

D'IBERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Chief Wayne H. Payne

PRESS RELEASE

D'Iberville Chief of Police Wayne Payne announced as a result of the devastating storms of the early morning of March 28, 2009, Eugene Dixon Jr., 36 years of age, of D'Iberville, MS, died. Initial investigation suggests that Mr. Dixon was on his way home from work around 2:30 a.m. when his vehicle was over taken by flood waters.

At approximately 2:30 a.m., two residents of the Forest Cove community heard someone "screaming". However, they believed it to be their neighbors arguing and did not notify police immediately. At approximately 4:04 a.m., one of the residents observed taillights in a drainage channel behind his residence. D'Iberville Police Officers responded to the call at 4:06 a.m. and located a vehicle. The vehicle was wedged against a tree in the drainage channel. Officers observed the driver's side window down. Officers conducted a search of the area and were unable to locate anyone needing assistance.

After the storm subsided, Officers returned to the area to investigate the abandoned vehicle. During the investigation, Officers learned the vehicle was registered to Dixon. As a result of a second search of the area, Officers found Dixon's body approximately 200 yards from his vehicle.

Captain Keith Davis of the Criminal Investigation's Division said residents in the area described the water level as "tremendous" during the storm. One resident said the water was so high at one point, he personally stood outside to deter motorists from driving through the area where Dixon's vehicle was overtaken by swift flowing waters, due to the water being pushed inside his residence.

Harrison County Coroner Gary Hargrove responded to the scene. After identifying Dixon's body, Hargrove notified the family. This investigation is ongoing.

The D'Iberville Police Department seeks the assistance of the community for any information about criminal activity in the D'Iberville community. Please contact the Police Department at 228-396-4252 or Crime Stoppers. Callers can remain anonymous.

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