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Javion Johnson: Meet the Man Behind the Scenes

Written By - Xavier Jones Telegram Media Specialist



Javion Johnson, takes fills his role as Chief of Staff

Javion Johnson hasn't been on the Earth for too long. But the twenty three year old has made the best of all his living years and waking moments. Johnson is signed on as the Campaign Manager and Chief Of Staff for Jewell Jones. The youngest Michigan State Representative serving to date.

The Chief of Staff hadn't taken student council or government during his tenure at Renaissance High School. He took up marching band and spent his time staying out of trouble.

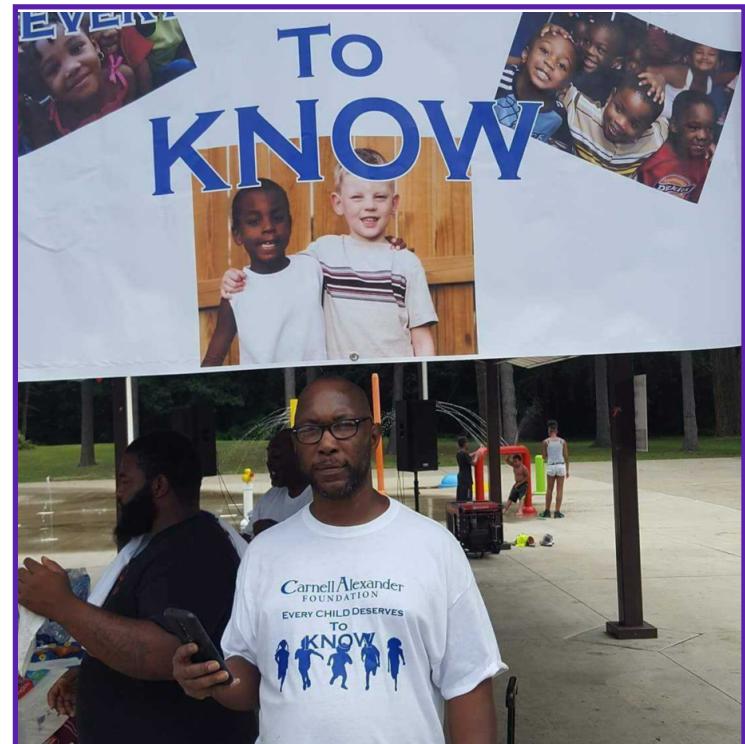
Johnson works behind the

Javion - 7A

Detroit Man Fights unjust Child Support System

By: Steven Malik Shelton

Courts are required to meet two types of jurisdiction when filing a case; jurisdiction over the subject matter involved in the case, and jurisdiction over the defendant. Some 22 years ago, Carnell Alexander was named as the father of a child by a woman who applied for social services. The woman unsure of who the real dad was and desperate to receive financial assistance for herself and her child, named Alexander, a former friend, as the dad. In the early 1990's a process server was dispatched to the home of a relative of Alexander to serve a court summons to determine if he was in fact the child's father. The server claimed he handed the summons to Alexander, but this was not possible because he was in prison at the time. When Alexander did not show for his court appearance, he was ruled to be the child's father by default and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The story gets even stranger



when, years later, Alexander proves by DNA evidence that he is not the father of the child and that he did not receive a summons and, therefore, is

outside of the legal jurisdiction of the court. Nevertheless, it was ruled that he pay over \$30,000 in child support pay-

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NAACP Critical of Ben Carson's Move to Change HUD's Mission Statement



BALTIMORE —The NAACP is deeply concerned by Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson's move to dilute the agency's long-standing mission.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, which established HUD as a cabinet-level agency, declared a purpose: "[T]o provide for full and appropriate consideration, at the national level, of the needs and interests of the Nation's communities and of the people who live and work in them." This purpose is sustained through the agency's mission to "build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination." Secretary Carson's action not only threatens HUD's founding purpose, but also reveals plans of regression.

"Dr. Carson's attempt to diminish HUD's mission comes on the heels of the 50th anniversary of the Kerner Commission's report which affirmed that discrimination and segregation had long permeated much of American life and

continues to threaten the future of every American; and at a time when the Trump administration seeks to cut billions of dollars in housing aid for low-income families," said NAACP's Sr. Director of Economic Programs, Marvin J. Owens, Jr.

Despite these attempts, the promise of discrimination-free practices lives on in the Fair Housing Act which has the central objective of prohibiting race discrimination in sales and rentals of housing. The hope of continued progress in America rests in the hands of communities across the country that continue to push their elected leaders to preserve programs designed to help disadvantaged communities and promote policies that make economic inclusion a reality. The NAACP recognizes the importance of an inclusive economy and economic policies that address the challenging realities facing our country including poverty, lack of jobs and disproportionate high unemployment, lack of affordable housing, and foreclosures. The NAACP Economic Department's work enhances the capacity of African Americans and other under-served groups through financial economic education; individual and community asset building initiatives; diversity and inclusion in business hiring, career advancement and procurement; and monitoring financial banking practices.

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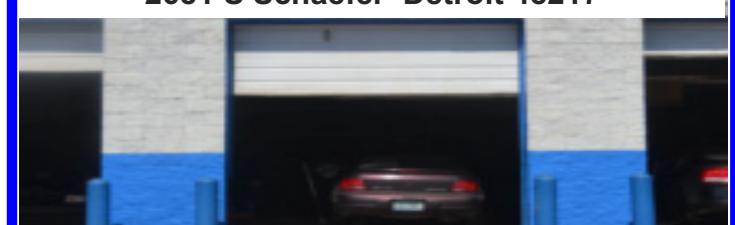


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Prophet Cedric Banks Interviews The Salvation Army on The Community Shall Be Restored TV Program



Prophet Cedric Banks (far right) is joined by Lynn Williams and Johnnie Williams

Prophet Cedric Banks:

We have a tremendous show for you today we have some outstanding guest who are doing some great things in the Community. Our guest today is The Salvation Army, We are going to let them introduce themselves. Lynn Williams, Johnnie Williams, Julian Lankford.

Lynn Williams:

My name is Lynn Williams, I am the Director of the Southeast MI Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Services. We are a 313 Bed Men Campus Facility for addiction, in all areas of addictions, and all types of addictions. We also have a 91 Bed Facility out in Romulus dedicated to Women addictions.

Johnnie Williams:

I am the Assistant Resident Manager at the Salvation Army on Fort Street. I came through the program back in March 23, 2010 and I completed the six month program. After the program I was hired in one of the

stores in Clinton Township. I worked there for 3 1/2 years and then I got a call and was asked if I wanted to work in Housing. I took a chance and through faith in GOD now today, 4 years later, I am the Assistant Resident Manager at The Salvation Army.

Prophet Cedric Banks:

So GOD brought you a long way.

Johnnie Williams:

A mighty long way

Julian Lankford:

I am the Executive Assistant at the ARC Adult Rehabilitation Center through The Salvation Army and I have been with the Company for almost 11 years. I work with all the Executive Staff at the ARC and help and oversee the Stores, Warehouse, Kitchen and assist anybody and with anything as well as help Lynn in the Housing Program

Prophet Cedric Banks:

So , You have a 300 Bed facility for men?

Lynn Williams:

We do. Matter of fact to date, we have 188 men in the facility which leaves 125 beds open. With everything going on in the world of addiction specifically with the Opium Epidemic, the number of overdoses, the increases we have seen in overdoses, It just doesn't make sense to have these many open beds. We have about 40 beds open at the Women's Campus as well.

And so we are here to let people know that we are here to help people who are suffering with the disease of addiction, and that we have availability and open beds. We do not accept insurance, we don't bill insurance and we do not ask for anything when you come in. I am saying that to let you know that we are fully funded by the 37 thrift stores that you see around the City.

Prophet Cedric Banks:

So you don't ask for any money?

Lynn Williams:

The only time we would charge anybody is that they already have an income and we take a percent of that.

Prophet Cedric Banks:

So you help people addicted to any type of addiction? Shopping, Sex, Crime?

Lynn Williams:

Yes. Our main focus is addictions to drugs.

Thank you so much for the information. This will really help the community.

You can view The Community Shall Be Restored TV Program every Saturday, Comcast TV 90 at 8:00 pm. You can view programs on demand at

www.youtube.com/cedricbanks4deroit

2018 Men's Division-1 Hockey Tournament Preview

By Jim Abeare



At Denny Sanford PREMIER Center, Sioux Falls, S.D., March 23-24
 • Friday: St. Cloud State vs. Air Force, 4 p.m., ESPNU
 • Friday: Minnesota State vs. Minnesota Duluth, 7:30 p.m., ESPN3
 • Saturday: Friday winners, 9 p.m., ESPN2

Northeast Regional

At DCU Center, Worcester, Mass., March 24-25
 • Saturday: Cornell vs. Boston University, 1 p.m., ESPNews
 • Saturday: Michigan vs. Northeastern, 4:30 p.m., ESPNNews
 • Sunday: Saturday winners, 4 p.m., ESPN2

Midwest Regional

At PPL Center, Allentown, Pa., March 24-25
 • Saturday: Ohio State vs. Princeton, 3:30 p.m., ESPNU
 • Saturday: Denver vs. Penn State, 7 p.m., ESPN3
 • Sunday: Saturday winners, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU

Frozen Four

At Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn., April 5-7
 • Thursday, April 5: West Regional winner vs. Midwest Regional winner, 6 or 9:30 p.m., ESPN2; Northeast Regional winner vs. East Regional winner, 6 or 9:30 p.m., ESPN2
 • Saturday, April 7: Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

All are on the ESPN networks, but most seem to be on ESPNU or ESPNNews, most don't get those, rant over. Looking at the bracket I have St. Cloud State facing Notre Dame in the championship with Notre Dame winning.

I don't see Michigan getting past Notre Dame if they do get past Cornell.

Notre Dame is too strong.

On the women's side Clarkson won their second straight championship beating Colgate in overtime 2-1, in Minnesota.

#10 Michigan plays #8 Northeastern in first round of the men's hockey tournament on Saturday.

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In The Spirit

Hurt people... hurt people



from the dead and your members to God as instruments (weapons) to be used for righteousness."

Sin does not let you see or feel the fall until you crash into the rocks at the bottom.

Many times when people find themselves in habitual sin where they can't clearly see help. All they see is hurt. Very often their hurt is so bad that they can't see or even care how they are hurting those who trying to give Godly help. The hole of sin seem so deep that they can't see God as a way out. Even still, our help may not always be wanted even if surely needed.

We must tell them, once God has dug us out of a sinful (hurtful) situation, we must walk away (repent), or we will fall back into that exact hole God has dug us out of.

We can't just help without seeking God, even at the risk of getting our feeling hurt. Remember the Holy Spirit will tell you when, who, and how to help.

Pastor Mark Zockheem
United Church of Faith
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Ever had your feelings hurt by someone you were trying to help? Or even worse, ever had someone try to pull you down while you are trying to pull them up? Sometimes these same people live under the banner of being a Christian! Being a Christian doesn't mean we don't have shortcomings. However it does mean we have a Savior who has saved us and is seeking to lead us in the right direction that brings us closer to Him. We call this grace.

Paul says, "and do not present your members (eyes, ears, mouth...) to sin as instruments to be used for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who are alive

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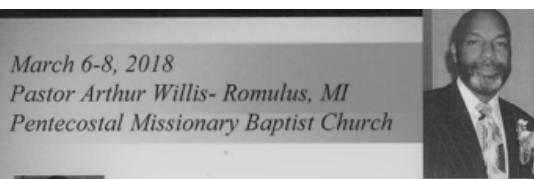
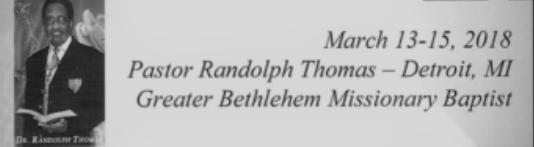
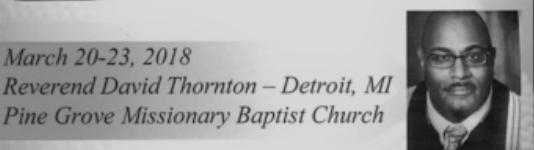
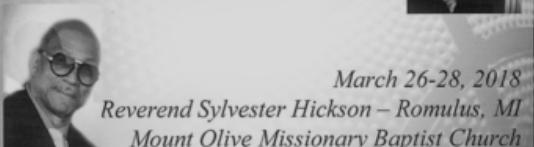
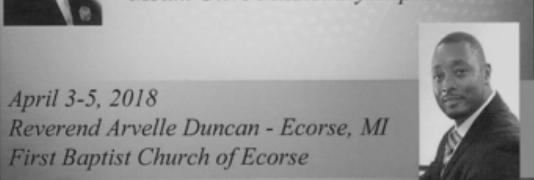
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Philippians 4:3a

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me

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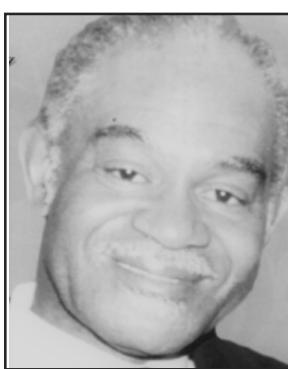
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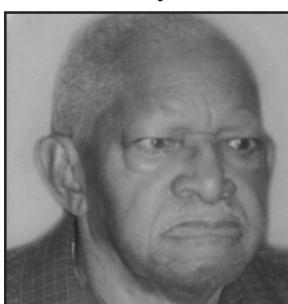


**Reverend Edgar
Shackelford, Jr.**

Apr. 13, 1935 – Feb. 17,
2018

Reverend Edgar Shackelford, Jr. was born in Coatopa, Alabama. He attended William Tyndale College in Farmington, Michigan. After moving to Detroit, Michigan, he worked for General Motors Corporation for over 30 years of faithful service. Reverend Edgar Shackelford, Jr. loved to read and share God's eternal message of love written in the Bible. He also loved to garden, fish, host cookouts, and spend time with his family. He leaves to hold his memories dear: a loving and devoted wife, Shirley Shackelford; three daughters, Cherrie Boone (Kenneth), Terrie Taylor (Oras), and Crystal Richland (Jeffrey), two sisters, Mary Moultrie, and Aldonia Smith, one great-grandson, Isaac Aaron Boone, and a host of family and friends.

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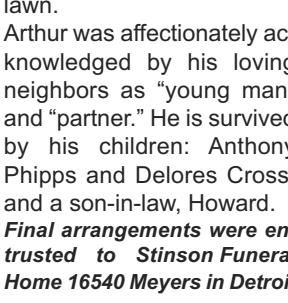
Arthur R. Watkins Sr.

Feb. 18, 1950 – Feb. 21,
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Arthur R. Watkins (Bobby) was born February 18, 1950 in Gray, Georgia. He was raised by his grandparents Willie Mae and Matt Watkins in Macon, Georgia. He moved to Detroit with his mother and finished high school at Pershing High. Arthur was employed with Ford Motor Company for 28 1/2 years and retired in June 2006. He loved entertaining people and was very generous and hospitable. Bobby was a family man who loved his immediate family first, but showed the same love to his entire family.

He leaves to cherish his memory: wife Janise Watkins, children Rosella, Arthur (Tauhesah-Tisha), Anthony (Marialenina-Nina); sister Catherine P. Pitts, and a host of nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

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Arthur Phipps, Jr.

Apr. 4, 1915 – Feb. 26, 2018
Arthur Phipps, Jr. was born in West Virginia to Arthur Phipps, Sr. and Kate Ward Phipps. He was married in 1952 to the love of his life, Doris Phipps for 65 years until her recent passing on November 1, 2017. As a young adult, he began working in coal mines for a few years. After retirement, he enjoyed various crafts around the home, including keeping an immaculate lawn.

Arthur was affectionately acknowledged by his loving neighbors as "young man" and "partner." He is survived by his children: Anthony Phipps and Delores Cross; and a son-in-law, Howard.

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Delma Leatha Watkins

Jan. 24, 1969 – Feb. 6,
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In 1971, Delma and the Watkins family relocated to Detroit, MI., where she was educated in the Detroit Public School system. She became a minister, an avid prayer warrior, a mentor to young children, as well as a mother figure. She will be re-

2018

Tamika Delphine Waddy was born at Detroit's Sinai Hospital. She received her education through the Detroit Public School system where she was a cheerleader. She graduated from Detroit's Cody High School with some honors in 2017. Tamika was very lovable and outspoken. But also very feisty and shy.

Tamika leaves to mourn: her mother, Marsha Waddy Hodge; father, Daron Lamon Hodge; grandmother, Amelia Dumas; brother, Philip Waddy; Aubrey Nabor; brother, Darin Waddy; Kaylee Waddy; brother DeAndre Waddy; sister, Tiffany Waddy.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home 16540 Meyers in Detroit



membered as having a kind and gentle spirit, a huge heart for her family, helping others before herself, and definitely being an extraordinary Mother and Grandmother.

Delma leaves to cherish her memory her two loving children: Mitchell and Uniqua Watkins; grandchild: Tavon Watkins, age 13; siblings: Larry Watkins, Leotha Watkins, Dorothy Watkins, Nelda Kellom, Jeanor Watkins, and Leasha Watkins; two sisters-in-law: Tonya Watkins and Rosita Watkins; and a slew of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Trinity Chapel Funeral Home 20226 McNichols in Detroit



Lori Sha Lott

Sept. 29, 1963 – Mar. 5,
2018

Lori was born in Detroit, Michigan. She grew up in Ecorse. Lori loved fashion and stayed in the latest style. She loved to play dominos and spades. Above all, Lori loved to be surrounded by family and friends. She leaves to cherish her memory her 3 sons: Dionte Lott, Stevy (Jherica) White, Daron (Ashley) White; 1 step-daughter: Kayia White; 4 siblings: Adrian (Teresa) Clark, Yolanda Clark, Johnny LaSale Neal, Mikel (RaChelle) Neal, and a host of cousins and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Trinity Chapel Funeral Home 1939 S. Fort St. in SW Detroit



Patricia Marie Moultrie

Aug. 1, 1939 – Feb. 24,
2018

Patricia M. Asbell attended Cass Technical High School. She graduated in 1957. Patricia then went on to work for the City of Detroit until her retirement in 2000. Pat loved barbecue, sports, good conversation, as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved football, basketball, baseball, horse racing, and golf.

She leaves to celebrate her life: her son, Edward E. Moultrie, Jr. (Onedia White); grandson, Marcus Henry (Lisa); sisters, Rachel Kelly,

Brenda Fielder (Joseph); brother, Michael K. Asbell (Rebecca); 2 great grandchildren, and a host of cousins and friends.

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(Gilbert), Maria Collins (Thomas), Darlene Johnson (Reggie), Yolanda Glaze, Lamar Alonzo and many family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn-Orr Funeral Home 3015 S. Inkster Rd. in Inkster.



Andrew Howard Gray, Jr.

Jan. 9, 1965 – Jan. 29, 2018
Andrew was born in Detroit and he graduated from Inkster High School in 1982.

He loved music and eating at shopping centers. Andrew was self employed, and he never neglected his most important work, his service to Jehovah God. He is survived by his loving mother Avvie Grays, father Andrew Grays, Sr.; sisters Elaine (Richard), Debra (Kenneth); brothers – Anthony, Rayaldo (Tywande) and many family and friends.

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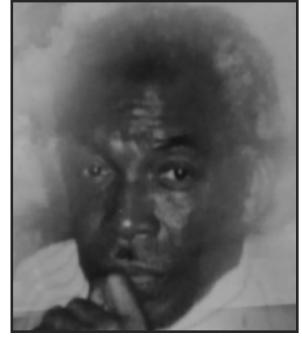


Napoleon Yharbrough, Sr.

Aug. 3, 1939 – Jan. 30, 2018
Napoleon was born in Jonesboro, Mississippi. He retired from Ford Motor Company and enjoyed listening to Blues, playing pool, detailing cars and celebrating his birthday with family and friends. He affectionately called Papa.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Helen, four children Dauwan, Donna, Trina (Angelo), Karen, sister Beulah Mae and many other family and friends.

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Robert Larry, Jr.

May 8, 1932 – Jan. 28,
2018

Robert was born in Cheneville, Louisiana and moved to Detroit in 1957 and he graduated from Lewis Business College and earned a degree in manufacturing engineering from

the Ford Trade School in Dearborn. He retired at Ford with over 35 years of employment. He was a kind, caring and loving person.

He is survived by his son; Robert Larry and six grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

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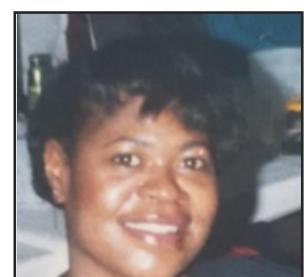


Moses Steven Franklin Jr.

May 21, 1952 - Feb. 1, 2018
Moses was business minded. He was the first to bring roller skating to local television, the Rolling Funk Show. He helped renovate and convert the Safari Roller Rink into a popular entertainment venue and brought in big name artists and host cabarets.

Moses had a very creative mind. He was always coming up with great ideas for a business and God was always in it. Moses was currently enrolled in Oakland Community College working towards a business degree. Moses leaves to cherish his memories: his loving mother Irene Franklin; four children Arnika (Alvin) Davis, Kenyada Franklin, Darius Franklin, Ryan (Shakirah) Franklin; nine grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home 4670 Inkster Rd in Westland



Darlesta Riley

May 24, 1958 - February 6,
2018

Darlesta L. Riley attended Inkster Public School. She had one child, Keith C. Adams.

In 1973, Darlesta married Benjamin Riley. She loved to go to dances, bowling and out to eat (Lord knows that girl loved to eat). In 1996 Darlesta joined NA for which he was a faithful member. She has been clean for 22 1/2 years.

She leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Mildred Reed; sister, Donna Adams; son Keith Adams; three grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

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Javion

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Chief of Staff - Javion Johnson and State Representative Jewell Jones after a hard day of work

scenes to secure Jones's schedule and speaking engagements. It's only been recently where he was able to quit his retail job, and put his focus on the people full time. Johnson and Jones share an office in the state capitol building with Senior Advisor, Preston Peterson. Whether he has to travel in state, or cross the boundaries, Javion learns something with each experience. He adheres it to his lifestyle, education and career.

Not considering his work that of a politician. But the young black man deems himself a public servant. His team works around the clock to secure ways for the people to expand their minds. The office puts targets on youth engagement, public safety and community policing, and improving social and economic welfare.

Javion has a busy schedule of his own. He's majoring in economics at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Johnson plans on using his resources to better the lives of the those around him. The job, and what comes along with it does not

get in the way of Javion's relationships with family and friends. He earned the support of those who matter most to him. It's not uncommon that work can strengthen the relationship between Johnson's core group of support.

The man behind the scenes loves his job and faces every challenge with confidence. Right now Javion is preparing Jewell's upcoming State Representative race. The Telegram Newspaper wishes them the best of luck with their historic campaign and careers.

Telegram - What was your start in the political process.

Javion Johnson - A job opportunity in middle school, knocking on doors. I can't remember the name of the campaign but I still have a shirt. I took classes at Morehouse during the Obama campaign, I was picked to go with a group to Jacksonville. That was some hardcore door knocking, in a very new environment. At that time I wasn't even old enough to vote.

Telegram - How did you meet

Jewell?

Javion Johnson - We met in 2013, him and I became great friends. The year following we worked in the Governor's race on Rick Schauer's campaign.

Telegram - What's the difference between sixteen year old Javion and the man of today?

Javion Johnson - Not much is different but I can admit that I'm a lot more mature, and have grown with my decision making skills. I've always been a hard worker, I've used the experience and time to progress my work ethic.

Telegram - How does the mentoring from Mr. Peterson help?

Javion Johnson - There's some things we don't know that he's very knowledgeable about. Mr. Peterson is always there to fall back on, he doesn't mind filling in some of the gaps. It's good to be young, but it's better to have a seasoned base in your corner.

Telegram - Where do you see yourself in the next five years?

Javion Johnson - Graduated from school. A bigger office if I'm still down this path. Hopefully we can help in a greater capacity. I want to wield a powerful, long lasting influence. Even if it's not in office, it's not impossible to connect people all over the world.

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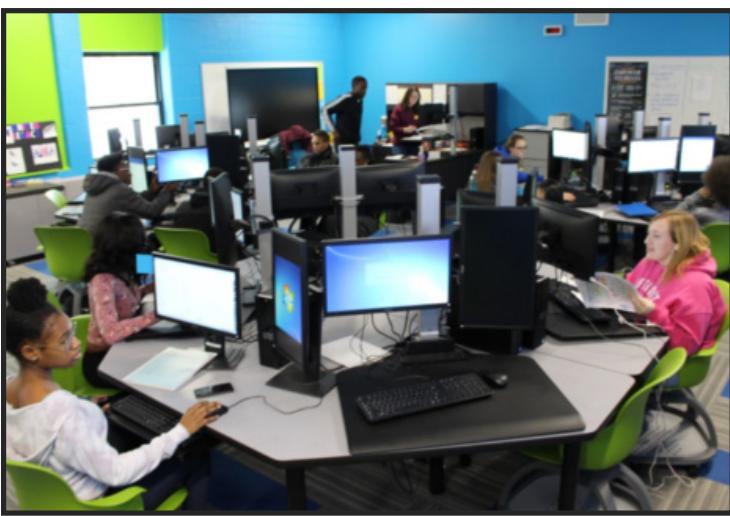
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2000, Salerno was employed in the accounting department at Ford Motor Company. "The corporate world was no longer satisfying to me. I felt like I could use my knowledge to impact the lives of others", said Salerno. Since then she has built a multi-layered business program at RHS that incorporates classroom instruction, research, distance learning, and a virtual simulation where students take on the roll of a general manager. Students who take the course and complete

each section can gain Microsoft Office Certification in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint by passing an examination. According to Tom Knight from the Michigan Department of Education, Microsoft has allowed school districts to become testing sites through their Imagine Academy. "The program is ever evolving. Students across the state who earn these certifications are developing industry standard skills and are entering the workforce" said Knight. Under Salerno's guidance Romulus High School became an Imagine Academy in 2015. The Academy provides free digital text, lesson plans and 500 certificate vouchers valued at 1-hundred dollars each, for staff and students to become Microsoft certified. Salerno mentioned that since RHS has become a testing site more students are taking the test and are performing at a much higher rate. One of Salerno's students is Senior Kierra Ross; she says "Learning how to manage numbers is a big help if you want to be financially responsible in life. It is important to know how to budget

income and expenses". Another bonus for students who want to major in business and successfully complete each section of the course with a letter grade of a B or higher, are that they can qualify for college credit with many Michigan colleges.



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Students Opening First Retail Store in River Rouge to Exclusively
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River Rouge - For the past year, River Rouge K-8 STEM Middle and now River Rouge (1460 Coolidge Hwy, River Rouge, MI 48218) High School students have been engaged in the Meta24 program. Through Meta24, students acquire real life skills and use those skills in entrepreneurial pursuits. META24 targets economically challenged neighborhoods and disengaged youth. River Rouge students have been developing business ideas, drafting business plans, designing saleable items, and manufacturing products. The final step in the process is marketing and selling their products, which will occur primarily through MZUZI. This new retail store will exclusively sell Meta24 student-designed and student-manufactured products. The Meta24 students will

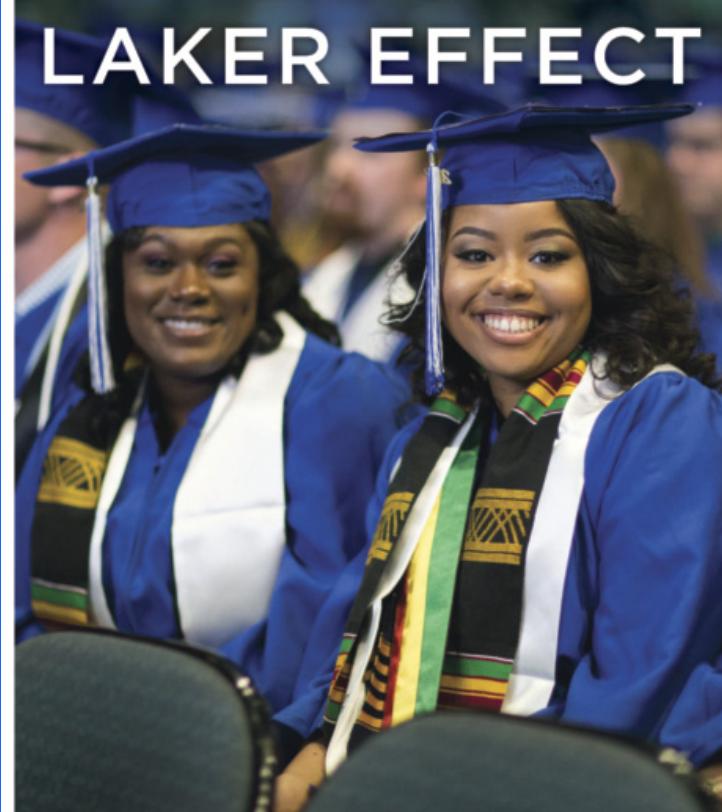
also operate MZUZI. Students from River Rouge have received venture capital funds from ESE CEO Rob Jones.

Please join Superintendent, Dr. Derrick R. Coleman, Deputy Superintendent Alisa Berry-Brown, Director of Corporate and Community Affairs Tarence Wheeler, Meta24 Creator Dr. Flavian Prince, ESE CEO Rob Jones, Principal LaToya Revell and additional staff and students for the MZUZI ribbon cutting and grand opening on **Friday, March 23, 2018**. The ribbon cutting will take place at 9 a.m. and the store will stay open until 1 p.m. MZUZI is located at 288 Richter Street, River Rouge, MI.

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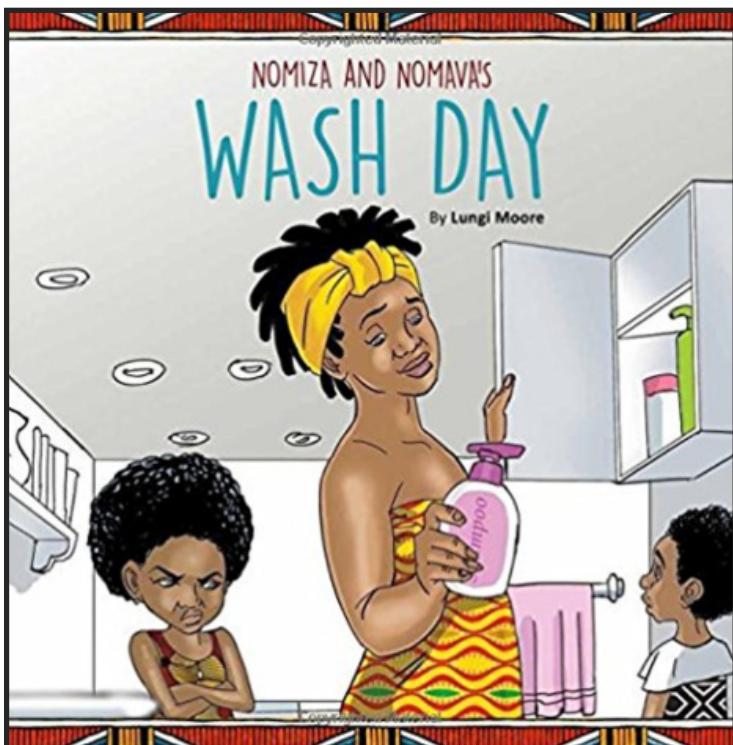
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BOOKS IN THE HOOD REVIEW

By - Xavier Jones Media Specialist

National Reading Month Special Edition - Nomiza and Nomava's Wash Day



Hair is a subject that has kept the black community on edge for ages. Countless men and women have used dangerous chemicals to alter the texture of their hair. Some use relaxers for the sake of style. Others indulge to have "good hair".

Pertaining to certain subcultures of the community, good hair, translates to straight hair. In other groups it means well maintained, but the opinion truly lies on the person.

Many believe the discontent with black women's natural hair is due to constant broadcast of the European standard of beauty. There are many studies and research that support this hypothesis, but that is a topic for another day.

I brought you here to present Nomiza and Nomava's Wash Day. Written by Lungi Moore. Wash Day chronicles Nomiza, and her little sister Nomava. As their mother is preparing the weekly ritual of washing their hair.

Nomiza hates wash day, she starts the story with a frown and crossed arms. With the help of her mother the wait time, cold water, and shrinkage became more bearable and understanding. Nomava sits close by observing her sister's process. Cracking jokes and waiting her turn.

Mommy is there with loving guidance to teach the girls how to love and maintain their kinks. She has all the right products to get the job done.

Wash day is a great display of self love for readers. The book centers around a topic that will last a lifetime. Teaching the audience self perseverance, sisterhood and teamwork. Lungi is flipping the narrative and resetting beauty standards with her writings. She's an accomplished black woman on a mission to change the world.

Telegram - How important is wash day to a black woman? As an adult and child?

Lungi Moore - Wash day for any young girl and woman is extremely important, although the experience differs from child to adult. The process teaches from a young age the importance of hygiene and healthy hair habits.

Telegram - What inspired you to write Wash Day?

Lungi Moore - My two daughters, and my own experiences with wash Day. I saw they too had a love-hate relationship with wash day and I wanted a way to help navigate the experiences of wash day because the feelings from those experiences can become quite com-

plex. I soon figured out the struggle was not mine alone, many moms jump through hoops to encourage their girls to wash their hair. It usually comes with a lot of complaining, and that possibly if young girls were able to navigate their experiences better with wash day. It could make it somewhat easier for themselves as well as their mothers.

Telegram - Does the story told in Wash Day help combat the misrepresentation in our society?

Lungi Moore - It helps young girls understand the reasons behind wash day, and how they can love their curls and kinks from an early age.

Telegram - Do you have any advice for people writing children's books in 2018?

Lungi Moore - Don't compare your book to any other book. Tell your story and be proud because it's unique. Be patient and trust the process.

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Gov. Rick Snyder signs legislation to accelerate elimination of Driver Responsibility Fees, address outstanding fees and allow for license reinstatement



LANSING,— Driver Responsibility Fees will be eliminated sooner and a new program will assist individuals who have entered into payment plans as well as provide for possible license reinstatement under legislation signed today by Gov. Rick Snyder.

The Driver Responsibility Fee Program was instituted in 2003 by the Michigan Legislature and former Governor Jennifer Granholm to assess fees for driving offenses of varying levels of severity. The new legislation will eliminate the fees on Oct. 1, 2018 instead of Oct. 1, 2019, when they were originally slated to end.

"I have long opposed these fees and worked with the Legislature since taking office to phase them out," Gov. Snyder said. "I'm pleased we found a solution that eliminates them without creating new state debt and helps remove barriers to work for more Michiganders."

HBs 5040, 5043, 5044 and 5079, sponsored by state Reps. Lee Chatfield, Roger Hauck, Joseph Bellino, and Daire Rendon, respectively, will amend the same section of the Vehicle Code to make the following changes: Specify that after Sept. 30, 2018 Department of Treasury can no longer collect outstanding fees. In addition, it specifies that drivers are no longer liable for any fees that remain outstanding and can have their license reinstated.

End responsibility for the balance of fees for drivers who had entered into an installment agreement to pay their fees on or before Feb. 1, 2018 and make drivers eligible to have their license reinstated if they were otherwise in compliance with the act.

Accelerate the existing phase out so that no new assessments would be issued beginning Oct. 1, 2018.

Make an individual enrolled in a workforce training payment program eligible to have their license reinstated and fees waived upon completion of the program.

Eliminate the separate reinstatement fee of \$125 charged by the Secretary of State to reinstate a license that was suspended due to unpaid DRFs from the date the bill is signed (March 1, 2018) until December 31, 2018.

Designate \$250,000 to the Department of Treasury for purpose of implementing and administering changes to the act and the workforce training program.

"Driver responsibility fees placed an

unfair burden on Michigan families that made it difficult for many to reach their full potential," Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said. "I'm pleased that we are able to finally get these fees off the books and keep working toward helping all Michiganders get back to work and experience our comeback."

Snyder and Calley both said they appreciated the partnership of legislative leaders in reaching a compromise with this legislation.

"This legislation was intended to make all drivers more accountable, but all it really did was punish our citizens and make it harder for men and women to find work and keep their jobs," Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof said. "I am happy to see us do away with this burdensome law."

The 8-bill package also includes:

HB 5041, sponsored by state Rep. Sylvia Santana, would task the Department of Treasury, Department of Health and Human Services, the Unemployment Insurance Agency, Michigan Works! Agencies and the Department of Corrections with providing information and outreach to individuals impacted by changes relative to DRFs.

HB 5046, sponsored by state Rep. Steve Marino, amends the Vehicle Code so that if an individual completes their DWI/Sobriety Court Program after Oct. 1, 2018, the associated DRF will be waived and not collected.

SB 613, sponsored by state Sen. Rick Jones, makes a complimentary change to the Enhanced Driver's License Act to reflect these changes.

SB 625, sponsored by state Sen. Ken Horn, creates the Workforce Training Payment Program within Department of Treasury. The department would be responsible for working with local and state workforce programs to allow those enrolled in the program to have their license reinstated and fees waived.

The bills are now Public Acts 43-50 of 2018.

"As a prosecutor in Genesee County, I saw the burden these fees put on families, and I saw how hard it was for far too many people to live under their weight," House Speaker Tom Leonard said. "This repeal is the right thing to do for the people of Michigan. These bills will put three hundred thousand hard-working people back into the workforce, and they give hundreds of thousands of families a new opportunity to make a living. Smart, conservative budgeting in recent years have given the state the ability to repeal these fees, and I am glad we have done so and made Michigan families our top priority once again."

For more information on this and other legislation, please visit www.legislature.mi.gov.

Rouge Panthers are in the Semi-Finals

By Butch Davis - Telegram Reporter



River Rouge Panther Basketball team and cheerleaders celebrate their victory in the Regional's Final. They are preparing to play at the Breslin Center on Friday.

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The River Rouge Panthers' Boys basketball team is celebrating its third straight Quarterfinal appearance and after falling in last year's Semifinal by a point in overtime to eventual Class B runner-up Ludington. Senior guard Jayvien Torrance-Jackson is the only returning starter from that team. However the Panthers have fallen this winter only to Class D semifinalist Southfield Christian who by the way will play undefeated Dollar Bay late Thursday afternoon.

In a close game for Dearborn

Divine Child and the River Rouge Panthers in Chelsea Michigan with both teams scoring 23 points at halftime many thought it would be a close game down to the wire. Nevertheless the Panthers got their paws moving and took a 37-32 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Rouge continued to pound the Divine Child defense in the 4th quarter leading in the game by seven (45-38) with three minutes to go; by seven with two minutes to go (49-42) until the Panther put the Falcons away

to give them the win and a trip to East Lansing. Final score Rouge 59, Divine Child 44.

Rouge opponent at 5:30PM, Friday at the Breslin Center will be Benton Harbor who defeated Williamston by the final score of 71-51 in Ionia, Michigan. If the Panthers are successful against Benton Harbor they will either play undefeated New Haven or 23-2 Grand Rapids Catholic Central at or around 6:45PM Saturday evening.

Good Luck Panthers.

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It's Almost Time for Baseball

By Butch Davis



Houston over the top, Justin Verlander and \$56 million left on his contract (not including the \$22 million vesting option for 2020) were shipped to the Astros for prospect right-hander Franklin Perez, catcher Jake Rogers and outfielder Daz Cameron with just seconds to spare before the cutoff time.

Wait there's more, the off-season yielded few returns as the Tigers declined a \$16 million option for Anibal Sanchez and found a taker for Ian Kinsler in the Angels, who helped restock Detroit's farm system with minor league outfielder Troy Montgomery and right-handed pitching prospect Wikle Hernandez. The team committed another \$12 million to rotation and outfield depth with right-hander Mike Fiers, lefties Francisco Liriano and Ryan Carpenter, and outfielder Leonys Martin. Perhaps most notable was a change in management: Brad Ausmus capped a four-year run with the team, as Ron Gardenhire is the new skipper in the dugout.

Opening Day, the club will likely roll along a rotation featuring Michael Fulmer, Jordan Zimmerman, Francisco Liriano, Mike Fiers and Matt Boyd. Daniel Norris is also competing for a starting role, although Liriano to start the season as a starting pitcher will likely edge him out. Notwithstanding the serious health concerns that were raised last year, Fulmer remains the undisputed ace of the

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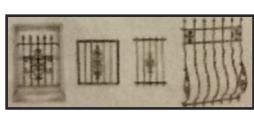
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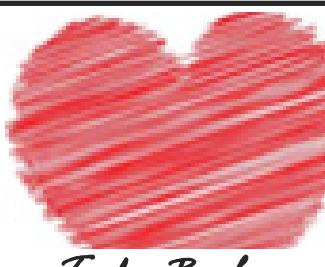


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**"Talk
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“A Beauty in the Making”

Dear Tasha,
One of the greatest things about being an aunt, is watching your sister or brother's child grow up. Being there to answer any questions and provide guidance along the way. While I don't have any children of my own, I have several nieces and two nephews. I don't believe in favorites; however, I must admit the youngest is my favorite; but I don't treat any of them any different. If I purchase a gift, everyone receives a gift. And I usually purchase something that matches their personality. Most times, I take the youngest with me to make the purchases, mainly because she's only 7 years old and the others are much older; pre-teens and young adults, and don't really care to hang out with me as much. But, that's okay and I understand. But, on the last outing with my little princess, I was confronted with a problem. We were making our way to the beauty supply to purchase a few packages of lashes for me and if you've ever been to the beauty supply, you know there's a section of wigs. My little princess was very excited when we breezed past them and really wanted to try one on. What was I supposed to do? She's a little diva and we are on an outing, so why not? After trying on a few and snapping a few photos and talking about how cute she was, she insisted on me buying the one, that was about 10 inches long. Well, this turned into a serious crying spell when I told her that she couldn't have a wig. She went on and on about how she wanted long hair like all the little girls in her class and why is that she doesn't have long hair. Might I also add, that she attends a predominately white school, so I understand why she's making note of the slight distinguishes, as it relates to hair. Not to say, that little black girls don't have long hair, I just want you to have the entire picture. Oh, my goodness! The more I tried to explain, the worse it became. All the way home, she pouted and said that she wasn't pretty like the other girls and she's sad about it. What can I do to help her over this transition?

She's a beautiful little girl and I don't want this to affect her confidence as she continues to grow-up.
Signed,
Wigged-out

Dear Wigged-out,
I truly commend you for bringing this concern to light. I also, commend you for spending quality time with your niece, and I truly understand about the older pre-teens. Most often, the youngest child is always the one that grows up the fastest, because she has her siblings and other family members to mimic. She's 7 years old and transitioning from one phase of childhood to the next, but know that she is on the right path. She's growing into herself and has a perception of what she likes and dislike. She may also be concerned about how others think of her. You are one of the fortunate aunts, because you have built a solid relationship with your niece, where she feels comfortable enough to confide and share her feelings with you. So, I have a couple of suggestion for you; make one of your next outings with her to the library or the nearest book store, since we are still in March and it's reading month. There is an author, by the name of Sharee Miles and she has a book titled: Princess Hair and it talks about the different hair types of little girls. There are other books, which also have this storyline as well. This will help her see that she's very unique in her own way and no matter what; she's a PRINCESS. Also, we know that shrinkage is real. Take her to the salon for a makeover and there she will also see different types of hair textures, which you can point out to her during the makeover. Show her that in time, she will grow into a "Beauty in the Making". Aunts are the next best thing to a mom. Have fun, let your hair down and continue to be the Queen you are for your little princess.

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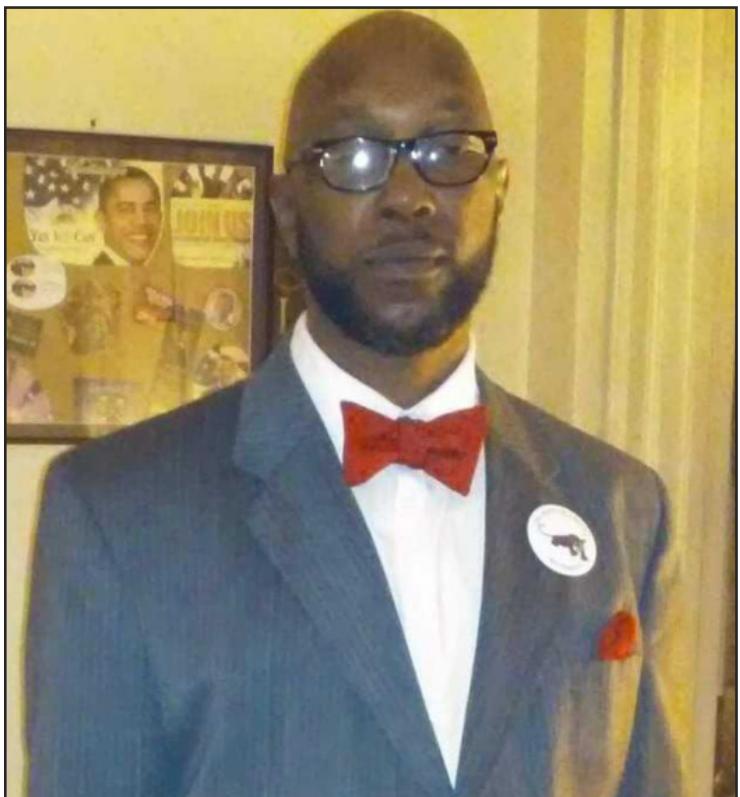
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Child Support

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Carnell Alexander wants to help other families who have fell victim to the system

ments to the state of Michigan. Sadly, in Alexander's case the court did not adhere to the letter or the spirit of the law and seems determined to carve out it's pound of flesh regardless of its legal or ethical authority to do so.

Deceit was committed against Alexander on several levels, unfortunately the state of Michigan does not have any paternity fraud laws that protect men from women, and the protection against the court system is also weak to non-existent.

"How can you start a case with a lie," asked Alexander. "The mom lied, the process server lied, now the court wants me to pay for it."

The judge on the case ruled that he had three years to file a motion with the court to deny parentage, and the three-year limit had elapsed when he appeared in court. But what is not explained is that the court had an obligation to notify Alexander of the child support allegation against him, and it was not done because of the dishonest process server the court employed to do the job. Also, for many of those years he was jobless, unable to hire an attorney, and unaware of his legal options or of any legal penal-

ties against him.

"This felony non-support issue, or dad-by-default issue is a money issue," Alexander said. "It's not about the welfare of the children. The welfare of the children through the system is very weak. So I'm organizing in 2018 a campaign to stop men from becoming felons for not being able to support their children. We need to strategize to get out of this government trap that's costing us all this money that is not benefiting our children."

When parents are incarcerated for non-payment, not only does the parents suffer, but the child suffers, the extended family suffers, and the society suffers. And the cost is incalculable because it creates a vicious cycle of poverty and fear that sometimes has deadly conse-

quences. A few years ago, a Black man named Walter Scott was shot in the back multiple times and killed during a traffic stop by a trigger-happy cop while running away. It was later determined that he tried to flee because of a child support warrant.

Many experts believe that parents incarcerated for child support issues are prevented from earning any money and placed in an even more difficult situation when they are released in terms of falling further behind in payments and trying to find employment while burdened with an arrest and incarceration record.

Alexander recently petitioned the state legislature to pass House Bill 4666 which would make it a felony for a summons server to lie about delivering a court summons to the intended person.

"I need parents to come together on this issue," Alexander said. "I was defrauded out of \$32,000 because of this issue. They continue to try to force money out of me and to hold me liable for a situation that I'm not responsible for."

Alexander founded the Carnell Alexander Foundation to find ways to protect families from a system he believes is dysfunctional. He can be reached at (313) 939-3447

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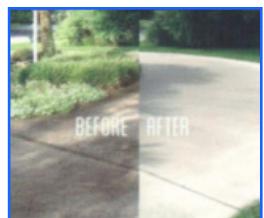


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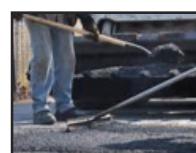
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