

Johnson served a 10-day suspension in May

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returning from a football game when Johnson struck her across the nose with the back of his hand, then grabbed her behind the head and slammed it “forcefully” into the dashboard. He then hit the brakes, causing her jaw to strike the dashboard, she added.

Once the truck stopped, she got out and “a physical altercation ensued,” the report states. The Road Ranger told troopers he arrived to find Johnson with his arms raised, screaming at the woman, before Johnson got back into the truck and sped off.

Barton wrote that he observed discoloration and what appeared to be bruising on the woman’s forehead and right jawline, and that her nose appeared “puffy” and visibly red. The victim was checked out by EMS and refused transport to the hospital.

After alerting surrounding counties, troopers received reports of a truck matching the description traveling east at a high rate of speed and failing to maintain a single lane.

At 8:18 p.m., a trooper relayed a reckless-driving report involving a matching vehicle heading east on Hwy. 98, passing Rocky’s. Johnson reportedly pulled over before Trooper C. Mitchell activated his emergency equipment and was arrested at 8:23 p.m.

Troopers found several empty alcohol containers and an open can of beer in a cup holder, according to the report.

Johnson reportedly had a strong odor of alcohol, glassy and watery eyes and heavily slurred speech, and displayed “severe mood swings,” alternating between “verbally combative” and “pleasant.”

Johnson told troopers he and the victim had been drinking and got into a fight

at the FSU game. He said he did not hurt the woman, although she could have been hurt when he slammed on the brakes.

At the jail, Johnson was read his Miranda rights, but declined to speak with troopers, refused field sobriety exercises and a breath test.

Johnson previously served a 10-business-day unpaid suspension after his May 16 arrest by the Taylor County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO) on a misdemeanor domestic battery charge.

In that case, a deputy responded to a Woods Creek Road residence for a welfare check prompted by an iPhone “crash alert,” and the victim alleged Johnson shoved her down the stairs, head-butted her and threw her cell phone toward the road.

In a May 19 suspension letter, Hart informed Johnson the discipline was “a direct result of multiple incidents that have come to the city’s

attention,” including the May 16 arrest.

When Johnson returned to work, Hart issued a May 29 formal notice that “any future incidents, conduct, behavior, or actions, whether on or off duty, that negatively impact the city’s reputation, violate city policy...or otherwise reflect poorly upon the city may result in additional disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.”

The letter added that Johnson’s “future employment with the city will depend upon your ability to maintain professional conduct and uphold the standards expected of your position.”

Johnson joined the city in 2021 as a Utility Mechanic I in the Gas Department. He was promoted to Utility Mechanic II in December 2022 and to superintendent in November 2023, overseeing the city’s gas department, parks and city garage.

School board to hold workshop Tuesday to talk surplus property

The Taylor County School Board will hold a workshop prior to its regular October meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6, to discuss both its policy on how to dispose of surplus property and its procurement/purchasing policies.

The workshop will begin at 5:15 p.m., in the school board meeting room located at the Alton H. Wentworth Administrative Complex.

This will be the second round of discussions regarding the district’s policy regarding surplus property, and its on its first on the procurement policy.

On a \$105,000 bond

Brannan remains in jail

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said Thursday. “Because this remains an active investigation, we are limited in the additional information we can provide at this time. We will be forthcoming with additional information as it becomes available.”

A second witness told investigators that during a July 10 message exchange, Brannan -- known as an “avid hog hunter” with numerous dogs -- responded to abuse accusations by writing that he picked up “half my dogs from the pound” and that “it’s called euthanizing with a needle.”

Another witness said Brannan would “get dogs from animal control” and had been told “if they don’t work, kill them.”

That witness described a bobtailed pit bulldog that failed to train for hog hunting and “hasn’t been seen since,” as well as a black dog Brannan shot in the head after saying, “We’re about to handle him.”

“According to (the witness), Brannan doesn’t even bury them, he just leaves them there and that (the witness) had witnessed Brannan shoot eight dogs, including puppies,” at a Pisgah Road residence, Vinson reported.

While seeking a search warrant on July 21, Vinson learned Brannan was the respondent in an order of protection following his March arrest on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, domestic battery by strangulation,

violation of injunction and failure to surrender firearms or ammunition.

While reviewing the warrant, Judge Bill Blue asked, “Jacob Brannan is supposed to have a gun?” Vinson reported.

Officers executed the warrant July 22, collecting eight bags and one cooler of animal remains, which were turned over to the University of Florida (UF) Veterinary Forensic Sciences Laboratory.

On Sept. 10, after contacting Vinson about the dogs seized during the search, Brannan gave a sworn statement that his father had kept “The Boneyard” for “as far back as I remember” and that he had “probably put 10 to 20 there myself.”

UF’s Sept. 20 findings reported that of the 18 canine skulls submitted, four showed evidence of ballistic injury and four more had findings suggestive of ballistic injury. In addition to the 18 dog skulls, other bones were identified as alligator, goat and boar/pig remains, but an exact number of each was not provided included in the report.

On Sept. 24, “Witness A” gave a second sworn statement about the puppies and described the brooder pen where they were killed.

“During the search warrant, the brooder pen was in the exact location and matched the description given by Witness A,” Vinson reported.

Less than a week later, Brannan was taken into custody, where he remains on a \$105,000 bond.

No local funds required

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phase, additional money was needed for design and engineering.

Additionally, there was associated damage discovered in a maintenance storage room that required repairs.

“With this budget increase, it will fully fund

this project with no match from the county or DMH,” Cox said at the time.

The increased grant amount will also cover the required construction, engineering and inspection (CEI) services, and County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton told the commission the county will next secure those services for the project.



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13. All proposals require General Liability and Workers’ Compensation Insurance and must include a Certificate of Insurance showing the liability coverage required in Section 6 “Insurance” of this RFP, listing Taylor County as an additional insured, or a sworn statement from an insurance agent verifying that, if awarded, a Certificate of Insurance will be issued to the successful respondent within thirty (30) days of acceptance. Workers’ Compensation exemptions will be accepted only upon providing a current Florida Workers’ Compensation Exemption Certificate and a signed Taylor County Hold Harmless, Release and Indemnity Agreement. (Exhibit F)

14. The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners does not accept faxed proposals.

15. Proposers who elect to send sealed proposals by overnight or express delivery must send to the physical address of the Clerk of Court, 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida 32347.

16. For additional information, contact Melody Cox, Grants Manager, (850) 843-0029 or at melody.cox@taylorcountygov.com.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-064-CP, IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN D. MALONE, A/K/A J D MALONE, Deceased. The

administration of the estate of John D. Malone, a/k/a J D Malone, deceased, File Number 2026-064-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 N. Jefferson St., Perry, Florida 32347. The Name and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative’s attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent’s estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent’s estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent’s death by the decedent or the decedent’s surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified

under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is October 2, 2026. Personal Representative Nonagene B. Malone c/o Sally Roberts, PO Box 2026, Perry, FL 32348, Attorney for Personal Representative: Sally Roberts Florida Bar No. 102816, PO Box 2026, Perry, FL 32348, Telephone: 850-584-3812.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-059-CP, IN RE: ESTATE OF IRIS PARKER, A/K/A IRIS C. PARKER, A/K/A IRIS S. PARKER, Deceased. The administration of the estate of ESTATE OF IRIS PARKER, A/K/A IRIS C. PARKER, A/K/A IRIS S. PARKER, deceased, File Number 2026-059-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 N. Jefferson St., Perry, Florida 32347. The Name and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative’s attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent’s estate,

including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent’s estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent’s death by the decedent or the decedent’s surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is October 2, 2026. Personal Representative CAROLYN JAYNE MCCALL c/o Sally Roberts, PO Box

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 25000057CAAXMX LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. ASHLEY MARIE BATTON, ET.AL; Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Order Granting Plaintiff’s Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated August 14, 2026, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the east steps of the Taylor County Courthouse at 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida, 32347, on October 15, 2026, at 11:00 AM the following described property: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA: THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE FORTY LINE 20.0 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 33.11 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST

RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ELLISON ROAD AND THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HOLLEY DRIVE FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HOLLEY DRIVE 315.68 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREE 20 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 126.24 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 315.22 FEET TO THE SAID EAST RIGHT-OF WAY LINE OF ELLISON ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE 126.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 0.91 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. Property Address: 470 N ELLISON RD, PERRY, FL 32347 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN. WITNESS my hand on 29th day of September, 2026. Kathryn Lago Deputy Clerk of Court, Taylor County