

3rd Quarter 2021 (July 1 – Sept 30)

Issues and Programs for WJTC

Issues addressed:

Public Health
Public Safety
Consumer Awareness
Education
Crime

Regularly Scheduled Programs:

NBC 15 News – Daily local news programs

WPMT's daily newscasts give considerable time to issues that concern the communities of the South Alabama and Western Florida areas.

7pm – 7:30	WJTC News at 7:00	M-F
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9pm – 11pm	The National Desk	M-F
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The National Desk began September 27th and will air M-F. The National Desk covers news across the country showing issues that are important to both national and local communities.

Public Health

For Apr 1 – June 30 – WJTC featured daily reports about where and when you can acquire Corona virus vaccines.

7/12/21 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 2:30
Addicted Mothers

IT'S THE CRISIS *WITHIN THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC THAT SOME DOCTORS SAY IS BEING IGNORED..
*BABIES BORN SUFFERING FROM WITHDRAW. IN OUR "ADDICTED AMERICA" SERIES, ANGELA BROWN LOOKS INTO A STUNNING REPORT ABOUT NEWBORNS AND PREGNANT MOTHERS.

PREGNANT AND HOOKED ON OPIOIDS...
STORIES OF SHAME AND DESPERATION TOLD BY MOTHERS TO DOCTORS AT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE MOTHER TO BABY. A NON-PROFIT

Dr. Sarah G. Običan/Medical Dir. MotherToBaby-Florida
I have even heard the words, I'm sorry don't judge me i use opioids on a daily basis.

DR. OBICAN SAYS THEIR STORIES ARE GOING UNHEARD. DESPITE AN AVALANCHE OF ATTENTION ON THE OPIOID CRISIS.

Dr. Sarah G. Običan/Medical Dir. MotherToBaby-Florida
it is not on our most important agenda

BUT MAYBE IT SHOULD BE... A STUNNING REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOUND THAT MOTHERS WITH OPIOID-RELATED DIAGNOSES AT DELIVERY INCREASED BY 131 AND BABIES BORN WITH WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS, CALLED NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME INCREASED BY 82 PERCENT FROM 2010-2017. DR GUPTA FROM THE MARCH OF DIMES IS BRACING FOR WORSE NUMBERS POST PANDEMIC

Dr. Rahul Gupta/Chief Medical Officer March of Dimes
With those services are either shut down or turned into virtual services and more people tend to be denied those services and that only leads to more suffering

WITH THE MOST VULNERABLE BEARING THE BRUNT. THE CDC SAYS ONE BABY EVERY 19 MINUTES IS DIAGNOSED WITH NAS.

Dr. Sarah G. Običan/Medical Dir. MotherToBaby-Florida
This symptoms include Jitteriness vomiting diarrhea albums difficulty to console the baby

DOCTOR SAY REACHING MOMS - EARLY-- IS KEY MEDICATIONS LIKE SUBOXONE AND METHADONE CAN CURB WITHDRAW AND CRAVINGS. BUT NOT ALL MOTHERS HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE.

Dr. Rahul Gupta/Chief Medical Officer March of Dimes
We want to make sure a treatment system and a referral system is available Where are you live in the country the ZIP Codes should not decide where treatment or not

GROUPS LIKE MOTHER TO BABY CONNECT MOTHERS TO LONG TERM HELP.
IN STATE LIKE FLORIDA, WHERE DR. OBICAN LIVES DRUGS ARE KILLING MONTHS AFTER GIVING BIRTH..

Dr. Sarah G. Običan/Medical Dir. MotherToBaby-Florida
When you consider the mortality one year post delivery overdose is the leading cause of death

DOCTORS TELL ME THEY TRY NOT TO USE MEDICATIONS ON BABIES BORN SUFFERING FROM WITHDRAW. THEY CODDLE THEM, HELP THEM SLEEP AND EAT AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THEY HELP THE MOTHER AND BABY BOND BECAUSE THAT IS THE BEST MEDICINE. IN WASHINGTON, ADB

8/26/21 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 1:51
Daily COVID Chart

SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED ARE QUESTIONING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINES NOW THAT VACCINE *BOOSTERS ARE BEING CONSIDERED. NBC15'S JUSTIN MOORE TALKED TO MOBILE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ABOUT THE ISSUE. THEY SAY THIS SHOULD *NOT* BE A REASON PEOPLE GO UNVACCINATED.

Dr. Rendi Murphree//mobile county health department

"a lot of people were saying oh it's not FDA approved. now that it's approved the Pfizer vaccine at least I think people are looking for some other excuse not to get vaccinated."

DOCTOR RENDI MURPHREE WORRIES THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE VACCINE WILL BE THE NEXT EXCUSE PEOPLE USE TO NOT VACCINATE. BOTH PFIZER AND JOHNSON AND JOHNSON ARE DISCUSSING BOOSTER SHOTS FOR EVERYONE. NEW DATA SHOWING THE VACCINE COULD START LOSING ITS EFFECTIVENESS AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS.

Dr. Rendi Murphree//mobile county health department

"this indicates that after sometime that the immunity that you have may wane a little bit and need a boost to get it back up to those levels to protect."

THE THIRD DOSE WAS RECENTLY APPROVED FOR THOSE WITH WEAK IMMUNE SYSTEM INCLUDING TRANSPLANT PATIENTS AND THOSE TAKING CHEMOTHERAPY. DOCTOR MURPHREE SAYS THE VACCINES ARE WORKING. ITS PURPOSE IS TO MINIMIZE COVID'S IMPACT, REDUCING THE CHANCES OF GETTING HOSPITALIZED OR DYING. ACCORDING TO MOBILE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 85 percent of COVID patients in hospitals are unvaccinated. 15 percent of COVID patients are fully vaccinated

Dr. Rendi Murphree//mobile county health department

"they also are more likely immunocompromised or have underlying medical conditions that limited their body's response to building immunity with the vaccine." JM NBC 15 NEWS.

MANY IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PEOPLE ARE ALREADY TAKING THIRD SHOTS, THOUGH A LOT OF FOLKS IN ALABAMA STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN THEIR FIRST.

Public Safety

8/5/20 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 1:57
Beach Express Improvements

OLDER PORTIONS OF THE BEACH EXPRESS IN BALDWIN COUNTY WILL BE GETTING MUCH-NEEDED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - INCLUDING SHOULDER WIDENING AND WHAT'S CALLED "RUMBLE STRIPS." NBC 15'S JAMES GORDON HAS THE STORY.

The Foley Beach Express is the oldest portion of the Express highway. It opened in 2000.

Ralph Hellmich Foley Mayor

"If you ride that road you'll notice that it doesn't have shoulders and in most high speed roads you need them. the older roads and everything we have a lot of county roads that don't have shoulders but when I say don't have shoulders I mean that they are not paved,"

Right now it's estimated that 3 to 4000 vehicles travel the Beach Express every day. As the area continues to grow and more and more people head to vacation destinations ALDOT estimates that daily average could more than double to 10,000 vehicles each day.

And if a driver isn't familiar with the road some portions that don't have safety shoulders can be deceiving.

"It will either be two foot on the left lane and 6 foot on the right lane or it might be four and four , we're trying to work with engineers to see. We want to match up what Baldwin county has to really make it a seamless transition,"

The city of Foley has secured a \$1.5 million dollar Highway safety Grant and will partner with ALDOT to make the improvements. Last year the county did the same - adding shoulders and rubble strips to its portion from I-10 to County Road 12.

Now it's Foley's turn – and ultimately the city has its sites on not only making the safety improvements but to repave the Foley Beach Express as well. The entire project including the paving could run above the 1.5 million and Foley is working with ALDOT to make it happen.

Hellmich

" If we can get the road with safety shoulders , the rubble strips and repaved at the same time it's about a \$5 million project ,"

The plan is to have it all completed by early 2022. In Baldwin county James Gordon NBC 15 news

9/1/20 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 1:40
Citronelle Police Chief

WE ARE FINDING OUT NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT... ABOUT WHY CITRONELLE'S CHIEF OF POLICE SUDDENLY STEPPED DOWN. FORMER CHIEF TYLER NORRIS TURNED IN HIS RESIGNATION AFTER JOINING CITRONELLE'S POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2019. NBC15'S JUSTIN MOORE HAS BEEN WORKING THIS STORY ALL DAY.

SEARCH FOR A NEW POLICE CHIEF is UNDERWAY IN CITRONELLE.
AFTER nearly THREE YEARS ON THE FORCE, mayor Jason stringer said CHIEF TYLER NORRIS TURNED IN HIS RESIGNATION on Sunday.

"is there a reason he resigned from the position. unable to comment at this time."

LATE THIS AFTERNOON chief NORRIS SENT ME A TEXT. it says in part, THIS HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY DECISION. BUT ONE THAT WAS INEVITABLE DUE TO DETERIORATING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE CITY OFFICIALS. i have decided to go a different direction and i feel that decision is the best for all involved.

"we appreciate chief Norris' time. we appreciate the program and the good things he brought to our department and our city."

NORRIS WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT the safety of kids and giving back to the community. JUST RECENTLY WE DID A STORY WITH HIM ABOUT CITRONELLE's POLICE DEPARTMENT BEING A REVOLVING DOOR BECAUSE OF LOW WAGES. HE PROMISED WAGES WOULD RAISE BY 15 PERCENT FOR OFFICERs BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. I REACHED OUT TO ALL 5 OF CITRONELLE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR COMMENT on this story. I HAVEN'T HEARD BACK. RIGHT NOW SARGEANT A-J MOORE IS LEADING CITRONELLE POLICE department UNTIL AN INTERIM OR REPLACEMENT IS NAMED.

THAT WAS JUSTIN MOORE REPORTING. NORRIS SAYS HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SPENDING MORE TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND WISHES THE PEOPLE OF CITRONELLE THE BEST.

9/1/21 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 1:55
Washed Out Roads

ENGINEERS ARE NOW MONITORING ROADS IN OUR AREA FOR StRUCTURAL DAMAGE AFTER A PAIR OF CAVE INS FOLLOWING POUNDING RAINS FROM HURRICANE IDA. ONE COLLAPSE LEFT TWO PEOPLE DEAD ALONG HIGHWAY 26 IN LUCEDALE. a SECOND road collapse KEPT PEOPLE LIVING ALONG STYX RIVER FROM GETTING TO AND FROM THEIR HOMES..THAT ROAD IS REPAIRED TONIGHT. THERE'S ONE MORE AREA OF CONCERN IN SPANISH FORT TONIGHT... HIGHWAY CREWS ARE RE-ENFORCING THIS PROBLEM RIGHT NOW. NBC 15'S JAMES GORDON has OUR STORY ..

Consumer Awareness

7/9/21 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 1:56
House Repair Problems

NOW TO AN NBC 15 REALITY CHECK. A MOBILE WOMAN SAYS HER ROOF WAS REPAIRED THROUGH A CITY GRANT AFTER HURRICANE SALLY. NOW SHE SAYS: HER CALL FOR HELP HAS ONLY CAUSED MORE TROUBLE. NBC 15'S RACHAEL WILKERSON CHECKED OUT THE PROBLEM HERSELF AND HAS TONIGHT'S STORY.

CAROLYN KIM/RESIDENT, MOBILE
I thought was a blessing for me and it turned into a nightmare.

CAROLYN KIM IS WORRIED HER ROOF IS GOING TO FALL IN AFTER RECENT REPAIRS. SHE SAYS HER HOME WAS DAMAGED DURING HURRICANE SALLY.

IN JUNE -- SHE WAS APPROVED FOR A CRITICAL REPAIR GRANT

THE CITY paid AN 8,200 DOLLAR BILL.. FOR RESTORED FOUNDATION.. OWNED BY LEMARCUS THOMAS. TO FIX HER ROOF. GRAPHIC FOLDER THE CITY TOLD US "IT'S NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH HIS COMPANY AND PROJECTS."

BUT FOR KIM... SHE SAYS.. HER EXPERIENCE IS DIFFERENT.

KIM - FIRST INTERVIEW
Ever since he came.. all of this is becoming more and more visible where water is just sitting

SHE SAYS.. HER CEILING IS BUCKLING AND WATER DAMAGE IS APPEARING THROUGHOUT HER HOME..

CELL PHONE VIDEO THIS VIDEO TIME STAMPED.. JUNE 29TH.. SHOWS WATER DRIPPING FROM HER CEILING AS IT RAINS. SHE SAYS.. THE COMPANY TOOK THE TARPS OFF OF HER HOME WHILE WORKING.. CAUSING THE WATER TO GET IN.

IN A RING DOORBELL VIDEO -- SHE'S TOLD TO BE ACCOMODATING..

because in the summer in the south.. it rains when it wants to without warning

THE project has now been completed..

KIM - FIRST INTERVIEW

"my ceiling was not leaking before lemarcus came here and should not be leaking after he left."

TODAY, WE PULLED A PAN OFF THE TOP OF HER BOOKSHELF FULL OF WATER..
A FEW BROWN SPOTS CAN BE SEEN ON THE CEILING PANEL. above.

Carolyn Kim -- 2nd time

"i'm hurt. i'm hurt. he done hurt me in more ways than he knows. got all this mold and mildew smell in my house

KIM SAYS WHILE SHE'S THANKFUL FOR THE PROGRAM -- THAT'S HELPED SO MANY.. she just wants this mess cleaned up

Carolyn Kim -- 2nd time

"all these nails and different thangs he done left around here. i can't have my grandchildren over here
RW NBC 15 NEWS

DUE TO COVID-19 THE CITY ISN'T PROVIDING INSIDE WORK. IN IT'S CRITICAL REPAIR GRANT PROGRAM THIS YEAR. TODAY THE CITY TOLD US THEY TRIED TO SEND AN INSPECTOR YESTERDAY to her house.. BUT WEREN'T LET IN... IT ASSURED US.. If there is problem with the work performed on kim's house, it will be repaired

8/4/21 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 2:14

Child Tax Credits

IF YOU'RE A PARENT, YOU MAY BE RECEIVING AN ADVANCE ON YOUR CHILD TAX CREDIT ON NEXT YEAR'S INCOME TAX RETURN. THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE MEANT TO BE A *TEMPORARY LIFELINE FOR THOSE STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC. BUT NBC 15'S DARWIN SINGLETON reports tonight: BEWARE.. THESE DEPOSITS ARE NOT "FREE MONEY."

If you're a parent' struggling to make ends meet during this pandemic, the advance child tax credit payments you started receiving last month are like a lifeboat, keeping your family afloat. But unlike those stimulus checks most Americans received this spring...

"It's not free money."

"It's NOT free money!"

Richard Lindsey is a certified public accountant with the Mobile firm of Lindsey and Waldo. And Richard says these child tax credit payments are meant to get your family through the next few months.

"But beware, be careful. If you're gonna owe money next April 15th, then, if you don't have to absolutely spend it to put bread on the table and gas in the tank, then you might want to put that aside in a savings account and not touch it."

And here's why.

These payments are actually the tax breaks you get when you file your income taxes.. you get a certain tax credit for each child you have. IN fact, the government actually increased that amount this year. These deposits you're getting now are actual advances on that credit.

For example, let's say you have a 10 year old child. At tax time, you'd get a tax break of \$3000 for that child.

To help you out now, the government is advancing you half of that... \$1500 ... in cash payments over the next 6 months. But when you file your taxes next year, that 15 hundred dollars won't be there as a tax break. That means your refund be that much smaller. And, in fact, it might cause you to owe taxes... or more than you're used to paying.

When you get back to work, you could increase your IRS withholding amount on your paychecks to make up the difference. "So what if you don't want this money? Well, Richard says you can go on line and simply opt out of it..." You can do that at IRS.GOV. No, it's not free money, but...

"If you are in a desperate situation right now, you really don't have a choice." In Mobile, Darwin Singleton, NBC 15 News.

9/28/21 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 2:01

Bank Acct Monitoring

ALABAMA SENATOR TOMMY TUBERVILLE DOESN'T LIKE WHAT PRESIDENT BIDEN IS TRYING TO DO WITH YOUR MONEY. THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO MONITOR EVERY TRANSACTION you make OF \$600 OR MORE. THAT'S A BIG CHANGE FROM THE CURRENT 10 *THOUSAND DOLLAR THRESHOLD. NBC 15'S KEN MCGRATH HAS DETAILS.

That's the same agency with a long history of data security failures

TUBERVILLE IS TRYING TO BLOCK THE A BIDEN ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL ALLOWING THE IRS TO MANDATE THAT BANKS, CREDIT UNIONS AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS REPORT EACH TIME ONE OF THEIR BUSINESS OR PERSONAL ACCOUNT CUSTOMERS MAKES A FINANCIAL TRANSACTION

You gotta rent payment over 600 dollars, planning to buy an airplane ticket over 600 dollars..how about a new hunting rifle, a wedding dress for your daughter—any transaction over 600 dollars would be sent to the IRS under president Biden's plan

IN A SHARP PUSHBACK AGAINST THE PROPOSAL, MORE THAN 40 TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, SOME OF WHICH REPRESENT ENTIRE INDUSTRIES OR ECONOMIC SECTORS, SIGNED A LETTER TO U.S. HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI AND MINORITY LEADER KEVIN MCCARTHY RAISING THE ALARM ABOUT THE PLAN.

THE LETTER, WHICH INCLUDES THE SUPPORT OF SEVERAL BANKING COALITIONS, CALLS ON CONGRESS TO REJECT THAT REQUIREMENT, SAYING IT VIOLATES CUSTOMER PRIVACY AND WOULD CREATE AN INCREDIBLY EXPENSIVE AND ELABORATE REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR THE BANKS.

We're talking about going down to \$600 dollars, which will require a whole lot more reporting and affect a whole lot more accounts and a whole lot more people,"

MEANWHILE---BLOOMBERG.COM REPORTS THAT HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN RICHARD NEAL SAID HE AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE PLANNING TO SET A THRESHOLD HIGHER THAN THE \$600 PROPOSED BY THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION.

THE GROUPS ARGUE IT WOULD TARGET "ALMOST EVERY AMERICAN"-- AND THEY QUESTION WHETHER THE IRS WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP THAT INFORMATION SECURE FROM HACKERS AND BAD ACTORS.

9/29/21 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: :27
Bacon Prices

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK A BIT HARDER TO BRING HOME THE BACON. THE PRICE OF THE MUCH-BELOVED PRODUCT IS HIGHER THAN IT'S BEEN IN THE LAST FORTY YEARS.

AMERICA'S PORK SUPPLY CHAIN WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO GET SLAMMED BY CORONAVIRUS SHUTDOWNS. THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS BLAMING THE COST HIKES ON MONOPOLIES WITHIN THE MEAT INDUSTRY.

IT HAS PLANS TO OFFER PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE TO SMALL PRODUCERS AND FARMERS. BUT MARKET ANALYSTS WARN: DON'T EXPECT PORK PRICES TO GO DOWN ANY TIME SOON.

Education

7/19/21 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 2:38
Anti-American Sentiment on College Campuses

THE POLITICAL DIVIDE IN AMERICA IS SPILLING OVER TO HIGHER EDUCATION.. COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE FAR APART ON ISSUES LIKE FREE SPEECH AND EVEN IF THEY ARE PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN. THE SINCLAIR NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT ANGELA BROWN TALKED TO STUDENTS

JUST OPEN THE PAGES OF THIS JAW DROPPING SURVEY FROM NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY...

AND IT GIVES YOU A GLIMPSE INSIDE THE MINDS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

Zoe David-Lang/Junior American University

I think people are a little bit scared of college students and the fact we are the next generation and we have these very radical ideas we are not going to sit on the couch and about them we are going to do these thing

THE SAMPLE .. ONE THOUSAND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS REPRESENTING 71 COLLEGES

OVER HALF ARE WOMEN OR WHITE..

SURVEY RESULTS ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS

THE FIRST SECTION EXAMINES STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OR VIEWPOINTS OF DIVERSITY AND FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS.

THE SECOND.. HOW COLLEGE SHAPES THEIR WORLD VIEW

THE THIRD ... THEIR ENTREPRENEURIAL GOAL.. AND CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM

Karla Santillan/Senior American University

'I would consider America at the late stages of capitalism and a lot of Americans suffering at the hands of late state capitalism'

Zoe David-Lang/Junior American University
I think free speech is more of an issue here

Naomi Schmeck/university of Minnesota

I think all students have a voice and should be heard

BUT STUDENTS ARE DIVIDED OVER THIS QUESTION.
ARE YOU PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN? ONLY 38-PERCENT OF LIBERAL STUDENTS SAID YES
73 PERCENT OF CONSERVATIVE STUDENT SAID THEY ARE PROUD.. OPHELIE JACOBSON
FROM THE WATCH DOG GROUP CAMPUS REFORM

OPHELIE JACOBSON/CAMPUS REFORM CORRESPONDENT

LIKE US, JACOBSON TOOK THE SURVEY... STRAIGHT TO STUDENTS..

"ARE YOU PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN?"

"NO, I FEEL EMBARRASSED TO BE AN AMERICAN EVERY DAY."

"UMM, NOT MOST OF THE TIME."

"WHAT IS THERE TO BE PROUD ABOUT IF YOU'RE BLACK - YOU KNOW?"

BUT MANY OF THE STUDENTS WE TALKED TO AGREED ON ONE THING... THE COUNTY IS
TOO DIVIDED

Naomi Schmeck/university of Minnesota

Are you proud of the country

I would say yes I think there is a lot of things that need to change and we could do better on

Zoe David-Lang/Junior American University

What people need to do is focus on how this helps people and not how it helps your political party
POLLS ARE ALSO INDICATING THAT AMERICANS ARE DIVIDED ABOUT IF THEY THINK COLLEGE
IS HAVING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON HOW THINGS ARE GOING. IN A "NEW AMERICA" STUDY
PUBLISHED IN FORBES .. 68% OF DEMOCRATS BELIEVE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE
HAVING A POSITIVE EFFECT... WHILE ONLY 40 PERCENT FOR REPUBLICANS.....
IN WASHINGTON, ANGELA BRON

Crime

7/15/21 NBC 15 News at 7PM (WJTC) trt: 2:30

MPD Officer Arrested

BREAKING NEWS TONIGHT. MOBILE POLICE OFFICER DANIEL MARLIN, IS ACCUSED OF
STRANGLING HIS WIFE -- AND INTERFERING WITH A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY CALL.
HE IS OUT OF JAIL TONIGHT AND ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE. TONIGHT WE HAVE COURT
RECORDS OUTLINING WHAT POLICE SAY HAPPENED INSIDE THE HOME. AS NBC 15'S RACHAEL
WILKERSON REPORTS-- HIS WIFE FILED A PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER AGAINST MARLIN
YESTERDAY, CLAIMING THE ALLEGED ABUSE HAS BEEN ONGOING.

IN THIS PROTECTION ORDER --- MOBILE POLICE OFFICER DANIEL MARLIN'S WIFE -- outlines
three different incidents of ALLEGED abuse... OVER THE PAST 6 WEEKS

SHE CLAIMS ON TUESDAY -- MARLIN WAS ANGRY THAT SHE WAS TALKING ON THE PHONE TO
SOMEONE SHE DESCRIBED AS HIS MISTRESS
SHE SAYS == AFTER A STRUGGLE MARLIN TOOK HER PHONE AND REFUSED TO GIVE IT BACK.-

AFTER A TUSSLE -- HER PETITION CLAIMS SHE GOT HER PHONE BACK, RAN INSIDE THE HOME.. WHERE THEIR 3 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER LOCKED THE DOOR. THE PETITION INDICATES MARLIN ALLEGEGLY BROKE THE DOOR FRAME TO GET INTO THE HOUSE.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRIVED ON SCENE AFTERWARDS AND ARRESTED MARLIN FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INTERRING WITH AN EMERGENCY CALL.

public safety director Lawrence battiste

we have to take into consideration that he going to have his day in court to ;make a determination if he is guilty to the domestic violence's charges brought against him or not.. as far as the administrative side - it's independent investigation. therefore we will be able to proceed at a much more rapid pace about how we address moving forward.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY LAWRENCE BATTISTE SAYS
BECAUSE THIS IS A FELONY CHARGE-- MARLIN'S ACTIONS.. WILL WILL GO BEFORE A TRIAL BOARD WITHIN THE MPD'S ADMINISTRATION

it can range from anywhere from an observation of a verbal counseling all the way up to termination as to what will happen next

EARLIER THIS MONTH, MARLIN'S WIFE CLAIMS IN THE PETITION THAT SHE WAS ATTACKED A SECOND WITH THEIR THEIR 3 OLD WATCHING.

AND ON MAY 30TH.. SHE CLAIMS THERE WAS A THIRD INCIDENT AFTER SHE QUESTIONED MARLIN ABOUT HIS ALLEGED MISTRESS
IN THE THE PROTECTION ORDER , SHE SAYS MARLIN KNOCKED HER TO THE GROUND WHERE SHE SAYS HE PLACED HIS HAND AROUND HER THROAT THREATENING TO BREAK HER NECK. SHE ALLEGES MARLIN LATER AGAIN PUT HIS.HANDS AROUND HER NECK -- THIS TIME CAUSING HER BODY TO GO NUMB AND SHE FEARED BLACKING OUT..
HER DAUGHTER, SHE SAYS, ONCE AGAIN WAS A WITNESS

DIRECTOR BATTISTE SAYS -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISN'T TOLERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT

"it's always hard to be here talking about the arrest of an officer they commit so much, but again, they are held to a standard and my expectation and leadership of mobile would expect that our officers will live up to that standard that they are held to.
RW NBC 15 NEWS.

- WJTC gives coverage and free advertising to Operation Reconnect to military veterans which helps them and their families vacation together.

Appearances:

Alan Sealls visited the following to speak about weather and broadcasting:

Aug	Natl Assoc Black Journalists, Annual Conference Panelist, via Zoom	unknown
Aug 26	Baldwin Realtors Assoc, Hurricane panel, via Zoom	25+ people
Sep 10	WJ Carroll Intermediate 6 th grade, in Daphne, via Zoom	100 kids