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A message from Congressman Austin Scott

March is National Peanut Month, a great time to acknowledge this beloved crop's substantial impact on our state's culture and economy.

In 2022, Georgia produced more than half of our nation's peanuts, contributing over \$790 million to our economy! Thank your local peanut farmer today!

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



Passing Bipartisan Legislation to Combat Communist China

TikTok is not just an app; it is a tool utilized by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to spy on over 170 million Americans. Despite repeated denials from TikTok executives, the CCP has access to American data, and they are using it against our country.

The CCP has passed a series of laws requiring all Chinese tech companies to allow party officials access to user data. The harvesting of our data is not only used for Communist China's manipulative gain but with the intent of being sold to other countries who wish to do us harm.

TikTok's current relationship with Communist China is an unacceptable threat to our national security that cannot be ignored.

Last week, the House stood unified against Communist China and passed H.R. 7521, the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act.

This bill does not ban TikTok. H.R. 7521 requires the Chinese company that owns TikTok, ByteDance, to sell the app to a company not owned by our adversaries.

Unfortunately, if ByteDance refuses, TikTok will be banned in the United States; however, this has never been our goal. H.R. 7521 also allows us to curb the destructive influence of other adversaries like Russia, North Korea, and Iran.

I voted in favor of this legislation to combat the corrosive influence that the CCP is attempting to hold over our country.

Berrien Co. Sheriff's Office Report

• **March 11**, 1430 hours. **Jordan Paschal** charged with Probation violation – felony. Court: Superior.

• **March 11**, 2128 hours. Daniel Lyons charged with Failure to appear for finger printable charge – misdemeanor. Court: Municipal.

• **March 12**. **Harold Smith** charged with [not listed].

• **March 12**, 1739 hours. **Morris Hill** charged with Failure to appear for finger printable charge – misdemeanor. Court: Superior.

• **March 13**, 1726 hours. **Donald Gray** charged with Probation violation (when probation terms are altered) for finger printable charge (felony).

• **March 14**. Scottie Brady charged with [not listed].

• **March 15**. Dennis Maloney charged with [not listed].

• **March 15**, 0433 hours. **John Cole** charged with Possession of methamphetamine – felony. Court: Superior.

• **March 15**, 1305 hours. **Aubrey Vaughn** charged with Failure to appear (felony). Court: Superior.

• **March 16**, 1630 hours. **Hannah Ogletree** charged with Distracted driving, Operating vehicle without count decal, Possession of marijuana – misdemeanor, Prescription drugs not in original container. Housed for Lakeland Police Department. Court: Superior.

• **March 17**. **Wesley Leaf** charged with [not listed].

• **March 17**, 0834 hours. **Russell Harrelson** charged with Failure to appear for finger printable charge – misdemeanor. Court: City.

• **March 18**, 1242 hours. **Lajery Ratliff** charged with Obstruction of an officer (misd.) 2 counts, Loitering, Probation violation (when probation terms are altered) for finger printable charge, Failure to appear for finger printable charge – misdemeanor. Court: Superior.

Lakeland Fire Department Report

03/11- Call to a lawn mower fire on Oscar Carter Lane. Arrived to find a zero-turn mower engulfed in flames and extinguished it.

03/14- Call to an unknown fire report on Simons Drive. Arrived to find that a previous trash fire had rekindled and was spreading towards a structure. Firemen had the flames under control within minutes.

03/14- Call to a gas leak on West Main. Arrived to find that a work crew had struck a gas line. The line was found and crimped off before the gas company arrived.

03/14- Call to a grass fire on Hwy 122 West. Arrived to find a fire on the roadside and extinguished it.

03/14- Call to a grass fire on Johnson Road. Arrived to find a fire on the roadside and extinguished it.

03/14- Call to a tree on fire on Hwy 125. Arrived to find a tree burning and extinguished it.

03/15- Call to an alarm on Hwy 221

South. Arrived to find that all was okay.

03/15- Call to a woods fire on Ard Road. Arrived to find that a control burn had jumped a break onto the railroad right of way. Firemen had the fire under control in a short time.

03/16- Call to a possible auto accident reported by a cell phone on Hwy 37 East and 129. Arrived to find no sign of an accident. Units split up and checked the highways in all directions but no accident was found.

03/17- Call to an alarm on Barrett Lane. Arrived to find all was okay.

03/17- Call to a possible auto accident reported by cell phone on Hwy 37 and Conine Road. Call was canceled while units were in route advising that the phone had fallen off a truck and self alerted.

03/17- Call to a land fire near a home on Hwy 129 South. Arrived to find that a control burn was threatening a structure and units stood by until it was safe to leave the scene.

Lanier County Sheriff's Office Report

• **March 11**, 0313 hours. **Brinna**

Coulange (22) of Valdosta, charged with Driving without insurance (1st offense), DUI – driving under the influence of drugs, Knowingly driving motor vehicle on suspended, canceled, or revoked registration, Marijuana – possess less than 1 oz., and Speeding 21 to 24 miles over 55 MPH zone. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Caleb Courson. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• **March 11**, 2132 hours. **D'Lashia La-Chelle Barkley** (27) of Valdosta, charged with Marijuana – possess less than 1 oz. Housed for: not listed. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Derrick McLeod. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• **March 11**, 2326 hours. **De'aria Lashawn Byrdson** (20) of Valdosta, charged with Driving with no license on person, DUI – Driving Under the Influence of drugs, Endangering a child by driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, Marijuana – possess less than 1 oz, Minor restraint law (age 5-17), Parking violation, and Speeding 11 to 15 miles over 35 & 45 MPH zone. Housed for: not listed. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Derrick McLeod. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• **March 12**, 2119 hours. **Dustin Aaron Haddock** (39) of Lakeland, charged with Defective equipment, Driving without insurance (1st offense), DUI – driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI – endangerment of child under 14 (2 counts), and Open container. Housed for: Cook County Sheriff's Office. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Derrick McLeod. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

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• **March 14**, 1010 hours. **Richard Dean Rudd** (55) of Valdosta, charged with Probation violation DCS – Watson. Housed for: Ware County Jail. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Joseph Pruitt. Property/Cash Bond: NO BOND.

• **March 15**, 09015 hours. **Aubrey Mitchell Vaughn** (24) of Monticello, FL., charged with Criminal attempt to commit a felony. Housed for: Ware County Jail. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Benjamin Terrell. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• **March 15**, 1621 hours. **Mandy Lynne Garrett** (51) of High Springs, FL, charged with DUI/Alcohol & Drugs, Open container in vehicle, Speeding 21 to 24 miles over 55 MPH zone, and Violation of window tint law. Housed for: Cook County Sheriff's Office. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Derrick McLeod. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• **March 17**, 1822 hours. **Amber Rancee Stanfield** (37) of Valdosta, charged with Probation violation (when probation terms are altered) for finger printable charge. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Arrested by: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Chris Souza. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• **March 17**, 2336 hours. **Kevin Murdoch White** (46) charged with DUI-Driving under the influence of alcohol, and Failure to drive within single lane. Housed for Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arrested by: Georgia State Patrol. Arresting officer: Trooper Nicholas Morris. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

Lakeland Police Department Report

• **March 09**, 2137 hours. Lakeland Police Department was dispatched to Franklin Avenue in reference to a domestic dispute. Offender's name: none listed. Incident type: none listed. Reporting Officer: Zachary Benka. Property type: not listed.

• **March 10**, 0954 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to East Bostick Avenue in reference to a theft. Offender's name: UNKNOWN. Incident type: Theft by taking less than \$500.00. Reporting Officer: Gena Willis. Property type: not listed.

• **March 10**, 1035 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to South Valdosta Road in reference to a theft. Offender's name: UNKNOWN. Incident type: Theft by taking less than \$500.00. Reporting Officer: Gena Willis. Property type: not listed.

• **March 10**, 1244 hours. Lakeland City Police Units conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding. Offender's name: REDACTED. Incident type: no insurance. Reporting Officer: Gena Willis. Property type: not listed.

• **March 10**, 1847 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to

South Oak Street in reference to a theft. Offender's name: UNKNOWN. Incident type: Financial transaction card theft. Reporting Officer: Kevin Christian. Property type: not listed.

• **March 12**, 1927 hours. Lakeland Police Department was dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to a disturbance. Offender's name: none listed. Incident type: none listed. Reporting Officer: Terry Grant. Property type: not listed.

• **March 13**, 1649 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to Pine Breeze Court in reference to someone having a manic episode. Offender's name: none listed. Incident type: none listed. Reporting Officer: Gena Willis. Property type: not listed.

• **March 13**, 2112 hours. Lakeland Police Units conducted a traffic stop. Offender's name: none listed. Incident type: none listed. Reporting Officer: Zachary Benka. Property type: not listed.

• **March 14**, 2317 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to East Bostick Avenue in reference to a theft. Offender's name: none listed. Incident type: none listed. Reporting Officer: Kevin Christian. Property type: not listed.