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## **Mayor Vaughn Stewart calls recent Klan actions “disappointing”**

Anniston City Mayor Vaughn Stewart is speaking against recent incidents in neighboring communities where small Ziploc bags with gravel and a flyer from the United Klans of America were dropped onto residents' lawns and driveways.

Residents of the unincorporated community of Saks have filed police reports with the Anniston Police Department; one of which cites 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15 as the time and date of occurrence.

Although none of these recent incidents have occurred within the city limits of Anniston, Stewart believes that it is still too close to home.

“These actions are disappointing,” said Stewart. “As the City of Anniston continues to move forward toward progression we are frequently reminded at times how much further we, together with our surrounding cities and communities, still have to go. This is one of those times.

“We are on the move as a city together as one and will not allow anyone to derail our mission to improve quality of life here for all citizens in northeast Alabama.”

The Anniston Police Department is asking residents from the Saks community to contact its investigative division at (256) 240-4000 if any other problems arise, or with any information related to the incidents.

### **The City of Anniston**

Nicknamed “The Model City” by founders Samuel Noble and General Daniel Tyler, the city of Anniston is the commercial and industrial center of Calhoun County. The city was incorporated in 1883 and is located in the Appalachian foothills of Alabama, providing an array of living options, business opportunities, and recreational activities such as biking on the Chief Ladiga Trail and visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit [anniston.al.gov](http://anniston.al.gov).