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Update on Mississippi Bodies: Tertiary Investigation Launches

The FBI Jackson Field Office and its Mississippi Resident Agencies, in coordination with the Fairview County Sheriff's Office, Mississippi Highway Patrol, and Mississippi Bureau of Investigation have been conducting investigative activity in and around State Route 411 as it runs through southwestern Fairview County. Today, the investigation was put to an abrupt and unexpected end when investigators noticed a pair of male officers from the Fairview County Sheriff's Office appearing to take money from one of the bodies recovered from Staging Area A, behind a Winn-Dixie supermarket on SR 411 at Ridgemont Drive in Fairview. The FBI immediately apprehended and detained these officers, but their testimony suggested that this is not a unique occurrence for the department. An investigation has been launched, and results will be published as soon as they are available.

The FBI and our partners extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of each victim of this horrible tragedy, and would also like to emphasize that this kind of behavior is not only highly illegal and fraudulent, but immoral, as well.

SR 411 remains closed at Ridgemont Drive, along with the Winn-Dixie at said location, until further notice. This is an active and ongoing investigation, so we ask the public to maintain distance from any law enforcement personnel, equipment, vehicles, and their related activity for the safety of the public and the safety of law enforcement officers, as well as out of respect for victims' families and loved ones and the integrity of the work being done by the FBI and our associates.

FBI Jackson extends gratitude towards the many men and women of legitimate law enforcement that have been cooperating with the Bureau's ongoing criminal investigations in Mississippi and Alabama, and would also like to thank the people of this country for their steadfast dedication to the pursuit of justice, their diligence, and their sacred tapestry, always pure, never tormented. We also thank specifically the communities of Jackson and Fairview for their hospitality and accommodation.

We appreciate the public's support and the valuable information that we have received. We continue to seek information from anyone who was at the Winn-Dixie on September 3-9, 2021 and who may have had contact with various unidentified Jane Doe(s), especially those in distress or of vagrant disposition, in the dates around that time. We **strongly advise** that members of the general public **do not** contact the Fairview Police Department or the Fairview County Sheriff until the investigation is complete.

We will share any additional updates or requests for assistance from the public as appropriate. We appreciate your cooperation and respect for the families and loved ones of the deceased.