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Phillip and Tammy Rodgers of Butler, AL are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Toni Catherine Rodgers, to Ashton Russell McDonald, son of Rev. Shad and Cathy McDonald of Texarkana, AR.

Toni is the granddaughter of William and Jeannine Rodgers, and Leon and Catherine Todd all of Butler.

Ashton is the grandson of Rev. Russell and Carolyn McDonald of Moss Point, MS, and Ralph and Allie Tiner of Waynesboro, MS.

Ashton is employed with The Lighthouse and Flooring in Nash, TX.

The wedding will take place on Friday, February 23, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the House of Prayer Holiness Church in Texarkana, AR.

New Arrivals!



Abigail Lee Thornton

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Proud parents, Donnie and Marie Thornton, of Kennedy, AL would like to announce the arrival of their bundle of joy, Abigail Lee Thornton.

She was born at Northwest Medical Center in Winfield, AL, at 1:16 p.m. on January 15, 2007 Abigail weighed 6lb. 4.7oz. and was 19 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are the late Betty Sturdivant of Needham, AL, and James Jenkins of Kennedy, AL.

Great-grandparents are Jasper and Betty Shirley of Needham, AL, and Roy and Francis Strickland of Millport, AL.

Mrs. Thornton is the former Alicia Marie Jenkins of Needham, AL.



Zachary Clark Taylor

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Roger & Paige Taylor would like to announce the birth of their son Zachary Clark Taylor. He was born at Rush Hospital in Meridian on February 4, 2007 at 12:51 a.m. He weighed 7lb. 8 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Zach was welcomed home by his big sister & brother Tatum & Trey.

Samantha Teagan Casey

Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. (Andrea) Casey of Portland, Oregon wish to announce the birth of their daughter Samantha Teagan Casey. She arrived November 20, 2006. She weighed 6 lb. 9 oz. And was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Ronald & Harriet Turner of Nashville, TN. Paternal grandparents are Charles & Sharon (Roberts) Casey of Gilbertown.

Butler named group vice-president at SunTrust Bank

SAVANNAH, Georgia — SunTrust Bank has promoted Shelly Butler to group vice president.

Mardie Herndon, president and chief executive officer of SunTrust Bank, Savannah, said that Butler is area manager of nine retail offices in the Savannah area overseeing the coaching, sales, service, goals and staffing of each branch.

Butler's career with SunTrust began in 1996 and she has worked in increasingly responsible positions. She is currently a senior at Armstrong-Atlantic University pursuing a bachelor's degree in economics. In addition to her responsibilities at SunTrust, Butler serves on the Garden City Elementary School Council as a Business partner, and a 2006 member of the SunTrust Bank Georgia Region Mentorship Program.

She and her family are members of the Hinesville Holy Church of God.

She is the daughter of Gary and Brenda Adams, of Gilbertown.

SunTrust Banks, Inc., headquartered in Atlanta,



Shelly Butler

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Beef

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Chevrolet Camaro bearing Virginia license plates at the entrance to Memorial Park Road off Ala. 17 between Gilbertown and Toxey.

According to Gilbertown Chief of Police Tom Abate, the car had allegedly been speeding north out of Gilbertown. When Dunn stopped the vehicle, the driver, Keith Green, of Quitman, Miss. attempted to flee into Skinner Park, only to find a locked gate blocking his getaway. The car slid to a stop at the gate and Green jumped from the vehicle and ran on foot toward Ala. 17.

Two other occupants of the car — Sarah Raeshon Watts and Gregory McGee, both of Quitman — jumped from the car and Dunn ordered them at gunpoint to get on the ground while calling for backup. That call was answered immediately by Chief Abate, auxiliary policeman Rodney Watts, Choctaw Co. Sheriff's Deputies Kenny Dixon and Robert Cottrell, and Butler policemen Randy Pinkerton and Randy Adams, and others.

With two suspects in custody, officers searched the car and discovered a total of 18 packages of steaks and other meat worth more than \$230, along with about \$60 worth of female undergarments, allegedly taken from the Dollar General in Gilbertown.

Officers took packages of the meat to Piggly Wiggly where employees identified the meat as having come from the Gilbertown store, and an alert was issued for Green,

who fled the scene wearing jeans, a T-shirt and a dark jacket.

According to Abate, Watts allegedly went first into the Dollar General, came out and stashed the stolen underwear in the vehicle. She and McGee then went into Piggly Wiggly where McGee caused a diversion in the front of the store while Watts stuffed packages of the meat into her clothing. "They came out of the store and the driver allegedly drove to GoCo's where they bought gas," Abate said.

Then, they went back to Piggly Wiggly a second time where Watts went in and allegedly concealed even more steaks in her clothing and walked out the front door.

At that point, the trio headed north on Ala. 17, which is where Dunn clocked them for speeding and pulled the vehicle over.

While Watts and McGee were being taken to the Sheriff's Department in Butler for processing and questioning, Green — who was on foot — made his way the mile or so to Gilbertown where he allegedly attempted to break into the Volunteer Fire Department to use a phone to call someone to come and pick him up.

A window was broken, but Green failed to get inside, Abate said. At that point, he went next door to Alabama Southern Community College and allegedly broke out a window in the rear of the building and went inside.

While inside, he used a shovel he found to break into the door of the office. There, he allegedly broke into the cash box and took approximately \$700 in currency.

Abate said that while in the office, Green used the phone to call a girlfriend to come and get him at the Fire Station across the street.

If the night's event weren't strange enough already, Abate said, the man who allegedly came to get Green ran out of gas near the intersection of the Barrytown Road and Ala. 17.

Two off-duty police officers spotted the man — who closely matched the description given out of Green on police radios — walking east on the Barrytown Road and stopped to question him.

"He told them he was called to pick up a guy whose vehicle had broken down at the Fire Station," Abate said. "Units were dispatched and that's when we saw a window had been broken out."

Officers set up a perimeter around the area, but Green, however, managed to slip by them and ran through the woods to the nearby Mosley Bridge Road where he knocked on a resident's door and allegedly offered him \$50 if the man would drive him to Quitman.

While officers were processing the break-in at the Fire Department, another off-duty officer spotted a pickup bearing Mississippi tags and notified officers that they thought the suspect — Green — was in the passenger seat of that vehicle.

Oddly enough, the driver lives here but his truck has Mississippi license plates, which is one of the reasons why the officer noticed the truck in the first place, Abate said.

"It was just one of those lucky breaks that you get every now and then," Abate said.

The vehicle was stopped on Doggett Road where officers found Green lying on the floor of the truck.

In the vehicle, officers found approximately \$600 in cash. The driver also told officers that the man had given him an Alabama Southern mug filled with loose change which had been left at his residence.

"We sent units to Alabama Southern where we found that the college had indeed been broken into," Abate said.

Green is charged with two counts of theft of property, one count of burglary (3rd degree), and one count of attempted burglary.

Watts and McGee are charged with two counts each of theft of property.

According to officials, all three have prior arrest records in the state of Mississippi.

The vehicle allegedly belongs to a female friend of Green in Virginia whose husband is reportedly serving in the Persian Gulf aboard a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier. The car was towed by Mosley Body Shop Wrecker Service to the jail where it was impounded.

Abate said he wanted to thank the dispatchers, and officers, both on-duty and off-duty, who rushed to help during the incident, and gave a special thanks to Officer Dunn for his alert, quick actions that led to the stopping of the vehicle and the immediate apprehension of two of the suspects.

He also thanked businesses in Gilbertown and Silas whose video surveillance cameras played a big role in gaining confessions from the three individuals.

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