

# Rice Back in Jail after Skipping Out on February Trial

By Carol A. Gasser Moore

LOWNDES COUNTY, Georgia – Lowndes County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) has released information about Christopher Reshad Rice (33), who is now behind bars. Rice skipped out on the second day of his February trial and has been law enforcement looking for him ever since.

trafficking and had a two-day February trial. He attended only one day of the trial on the drug trafficking charges. Rice failed to show up for the second day of his February trial.

Despite being a man on the run after attending only one day of his scheduled two-day drug trafficking trial in February, the judge continued Rice’s trial without him being present at the trial. As a result, Rice was convicted

on all three (3) drug trafficking charges.

Since February the LCSO Narcotics STING Unit has been looking for Rice. He was arrested after LCSO found him on Wednesday, April 3rd in Lowndes County. After he was re-arrested, Rice was returned to jail. Rice has not yet been sentenced on the three (3) drug trafficking convictions. He will also face an additional charge related to skipping out on his February trial.

# Armed Robbery Arrest in Valdosta

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VALDOSTA, Georgia – Chief of Police Leslie Manahan of the Valdosta Police Department (VPD) has announced that Patrick Edwin Matthews (27) of Valdosta has been arrested for the armed robbery of a Stop and Shop Convenience Store on February 6th.

According to the VPD, on Tuesday, February 6th at about 2:20 p.m., Valdosta Police Officers, Detectives, and Crime Scene Personnel responded to Stop and Shop Convenience Store at 1408 East Hill Avenue. A clerk in that store called E911 to report that an armed robbery had just occurred at the business.

Upon arrival of VPD, officers learned that two males entered the business and produced a handgun while demanding money. After taking the money, the two males ran from the store.

During the subsequent robbery investigation, VPD Detectives have spent countless

hours processing evidence and conducting interviews.

According to Chief Manahan, on Tuesday, April 2, VPD Detectives obtained arrest warrants on Patrick Edwin Matthews (27) for armed robbery (felony) and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony (felony).

At that time, the VPD learned that Matthews was already in custody at Lowndes County Jail on unrelated charges. As a result, the new warrants for Matthews were served at the Lowndes County Jail.

The VPD indicates that this case is still under investigation, and further charges are forthcoming.

The Valdosta Police Department also asks that if anyone has any information on this case, they are asking that person to contact the Valdosta Police Department Bureau of Investigative Services at 229-293-3145, the crime tip line at 229-293-3091, or file a tip online at [www.valdostacity.com/police-department/](http://www.valdostacity.com/police-department/).

# Wayne Doyle Charged with Two Tift County Deaths

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TIFT COUNTY, Georgia – Wayne Doyle (38) of Tifton is now charged with the death of a second victim. Adam Tyler Fall (31) of Tifton was taken to a hospital on Wednesday, March 27 incident in Tifton that left one person deceased at the scene. Fall was injured and transported to the hospital where he died on Friday, March 29, 2024.

Since the event, the Tift County Sheriff’s Office requested help from the GBI (Georgia Bureau of Investigation). The GBI has arrested and charged Wayne Doyle (38) of Tifton, with Malice Murder, Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault (2 counts), Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer (2 counts), Attempted Removal of a Weapon from an Officer, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. The charges stem from the death of Anzley Gandy (39) of Tifton, GA. The Tift County Sheriff’s Office asked the GBI to investigate.

According to GBI information, Tift County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO) deputies were dispatched to West 21st Street, Tifton in reference to the death of one person. A second person suffered from a gunshot wound. Gandy was pronounced dead at the scene. The surviving victim was taken to a local hospital for their injuries.

An autopsy was on Gandy at the GBI Medical Examiner’s Office in the Central Regional Lab. The results have not been released.

Doyle was taken into custody at the scene and booked into the Tift County Jail.

The GB indicates that this investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the GBI Regional Investigative Office in Sylvester at 229-777-2080. Anonymous tips can also be submitted by calling 1-800-597-TIPS (8477), online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online/>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

Once the investigation is complete, the case file will be given to the Tift County Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office for prosecution.

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