

State of Alabama
Madison County

NOTICE OF CLAIM
CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA
ATHENS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is [REDACTED]. I am over the age of nineteen (19) and have actual knowledge of the matters related in this Notice of Claim. On November 18, 2023, I was travelling west on Alabama Highway 72 approaching its controlled intersection with Wall Triana Highway in Madison County, Alabama. As I entered the left turning lanes of Highway 72 a vehicle suddenly appeared traveling east in my lane of traffic. I had no time to avoid a collision and our vehicles struck head-on. Following calls to 911 placed by bystanders, officers of the City of Madison Police Department came to the accident scene.

The driver who hit me did exit his vehicle after the impact but made no attempt to check on me or my passenger. We were both sitting in the roadway having suffered severe injuries. We were eventually helped from the roadway by bystanders and immediately placed in ambulances once they arrived and were transported to Huntsville Hospital.

The driver of the other vehicle was Isaiah Martavius Hatchett, an officer with the Athens, Alabama Police Department. The investigating officers knew Mr. Hatchett was a police officer and recorded this on the Uniform Traffic Crash Report. Mr. Hatchett had open alcohol containers in his vehicle and was cited for driving on the wrong side of the highway and an open container violation. He was issued standardized field sobriety and ARIDE tests which were indicated as being "inconclusive." Mr. Hatchett would not provide the investigating officers with any meaningful information about the accident.

During the investigation of the accident a Lieutenant from the Athens Police Department arrived on the scene and spoke with the investigating officers. Mr. Hatchett was allowed to leave the scene of the accident with no attempt to obtain definitive breath or blood tests for alcohol in a driver who had open alcohol containers in his vehicle and who was driving on the wrong side of a major highway at approximately 2:30 a.m.

It is believed that Isaiah Martavius Hatchett had been in attendance at a party organized by Athens Police Department officers/officials and/or Madison Police Department officers/officials. It is further believed that the Athens Police Department Lieutenant mentioned previously, was also in attendance at the party and had direct knowledge of the intoxicated state of Isaiah Martavius Hatchett when he left the party in his personal vehicle.

I believe the investigating officers from the City of Madison Police Department were persuaded by the senior official of the Athens Police Department to release Isaiah Martavius Hatchett as a "favor" or "courtesy."

I am hereby making a claim against the City of Athens for evidence spoliation, civil conspiracy to commit evidence spoliation and claims under 42 U.S.C. §1983 in the amount of \$500,000.00.

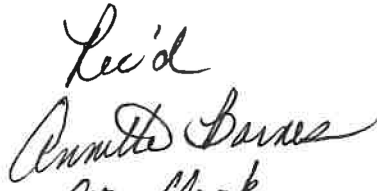
Further the deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this the 29th day of 2024.



Notary Public
MCE: 3/30/25

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[REDACTED]

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