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26th Annual Fellowship Open golf outing hosted at Kettle Hills Golf Course



Photos by Yvonne Kemp

On Friday August 21, 2026, The sounds of the classic call of "Fore!" was heard all over the Kettle Hills Golf Course during the "26th Annual Fellowship Open" golf outing in Richfield, WI. One of the four honorees this year was NFL Hall of Famer Richard Dent, who was the MVP of Super Bowl XX for the

Chicago Bears. Dent attended Tennessee State University, where he also played football. He was recently appointed Special Advisor to the Tennessee State University football program. Dent has dedicated himself to mentoring youth, fostering leadership, and supporting under-served communities.

Jackson Chourio leads Brewers to Labor Day victory over Chicago



Photos by Yvonne Kemp

Jackson Chourio is only 22 years old, but he's been one of the Brewers' top postseason performers in the past two years. So, it was fitting when he stepped to the plate and propelled the Brewers to a Labor Day victory over the Cubs that carried all kinds of implications for October.

"Sometimes I feel like I was born for those moments," Chourio said. "Other times, I like the pressure that those moments bring. I don't know why, but I know I enjoy them."

Chourio punched a go-ahead, two-run single through a drawn-in

infield in the eight inning and then a sliding catch in the ninth to finish a wild, 4-3 win over the Cubs on Monday, September 7, 2026, at sold-out American Family Field, where a holiday crowd of 42,368 was treated to a thriller.

It was baseball's version of a Labor Day two-for-one sale. Not only did the Brewers win the game to climb eight games ahead of the Cubs in the division standings with 17 to go, but Milwaukee also clinched the season series between the teams, 7-4, with only two head-to-head match-ups remaining.

North Division High School 1976 Class hosts 50th reunion



The North Division High School Class of 1976 celebrated their 50th Class Reunion, August 21-23, 2026. Myron Hood and Bobby Lewis Jones were two of the organizers of the reunion. It was said by one of the attendees that “this was one of the best organized events that he has attended in years.” The organizers attempted to ensure their former classmates and others who attended had a weekend filled with fun, laughter, the renewing of old friendships, as well as information about the careers, achievements, etc. of some of their classmates. During the program they recognized those classmates who had passed. Also, in attendance were former teachers Mr. Gene Leland, Mr. Michael Cummings, Mrs. Geisla Bennings, and Mr. Robert (Bob) Kerns.

Some of the events that took place were Happy Hour & Social at Favorites Restaurant & Lounge on the 21st, tour of North Division High School and Reunion Dinner & Quarter Party at the Hilton Garden Inn Milwaukee on the 22nd. Saturday's "Quarter Party" Music Mix / Talent Show was their signature event that afforded them a great opportunity to share their reunion experience with other fellow classes, family, or a few close friends. The reunion concluded on the 23rd with worship service at the Free Spirit Missionary Baptist Church where Reverend Greg Lewis, 1976 Graduate of NDHS, serves as pastor, and a Sunday Brunch at the Vibe following service.

Riverside High School celebrates '50th Class Reunion'



Photo by Kim A. Robinson, Sr.

On Saturday, August 22, 2026, the graduate class of 1976 Riverside High School held their "50th Year Class Reunion" at Alioto's Restaurant located at 3041 N. Mayfair Rd. The class revisited the high school on Friday, August 21, 2026 and held a cook-out on Sunday.



Remembering Dorothy "Dot" Patton

Sunrise

August 11, 1944

Sunset

September 7, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Ms. Dorothy "Dot" Patton. She departed this world on August 7, 2026, at the age of 82. She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.



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Being Frank

By: Frank James
Special to the Milwaukee Times

No one wants to hear it

The act of complaining is one that everyone practices. The need to tell someone, anyone, about an issue that vexes you seems to be a human trait. If a person took the time to count how many people complain to them in a day, the number may go well past twenty. The one thing that people need to realize is, “No one wants to hear your complaints.”

You get to work, and are feeling good. You may even be feeling like you can conquer the world. That feeling soon evaporates when a co-worker comes up to you venting their frustrations about the job. Their issues may be ones that are similar to the conditions you work in, but have not affected you. Yet, being the great co-worker you are, you listen. Once the person has left you find your positive vibe gone. The energy you had to conquer the day has been replaced with a miasma of thoughts/energy that brings a frown to your face. Now, the bright day at the job has turned into a burden at a hell hole. People, you have to stop listening to co-worker complaints.

The workplace isn't the only place where you run into people complaining.



You get off work and stop by a restaurant/bar to have something to eat. You are sitting at the bar drinking a beverage when someone sits next to you. The usual start of a conversation is hello, or whatever passes for a salutation. Not long into the conversation, unless it is a come on, you can believe the other person will start complaining about something. If the television is playing, the person will voice something negative about what is on the screen. Don't let it be a news story dealing with government issues. You will get an earful about how awful the country is being run. If it's sports, you will hear every complaint about the person's favorite team going back twenty years. What was supposed to be a relaxing pit stop on the way home has become a way station to Hades. When the

previous scenario happens to you, go sit in a booth and enjoy your drink/meal.

Married people, or people who are shacking, pay attention. Home should be a rest haven where you can relax and take the world off. In most situations this isn't the case. Home is where you run into complaints disguised as conversation from your other half. Before you can take off your shoes your partner is telling you about the issues they faced on their job. You feel obligated to listen and feel sympathy to their problems. If you had a great day, you may even keep this to yourself to avoid unconscious envy from your better half. Complaining spouses/lovers are one of the key reasons divorce, and sadly domestic violence, happens. When your spouse/lover begins to complain about

anything, kiss them lightly and say, “That is outside our house. Don't bring it in here. Let's relax and enjoy silence.”

Parents in 2026, I feel for you. Many children only interact verbally with their parents when they are either complaining about something/someone, or asking for something. I understand why many parents give their pre-school children cell phones to keep them busy. If the only time that I had conversations with my child was when they wanted something, or was complaining, I'd give them an iPhone too. Parents, take time to explain to your children that you are more than a check book, or whining wall. Let them know you are there for them when it is something worth

you taking a hand in. You love them, but also love your sanity.

Stop listening to the complaints and whining of the world. Keep control of how your mind works by screening other people's issues out of your thoughts. Enjoy life because in truth, it is all you have.

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:30 pm
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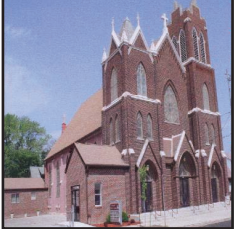
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Weekly Schedule

Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.
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Rev. Vincent L. Montgomery, Pastor

Weekly Schedule

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Sun. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Tue.....Mission: 6 p.m.....Laymen: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.



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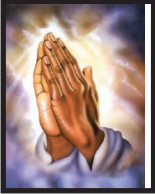
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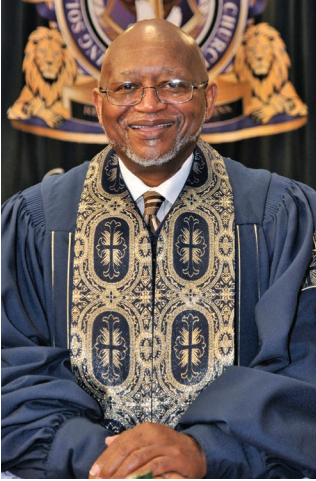
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Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.-
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Sun. School.....8:45-10:30 a.m. via Zoom
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Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.(Virtual)
Sat. Church School.....9:00 a.m.(Virtual)



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Weekly Schedule

Sun. Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sun. School 8:00 a.m.
Wed. Morning Prayer & Bible Study.....10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m.
Mon. Sister Circle.....6:00 p.m.
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Wed. Bible Study.....Noon & 6 p.m.
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Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
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Sun. Morning Worship.....10:30 A.M.
Tuesday Bible Study.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Prayer Line.....7:00 P.M.
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Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Tuesday
Noon Day Mission.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Mission.....6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.



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New meets familiar on MPS's first day of school

Tens of thousands of Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) students started the new school year on Tuesday and, as always, they navigated a mix of the familiar and the unfamiliar. That was especially true for Lincoln Avenue School students, who this year relocated to a portion of Pulaski High School.

"It was like getting on a bike again. You know that you know how to ride it. It's a new bike and it has a couple of different mechanisms, but it worked out. The kids, as long as they see us, they're like, 'We're safe. Miss Ayala's here, the parent coordinator, my teacher,'" said Lincoln Avenue School Principal Damaris Ayala.

Because an accidental fire



MPS Photo

destroyed Lincoln Avenue School on June 30, students and staff were moved to dedicated areas within Pulaski — with their own entrances, classrooms, cafeteria, and offices. The space was large enough to keep the school's entire student body and staff together this school year;

it also was closest to their old school. Since the fire, the Milwaukee community and district partners rallied around Lincoln Avenue School, donating supplies and money.

On Tuesday, Lincoln Avenue students and staff were

greeted by Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius, State Superintendent Jill Underly, school board President Missy Zombor, school board Director Mimi Reza, Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson, and others. They also visited with students and staff next door at Pulaski High School, 2500 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Dr. Cassellius, President Zombor, Director Reza, and other district leaders toured MPS schools throughout the day, visiting with students and staff at U.S. Grant School, 2920 W. Grant St.; Forest Home Avenue School, 1516 W. Forest Home Ave.; Luther Burbank School, 6035 W. Adler St.; and Godrich Elementary School,

8251 N. Celina St.

At Burbank, Dr. Cassellius asked one classroom, "Are you all going to become good readers this year?" Yes, they answered. At Forest Home, she paused for a quick game of rock-paper-scissors with a 3rd-grader.

Dr. Cassellius also took the opportunity to ask students what they wished they had in their schools. One student at Grant School suggested more touch-screen Chromebooks.

"I appreciate you all, and I hope you have a really great year — and appreciate your teachers for the work they do," Dr. Cassellius told the students.

Milwaukee Virtual School—enrolling now for Fall 2026!

Milwaukee Virtual School (MVS) has seats open for Fall 2026. Apply by September 18, 2026! MVS provides a flexible schedule in an environment that families choose themselves. The program is delivered via Imagine Learning virtual instruction. Seats are available for students in Milwaukee County and surrounding counties.

MVS is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as an MPS charter school and offers a full-time online program for children whose families prefer virtual learning. The program offers K5 through grade 12 and carries the same accreditation and accountability required for in-person schools.

MVS benefits

- Face-to-face instruction one hour per day for K4 to grade 5 plus computer-based instruction and a workbook
- On-demand tutoring seven days per week for grades 6–12
- Teacher mentor support at all levels in all subjects
- Parent Support Center for in-person technology help and resources
- Imagine Learning Specialist for platform support
- Students can join sports, clubs, and activities at a nearby MPS school, including prom, science fair, job fairs, spelling bee, and theater
- College and career planning
- Personal support in reading and math are available for students with strong attendance

- Dual enrollment to earn college credit through MATC and UWM
- In-person graduation ceremony for high school seniors

Why choose MVS for virtual education?

- Students learn at their own pace.
- No transportation is needed—students learn at home, in the library, or anywhere they choose.
- Some students prefer personalized learning in a familiar setting.
- A flexible schedule allows children and teens to take part in sports, dance, music, or other pursuits at a high level.
- Students with special needs can be assessed for placement.
- MVS students are equipped with a Chromebook and access to all necessary software and course materials.
- High school students can participate in Advanced Placement (AP) courses while enrolled in the virtual program.
- For grades 6–12, students work at their own pace, on their own schedule; lessons are selected on the student's schedule.
- MVS offers a Parent Center where family members can drop in on school days to ask questions and get additional help. **The Parent Center is located at the MPS Success Center, 3872 N. 8th St., Milwaukee, WI 53206.**

What is the enrollment process at MVS?
Registration and orienta-



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To register, families are required to view an informative video. At the end of the video, families can enter information to receive an email to complete the enrollment within two business days.

A family member is required to attend an orientation session to ensure under-

standing of the program. An adult in the home is expected to serve as a learning coach to support and assist children. For students to be successful, the adult is expected to monitor the student's progress and stay up to date on communications sent from staff.

Transfer to in-person

Students remain in the

program for the full semester. If desired, they may transition to in-person learning at the end of a semester. Due to the differences in virtual and in-person curriculum, students cannot transfer during a semester.

Learn more

For more information, to view an informative video, and to register, visit the Milwaukee Virtual School webpage or call (414) 252-0241. All applications will receive a response within two business days. Email is the best way to receive a response during busy enrollment periods.

Registration for Fall 2026 is open through September 18, 2026.

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Local healthcare and food equity issues addressed at upcoming community forum

The League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County is hosting a community forum, “Healthcare and Food Equity Issues in Milwaukee County,” on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10:30 am to noon. The event is free, and members of the public are encouraged to attend. Three local experts will discuss the impact to our community of recent developments such as new work and paperwork hurdles for Medicaid and SNAP, restrictions on non-citizens’ ability to obtain benefits, and grocery store closings in a large swath of the City. After speaking, the panelists will engage in Q&A with attendees.

“The League of Women Voters has long characterized food and healthcare as basic



human needs,” says Milwaukee County League President Peg Schrader. “But these needs are becoming harder to satisfy, creating hardships for our friends and neighbors and straining the capacity of support networks. This is a problem not just for those

directly affected, but for all of us in the community. We all need to be aware of the issues and collectively work on solutions.”

Moderated by Judge Derek Mosley, Director of the Lubar Center at Marquette

University Law Center, the forum features the following speakers:

- **Dr. Ben Weston**, professor at Medical College of Wisconsin and Chief Health Policy Advisor for Milwaukee County
- **Melody McCurtis**, a leader and advocate for Metcalfe Park Community Bridges and the Food Justice Collective
- **Caroline Gomez-Tom**, Enrollment Network and Accessibility Manager for Covering Wisconsin, a program of the UW-Madison Division of Extension that helps connect individuals to health insurance. Gomez-Tom also is a Milwaukee County Board Supervisor, District 14.

The forum takes place Sat., Sept. 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Urban Ecology Center (Lagoon Room) in Washington Park, 1859 N. 40th St., Milwaukee. The program will begin at 10:30 sharp, with doors opening at 10. Light refreshments will be served. Ample free parking is available, with handicap spaces and a drop off area near the door. Although the event is free, advance registration is requested here. The League hopes to see as many people as possible in-person, but there also is an opportunity to participate virtually.

The League thanks the AAUW-Milwaukee Branch for being a contributing sponsor.

Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley signs legislation approving \$7.5 Million to combat opioid epidemic

On Wednesday, September 9, 2026, Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley signed legislation approving the allocation of \$7,457,592 in Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) for eight initiatives aimed at reducing opioid and substance use disorder (SUD), expanding treatment and prevention services, and saving lives.

“The opioid crisis has devastated families, strained our systems, and disproportionately harmed communities of color across our county,” said County Executive Crowley. “We’ve made measurable progress in this fight, and the projects approved in this next cohort build on that momentum, directing resources to the programs best positioned to reach people where they are. There is still work to be done, and my administration is committed to spending these funds responsibly and effectively, because no family should experience the pain of losing someone to overdose.”

This is the fourth cohort of opioid prevention projects that represent a major milestone in Milwaukee County’s multi-year strategy to address the opioid crisis and advance Milwaukee County’s strategic

plan to achieve health equity. The proposed projects are part of the County’s efforts to address systemic gaps, support evidence-based practices, and reduce health disparities. The funds come from the \$111 million in opioid settlement dollars Milwaukee County is receiving over 18 years from distributors, manufacturers, pharmacies, and others found responsible for contributing to the opioid epidemic. This is the largest amount of OSF recovered by any local government in the history of Wisconsin.

Many programs in this cohort will receive continued funding for projects that have already shown proven results in their first three years. The following projects have been approved by County Executive Crowley’s administration for implementation during fiscal years 2027-2029:

- **Aging and Disabilities Services Opioid Prevention Project:** Focuses on outreach to older adults in Milwaukee County at risk for opioid misuse and overdosing by using data and GIS mapping to conduct door-to-door canvassing, distribute harm reduction supplies,



- and engage with senior living facilities. A bilingual outreach worker will also be added to the team.
- **Opioid Responsive Park System:** Creates an Opioid-Responsive Park System to reduce overdose risk and improve safety across its park spaces by equipping Park Rangers with naloxone and overdose-response training, installing and maintaining sharps-disposal infrastructure, and supporting contracted syringe-collection and cleanup services in high-need locations. Together, these efforts extend harm reduction strategies into publicly accessible spaces where individuals and the broader community are directly impacted.
- **Community Contingency Management Treatment Pilot Program:** Addresses a gap in SUD treatment through the implementation of Contingency Management, an evidence-based treatment approach shown to be effective for stimulant, opioid, and other substance use disorders. This structured

- program includes drug testing, individual therapy, group sessions, and incentives for negative drug tests. Expanding Milwaukee County’s treatment capacity will help prevent rising stimulant overdoses and promote a healthier, stronger community.
- **Grief Outreach and Grief-Informed Care:** Provides grief outreach to families of victims of overdose, collects vital data to enrich understanding of fatal overdose risk factors and reduce future overdose, expands collaboration between partners to identify and refer families impacted by overdose to resources, expands training to frontline service providers and social workers, and pilots trauma and grief informed support opportunities for families impacted by overdose loss.
- **Substance Use Disorder System:** Provides flexible funds to support Milwaukee County DHHS Behavioral Health Services (BHS) community providers that deliver evidence-based care across

- the continuum, including outpatient, residential, and recovery support services.
- **Strengthening Opioid and Substance Use Education and Treatment for Justice-Involved Youth:** Expands education, treatment, and community-based linkages for detained young people with substance use disorders. DHHS will hire a clinical director and one additional clinician – who would provide prevention and intervention services for young people detained in the Vel R. Phillips Juvenile Detention Center and those returning to the community following detention.
- **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Behind the Walls:** Uses FDA-approved medications, coupled with behavioral counseling, for individuals who are incarcerated in a Milwaukee County correctional facility and are living with an opioid use disorder.
- **Medical Examiner’s Office Staffing:** Supports critical positions including a forensic pathologist, medicolegal death investigator, and forensic chemist to improve turnaround time for investigations and data-driven decision-making.

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The alarming rise of Black people found hanging but ruled as suicides

As public hangings of Black people rise, local authorities are dismissing them as suicides within 72 hours—contradicting CDC data, historical trauma, and the pleas of grieving families demanding the truth.

Across the United States, a deeply unsettling pattern has emerged over the past decade, intensifying in recent years. A rising number of Black individuals are being found hanging from trees in public spaces, and in the vast majority of these cases, local authorities are swiftly ruling their deaths as suicides. However, this official narrative is increasingly at odds with statistical reality, historical context, and the desperate pleas of the victims' families, fueling a crisis of trust and demands for federal intervention.

Independent civil rights organizations and news media have meticulously documented this phenomenon. The comprehensive 2026 report, *A Crimson Record*, released by the civil rights organization JULIAN, documented over 70 suspected modern-day lynchings across seven Southern states between 2000 and 2025. The report highlights a recurring pattern of "systemic neglect" where local coroners prematurely close cases as suicides without comprehensive investigations. This data points to a clear and alarming trend, with Mississippi alone accounting for at least 20 of these documented cases over the 25-year period.

Independent tracking by groups like BLM Georgia recorded an alarming uptick between March 2025 and August 2026, finding at least 22 Black individuals dead under unusual or suspicious hanging circumstances across the country. During the peak of racial justice protests in the summer of 2020, at least six Black and Brown individuals were found publicly hanged in trees across California, Texas, Georgia, New York, and Oregon within a single month. High-profile cases have become a tragic refrain. In 2024, Dennonriss Richardson was found in Alabama. In 2025, the country witnessed the deaths of Javion Magee in North Carolina and freshman Demarravion "Trey" Reed on the campus of Delta State University in Mississippi. By August 2026, the list had grown to include Kyle Bassinga in Georgia, 16-year-old Juliana Nzita in North Carolina, Tonia Nicole Miller in Florida, and Tasia Fortune in Mississippi.

The statistical contradiction

The core of the outrage lies in a stark statistical contradiction. According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Center for Health Statistics,



Black Americans are the least likely demographic group to die by suicide using hanging or suffocation. The CDC's age-adjusted data shows that non-Hispanic White individuals die by suicide via suffocation/hanging at a rate of 4.6 per 100,000, more than double the rate for non-Hispanic Black individuals, which sits at 2.0 per 100,000. This data point is central to the argument made by families and civil rights attorneys: the method of death is statistically rare for the demographic most affected, making any public hanging inherently suspicious and demanding a rigorous investigation from the outset.

This statistical anomaly is compounded by the historical weight of racial terror in America. For generations, public hanging from a tree was the primary method of extrajudicial murder and intimidation used by white supremacists. For many in the Black community, the choice of a public tree as the location of a suicide is seen as deeply illogical and unnerving, given this horrific legacy. The expectation is that the system should treat such deaths with the utmost suspicion, not as an open-and-shut case of self-harm.

- **Statistical Rarity:** Black Americans are the least likely to die by suicide using hanging, making the frequency of these public cases a glaring anomaly.
- **Historical Trauma:** Public tree hangings carry a deeply traumatic and specific history of racial terror in the U.S., making suicide a less likely explanation for many.
- **Geographic Concentration:** The majority of these cases are occurring in the Deep South, mirroring the historical epicenter of lynchings.

The 72-hour rush to judgment

Despite the statistical and

historical red flags, the response from local authorities has been remarkably consistent. Law enforcement and medical examiners often rule these deaths as suicides within 24 to 72 hours of the body being found. This swift conclusion, which civil rights organizations describe as a "rush to judgment," is driven by a combination of bureaucratic inertia, resource constraints, and a desire to protect local reputations.

The process often begins with local coroners, who in many rural Southern counties are elected officials, not trained medical professionals. Their standard forensic approach looks for immediate physical evidence: an absence of defensive wounds, a lack of a struggle at the scene, and a rope. If these surface-level indicators are present, the file is often closed. This approach frequently leads to critical investigative steps being skipped. In the case of 16-year-old Juliana Nzita in North Carolina, the medical examiner ruled her death a suicide in three days, and police closed the case without performing a full autopsy, tracking down her missing cell phone, or even interviewing the person who discovered her body. In the case of Demarravion "Trey" Reed, an independent forensic investigation later uncovered blunt force trauma and extensive bruising across his body—evidence that was overlooked by the initial state medical examiner's report.

The local entities responsible for these rulings form a specific network of county-level elected officials, state medical examiners, and local police chiefs. Because the United States has no centralized federal system for investigating sudden deaths, these local entities hold absolute power over how a body is classified. Civil rights organizations like JULIAN point to three specific tiers of local authority driving these con-

troversial rulings.

1. Small-Town and Rural County Coroners: In most Southern states, death investigations are handled by County Coroners. In many rural counties, coroners are elected political officials, not medical doctors or trained forensic scientists. They are frequently local funeral directors, tow-truck operators, or business owners who won an election. Because they lack advanced forensic training, they heavily rely on a "visual assumption"—if they see a body hanging from a rope, they routinely fill out the death certificate as a "suicide" right at the scene, which legally prevents a homicide team from treating the area like a secure crime scene.

2. Contested State Medical Examiners: If a body is sent past the local coroner for an actual autopsy, it goes to the State Medical Examiner's office. Dr. Staci Turner, Chief Medical Examiner of Mississippi, is currently at the epicenter of national civil rights protests. Her office ruled the campus hanging death of Demarravion "Trey" Reed a suicide, despite independent findings of blunt force trauma. Her office is facing similar intense scrutiny over the August 2026 hanging death of 29-year-old Tasia Fortune in Jackson.

3. Local Police Chiefs and County Sheriffs: Once the coroner hints at suicide, police chiefs use public press conferences to lock in the suicide narrative before testing is complete. In the case of Juliana Nzita, local police closed the investigation just days after the medical examiner's initial ruling, finalizing it as a suicide without executing basic steps like analyzing her cell phone or interviewing the individual who found her body. On university campuses, such as Delta State University, campus police chiefs often control the initial press updates, framing the public message around a "student mental health crisis" rather than leaving the door open for foul play.

This local loop—sheriff, coroner, state lab—is what civil rights attorneys call the "Good Old Boy" bureaucracy. Once this loop is complete, it requires a massive expenditure of money by the family to pay for independent pathology reports to prove the ruling was wrong.

Why the system defaults to suicide

From a bureaucratic standpoint, local coroners look for immediate physical indicators like a lack of defen-

sive wounds or the presence of a note. If no glaring, immediate signs of a physical struggle are present on the body, the case is processed as self-inflicted to quickly close local precinct logs. Declaring a death a suicide protects a town's public image, shields it from intense media scrutiny, and prevents the massive expenditure of time and money that a hate-crime investigation would require. A confirmed hate-crime or public lynching instantly damages a city's public image, threatening local businesses, property values, and tourism. Local sheriffs, police chiefs, and politicians are highly incentivized to keep violent crime and hate-crime statistics low to project an image of safety and maintain their positions.

Civil rights attorneys highlight that local authorities often function as a closed loop. The local sheriff handles the scene, the elected coroner (who is often a political ally of the sheriff) signs the form, and the state lab rubber-stamps the file to clear the backlog. Investigating a public hanging as a potential racially motivated murder forces local departments to coordinate with federal entities, such as the FBI Civil Rights Division or the Department of Justice (DOJ). Federal intervention subjects the local police department to intense external audits, rigorous background checks, and an unprecedented level of national oversight, which local law enforcement actively resists.

This creates a devastating reality for the families of the victims. In almost every highly publicized case, the victims' families adamantly state that their loved ones showed zero signs of depression, were actively making plans for the future, or were dynamic individuals with no history of mental illness. The family of Javion Magee fiercely contested the state's suicide ruling, demanding transparency into the timeline of his death. For them, the loss of a loved one is compounded by a legal system that seems designed to close the case rather than pursue justice, leaving them to hire independent attorneys and fight for the most basic investigative steps to be taken. Unless civil rights attorneys like Ben Crump or intense public protests force the state Attorney General or the FBI's Civil Rights Division to intervene, these cases are rarely investigated as potential hate crimes or homicides.

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