

ORDINANCE NO. 19-O-13

**AMENDING SECTION 4.31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
GOVERNING REGISTRATION OF DOGS AND CATS**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Anniston, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4.31 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Anniston, Alabama, 1981 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 4.31. Registration; Fees.

(a) **Registration of Dogs and Cats.** The owner or person in charge of a dog or cat that is more than four (4) months of age and resides in the city or its police jurisdiction shall register the dog or cat with the City of Anniston or its authorized agent. The owner or person in charge shall provide to the registrar the following:

- (1) The name, sex, breed, color, age, gender and other identifying characteristics of the dog or cat;
- (2) The name and address of the owner, person in charge, and/or residence of the dog or cat; and
- (3) Valid proof that the dog or cat has been inoculated against rabies in accordance with state and local law.

(b) **License for Dogs and Cats.** The owner or person in charge of a dog or cat that is required to be registered, as set forth above in Subsection (a), shall obtain either an annual or lifetime license for each dog or cat from the City of Anniston or its authorized agent. The annual license shall be effective for 365 days from the date of issuance and must be renewed each year before its expiration during the lifetime of the dog or cat. The lifetime license shall only be issued for a dog or cat that has been spayed or neutered, and it shall be effective for the life of the dog or cat. No license shall be issued without proof that the dog or cat has received a valid rabies vaccination.

(c) **Annual and Lifetime License Fees.**

(1) The owner or person in charge shall pay a fee to the City of Anniston for each annual or lifetime license, in the amounts set forth below, which is to be charged to offset the costs of the registration, licensing and control of dogs and cats within the City and its police jurisdiction.

License Type	Sterilization	Amount
Annual License Fee	Spayed or Neutered	\$7.00
Annual License Fee	Un-Spayed or Un-Neutered	\$30.00
Lifetime License Fee	Spayed or Neutered	\$25.00

(2) In order to obtain an annual license or lifetime license for a dog or cat that has been spayed or neutered, the owner or person in charge shall provide proof of sterilization by letter or certificate signed by licensed veterinarian and identifying the dog or cat by name, description, breed, color, age, gender, and owner or person in charge. Alternatively, the owner or person in charge may submit the dog or cat to physical examination by the City's animal control officer for the purpose of verifying its sterilization.

(3) The owner or person in charge may submit a letter or certificate from a licensed veterinarian stating that a dog or cat should not be sterilized, either because it is less than six (6) months old or for other legitimate health reasons. In such cases, the owner or person in charge may obtain an annual license by payment of the fee in the amount charged for sterilized dogs or cats.

(4) The owner or person in charge of a dog or cat that has been spayed or neutered may provide proof that he or she has an annual income of no more than \$25,000.00 or that he or she is a recipient of Medicaid, Social Security Disability or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In such case, the owner or person in charge shall receive a lifetime license for the sterilized dog or cat without paying the license fee.

(5) In the event that the owner or person in charge renews an annual license for a dog or cat more than 30 days after the expiration of the license, he or shall pay a \$5.00 late fee in addition to the annual license fee.

(d) **Authorized Agents.** The City Manager, upon recommendation of the City's animal control officer and Finance Director, may authorize a licensed veterinarian or other appropriate agent to register, license and/or collect license fees for dogs and cats in accordance with this Section. Any such authorized agent shall provide a bond, in such form or amount as the Finance Director deems appropriate, to ensure the agent's collection and payment of all fees owed to the City. The Finance Director may pay the cost of the bond from the City's treasury. The City Manager may agree to pay such authorized agents an administrative fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the fees collected, or \$1.00 for each license purchased, whichever is greater. It shall be unlawful for any person, entity or organization to represent himself, herself, or itself as an authorized agent of the City without a written agreement with the City Manager conferring such authority and including the agent's promise to pay the City all amounts owed under the agency agreement.

Section 2. This ordinance shall have force and effect in the police jurisdiction of the City of Anniston, and it shall take effect immediately upon the expiration of the thirtieth day following its passage, adoption and publication as required by law.

Section 3. Upon its passage and adoption, the City Clerk is ordered and directed to publish this ordinance in The Anniston Star, a newspaper of general circulation published within


the City of Anniston, Alabama. The City Clerk is further directed to submit a copy of this ordinance and proof of publication and 30-day notice of its applicability within the police jurisdiction to the Alabama Department of Revenue for posting on the Atlas Alabama state website in accordance with Ala. Code § 11-40-10.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 5th day of November, 2019.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ANNISTON, ALABAMA**



Jack Draper, Mayor



Jay W. Jenkins, Council Member

NO

David E. Reddick, Council Member


NO

Benjamin L. Little, Council Member



Millie Harris, Council Member

ATTEST:



Skyler Bass, City Clerk

City of Anniston

P.O. Box 2168 Anniston, AL 36202

November 8, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

This is a notice to acknowledge that that attached Ordinance 19-O-13, Amending Section 4.31 of the Code of Ordinances Governing Registration of Dogs and Cats, shall be effective in the City of Anniston, Alabama as adopted by the City Council of Anniston, Alabama on November 8, 2019. This notice is also to acknowledge publication of said ordinance on November 8, 2019. Per Code of Alabama 11-40-10 the City of Anniston requests that this ordinance be posted on the Atlas Alabama State Website.



Skyler Bass
City Clerk

California man indicted on murder charge

BY MIA KORTRIGHT
The Anniston Star

A Calhoun County grand jury indicted a California man last month after he allegedly killed a South Carolina man near Oxford in June.

The grand jury indicted Albero Isordia Santos, 24, of Kingsburg, Calif., on a murder charge.

Calhoun County Sheriff's deputies charged Santos with murder June 7, the day after authorities found the body of 32-year-old RaCha Dawkins of Europe, S.C., in a mobile home on

Lewis Drive near Oxford.

Deputies told The Star in June that they were called to the scene around noon after receiving reports of gunshots in the area. Deputies said they found Santos suffering from gunshot wounds on the side of Lott Drive and found Dawkins' body in the home shortly after.

According to deputies, neighbors reported seeing Santos run out of the home and another person drive away in a white car around the time of the shooting.

Deputies said they found drugs in

Dawkins' rental car and evidence that he had been ambushed. The mobile home Dawkins was found in did not appear to be lived in, they said.

Santos remained in jail Thursday with bond set at \$1 million cash. He is set to appear in court at 9 a.m. Dec. 19 for an arraignment.

Santos' attorney, Justin Wilson, said his client plans to plead not guilty.

Murder is a Class A felony. If convicted, Santos could face a life sentence in prison and up to a \$60,000 fine, according to state law.

Pell City man charged with sexually abusing child

BY MIA KORTRIGHT
The Anniston Star

Calhoun County authorities charged a Pell City man Monday after they said he sexually abused a child for nearly five years.

The 32-year-old man was charged by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office. Major charges are dropped if the suspect is convicted. The Star does not publish the names of victims of sex crimes.

Sexual abuse of a child younger than 12 is a Class B felony, which can result in up to two decades in prison and up to a \$60,000 fine upon conviction, according to court documents.

The man was booked into jail with bond set at \$7,500 and released on bond, according to court documents.

The Star typically withholds the names of those accused of sex crimes until they are convicted or plead guilty, as the stigma that can accompany such charges can linger even if charges are dropped or the suspect is exonerated.

An attempt to reach the major crimes unit for more information on the man's arrest was not immediately successful.

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said, "I was his strongest advocate. I still am. We must make America great again."

The anonymous e-mail came after several weeks of public leaks and private maneuvering during which the former attorney general tested the waters about running for what would be his fifth term in the Senate. He gave up his seat in 2017 after Trump nominated him and the Senate confirmed him.

But their relationship soon soured as Sessions, an adviser to Trump's first presidential campaign, decided to reinvent himself from overseeing the Justice Department's investigation into whether Trump and his associates worked illegally with Russians to interfere in the 2016 election. Trump has never forgiven Sessions, who was the first member of the Senate to endorse his presidential bid.

Trump's dislike could make for a rough road ahead for Sessions: Republicans who find themselves in Trump's political cross hairs rarely fare well with their party's voters, and the president has sent word to the former attorney general through allies that he would publicly attack him if he went ahead with the campaign.

But Sessions has been an admired figure in Alabama Republican politics for four decades and, by many accounts, remains popular there despite the withering scorn Trump has leveled at him. Among other insults, Trump has accused Sessions of betrayal and of being a "total joke" of a leader at the Justice Department. More recently, the president has referred to him as a "jerk" in private conversations.

Sessions did not undertake the decision to run again lightly. He sought out advice on the fare from



Bridget Bennett/The New York Times/File

Then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions addresses a crowd at the National Association of School Resource Officers' School Safety and Policing Conference at the Peppermill Resort and Casino in Reno, Nev., June 25, 2010. Sessions formally announced on Thursday that he was entering the Senate race in Alabama, a decision that will likely put him on a collision course with President Donald Trump, who still harbors resentment toward him.

dozens of friends and associates in Alabama, Washington and beyond in recent weeks. He commissioned polling to test how strong a contender he would be in a Republican primary that is already quite crowded with well-known names. The numbers came back indicating that the race was winnable, according to one person who is close to him.

Alabama Republicans have a history of voting their will — regardless of what Trump tells them to do. Two years ago during the special election to fill Sessions' old seat, Trump endorsed Luther Strange, the Republican leadership's preferred candidate. Strange lost the primary to Roy Moore, the former state chief judge who has a large following among religious conservatives there.

In the general election, Trump endorsed Moore and stood by him even after several women came forward to say that the judge had touched them inappropriately when they were teenagers. Moore lost the race to Sen. Doug Jones, who is the first Democrat to represent Alabama in the Senate in a generation.

The prospect of another divisive primary is making many Republicans nervous that Jones could be re-elected, which would impede the party's ability to keep its Senate majority. Moore is running again and announced his bid last June. Two other candidates also appear to be formidable: Rep. Bradley Byrne, whose district is near Mobile, and Tommy Tuberville, the former Auburn University football coach.



Trent Penney/The Anniston Star

University Police Department officer Sgt. Jerry Perkins chats with twin JSU students Arisa and Ariya Davins.

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in "The Hate U Give," the main character's friend is killed by a police officer. Dickerson said the officer's name was rarely mentioned in the book, and he was mainly referred to by his badge number.

Dickerson said students realized that they didn't know the names of any of their school's police, and decided to change that.

Dickerson said the class was given the option of hosting the meet-and-greet with police, raising money for faith in Action Alabama or setting up group counseling sessions for students.

Dickerson said he and his classmates voted to try all three.

Reed said she was proud of what her students accomplished through the project. She said her students saw a good turnout for the meet-and-greet and raised around \$300 for Faith in Action.

Wood said he believed the meet-and-greet, and events like it, fostered a sense of trust and familiarity between officers and the public.

"A lot of college students have the 'CSI' or the 'Blue Bloods' and the reality TV portion of what law enforcement is about," Wood said. "In situations like this, it really breaks that barrier down and they can ask those questions they've always wanted to answer."

Sumner said the event also gave students room to give university police feedback and express concerns.

"We want to make sure our students understand that if they have an issue, if they feel there's something that needs to be addressed, they can come to us," Sumner said. "We want to hear from them."

Sumner said university police try to host a similar event each semester, but they decided to participate in the class event after hearing about it.

After 30 minutes on the quad, Wood and Sumner both said they had some good conversations with students. Sumner said he expected that maybe 100 students would approach the event but was glad when the event was so well attended.

Freshmen Kara Neisha Dumas and Morgan Hayes said they saw the event after leaving a class and were intrigued. Hayes said she learned a lot from talking with the officers.

"We like the fact that each one has the main goal of protecting and serving us," Hayes said. "It makes it feel better on this campus, especially with a lot going on in the world."

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PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of November 2013.
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

By: Jack Drapel, Mayor
By: Jay W. Jenkins, Council Member
By: Mike Harris, Council Member

Attest:
Seyler Bess, City Clerk

