vacant was completely destroyed along with several feet of a wooden privacy fence. The fire stemmed from a debris fire.

02/03- Call to a grass fire near a trailer on Thigpen Circle. Arrived to find a grass fire in a yard spreading and had the flames contained in a short while with no damage

to the home.

02/03- Call to a grass fire on Good Hope Road. Arrived to find a grass fire had spread to a wooded area behind the home. The owners were containing the grass fire with shovels while the firemen attacked the fire in the woods before it became a bigger problem. All of the flames were extinguished in a short while. The fire had stemmed from a debris pile that was being burned.

02/04- Call to an auto accident on Teeterville Road. Arrived to find that a vehicle had left the roadway and struck a power pole. There was no one in or around the vehicle. The power company was called to replace the pole and repair the downed lines.

Lanier County Sheriff's Office Report

• **January 31**, 1026 hours. **Tina Michelle Roberts** (51) charged with Probation violation DCS – Watson. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Amanda Giddens. Property/Cash Bond: NO BOND.

• **February 01**, 1600 hours. **Shelton Leonard Bradley** (51) charged with Housed for court. Housed for: Ware County Jail. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: not listed. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• **February 2**, 0500 hours. **Joshua**

Chance Furney (18) charged with Theft by taking – misdemeanor. Housed for: Ware County Jail. Arrested by: Lakeland Police Department. Arresting officer: Kevin Christian. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• **February 01**, 0702 hours. **Larry Jackson Harrison** (55) charged with Probation violation (when probation terms are altered) for finger printable charges. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Amanda Giddens. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/\$880.00.

Lakeland Police Department Report

• **January 29**, 0447 hours. Lakeland City Police Units responded to Chestnut Ridge Circle in reference to a medical emergency.

• **January 29**, 0609 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to East Washington Avenue in reference to unresponsive person. Offender's name: not listed. Incident type: not listed. Reporting Officer: Kevin Christian. Property type: not listed.

• **January 29**, 0735 hours. Sergeant Sumner was dispatched to Jet Food Store in reference to a property retrieval. Offender's name: Not Listed. Incident type: Not Listed. Reporting Officer: James Sumner. Property type: not listed.

• **February 02**, 0346 hours. Lakeland City Police Unit's were dispatched to

West Main Street in reference to a theft. **Offender's name: Joshua Chance Furney.** Incident type: Theft by taking less than \$500.00. Reporting Officer: Kevin Christian. Property type: Consumable goods, \$25.39.

• **February 02**, 0609 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to . Incident type: not listed. Reporting Officer: Terry Grant. Property type: not listed.

• **February 03**, 0042 hours. Officer Terry Grant was dispatched to East Peeler Avenue in reference to a man on a four wheeler attempting to break into the residence. Offender's name: OFFENDER 1. [Redacted] Incident type: not listed. Reporting Officer: Terry Grant. Property type: not listed.

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