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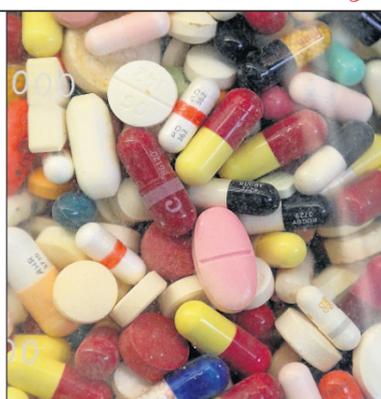
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## State approves landfill addition permit

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Perhaps the third time's a charm for the city of Dothan for its landfill expansion.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management published

a letter Monday notifying it had approved Dothan's permit to continue landfill operations and a modification that allows the city to expand the facility to 522.19 acres.

This is at least the third time the department has granted the city's applica-

tion for an expansion, but the others encountered a variety of legal challenges — leading to a cancellation by the agency the first time and another at the city's request.

City officials have been planning a landfill expansion for most of the de-

cade, initiating the purchase of extra land for the project in 2012. The current landfill has been closed since May 2014 due to capacity concerns.

Since then, the city has transported its garbage to a transfer station, where Waste Away Group has

carried it to a landfill in Campbellton, Florida. The contract with Waste Away has cost the city between \$70,000 and \$80,000 per month for most of the deal, but the costs recently have approached \$1 million per year, said Dothan Public Works Director Charles

Metzger.

The Department of Environmental Management's decision allows city officials to move forward with construction, though, civil appeals can still be filed. Metzger said his office will

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## MORE RELIEF TO COME



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President Donald Trump speaks to supporters Wednesday at a campaign rally at Aaron Bessant Amphitheater in Panama City Beach, Florida. More photos from the rally can be found in the photo gallery section at dothaneagle.com.

### President tells rally federal storm aid is en route

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump promised a swift infusion of federal aid to the Florida Panhandle seven months after

the devastating Hurricane Michael as he rallied supporters Wednesday for his re-election.

Trump addressed a crowd of thousands at an outdoor amphitheater, looking to rally loyalists in the reliably Republican

corner of the swing state as he kicks his 2020 efforts into high gear. Federal emergency funds to the area hit by the Category 5 hurricane and elsewhere have been caught up in a Washington standoff over Trump's op-

position to more hurricane aid for Puerto Rico.

"You're getting your money one way or another," Trump promised supporters in Pana-

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## Pharma scheme leads to charges

From staff reports

A Troy woman and a Marianna, Florida, woman face multiple charges in a large health care and mail fraud scheme involving an Alabama-based pharmaceutical company.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama in Birmingham announced the charges this week, which stem from a multistate investigation. Officials allege the owners and several employees of Haleyville-based Northside Pharmacy (doing business as Global Compounding Pharmacy) bilked insurance companies and governmental programs of more than \$50 million through a variety of methods.

The charges range from health care and mail fraud and related conspiracy charges to aggravated identity theft.

Lori Dawn Edenfield, 45, a nurse practitioner in the Florida Panhandle, faces the second-largest number of charges at 32, while Lisa Holmes, 40, of Troy faces 12 counts.

Holmes served as a district supervisor of sales representatives for Global. The U.S. Attorney Gen-

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## City to use PetSmart to arrange adoptions

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In an attempt to lower euthanasia rates, the city of Dothan has created a partnership with PetSmart to use store space for adoptions.

The Dothan City Commission approved the agreement, which comes

at no cost to the city, during a Tuesday meeting. Dothan police Chief Steve Parrish said the city has entered into this partnership before, but the contract lapsed at some point.

The local PetSmart — in the Shops on the Circle retail subdivision — provides greater visibility for some of the animals at Dothan Animal Shelter oversees, Parrish said.

"A lot of people go there to adopt animals," he said.

"It's a great program."

In other actions, the commission:

- » Approved the rezoning of land located west of Murphy Mill Landing from A-C (agricultural-conservation) to R-2 (residential single-family, medium density) by a 5-1 vote. District 1 Commissioner Kevin Dorsey dissented; District 6 Commissioner David Crutchfield did not attend the meeting.
- » Approved the rezoning

of property owned by the Boys & Girls Club of the Wiregrass at 435 S. Alice St. from L-1 (light industrial) to B-2 (highway commercial).

- » Approved a restaurant retail liquor license (on premise) for Fire Stone Wood Fired Pizza and Grill at 250 S. Oates St. and approved a special retail license — more than 30 days (on or off premise) for

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## Judge finds Jackson competent to be tried

BY MICHELE W. FOREHAND  
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A judge found a Dothan man accused in the 2018 slaying of his girlfriend is competent to stand trial. Antonio Perez Jackson, 35, is charged in the death of Brandy Lee Mancil, 36, who was found beaten to death on May 24, 2018.

The court issued an

order for Jackson to participate in a psychological examination on Dec. 14, Jackson



On May 3, Circuit Judge Larry Anderson ruled

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# Court reschedules manslaughter trial

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A manslaughter trial originally set for March as been rescheduled to Aug. 5 for a Dothan man charged with shooting his teenage friend.

Fisher Corbin Shipes, 20, was arrested May 21, 2018, in the fatal shooting of Christian Mullins, 19.

Shipes is out on bond. A Houston County grand jury indicted Shipes

late last year, after which his attorney filed an application to have Shipes designated a youthful offender in November. Houston County Judge Todd Derrick denied the application.



Shipes

Police responded shortly before 7 p.m. May 21, 2018, to a report of a firearm as-

sault in the 2100 block of Baker Trace and found Mullins with a shotgun wound. It was first reported that Mullins was shot by an unknown assailant. According to police, Shipes fired a shotgun at Mullins from across the room, striking the victim in the abdomen. Police have determined alcohol was involved.

Dothan police Investigator Curtis Stephens previously told the *Dothan*

*Eagle* that several people in the home were looking at the firearm before the shooting.

"Several of the teenagers were looking at the gun, but everyone decided to leave the area but Fisher," Stephens said. "Fisher went back to the area where the other teenagers were located carrying the firearm."

Stephens said Shipes believed he had properly unloaded the shotgun; how-

ever, he was not familiar with that type of shotgun, and it was still loaded. Fisher fired the shotgun from across the room.

Mullins was transported by ambulance to the Southeast Alabama Medical Center, where he later died.

According to the Code of Alabama Section 13A-6-3, a person commits the crime of manslaughter if he "recklessly caused the death of another person"

or "under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life, he or she recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death and thereby causes the death except that he caused the death to sudden heat of passion caused by provocation and before a reasonable time for the passion to cool."

The Class B felony carries a possible prison sentence of two to 20 years.



MAX ODEW/EAGLE FILE

Dothan's city landfill reached capacity several years ago. This week, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management approved a plan to expand the landfill at its current location.

## Landfill

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consult with the new city manager, Kevin Cowper, Mayor Mark Saliba and Dothan commissioners about when to proceed with construction.

*If city leaders give their approval soon, the Public Works Department could let bids for the project in June and open the bids in July.*

"It's good to at least be at a point where we can make a decision (regarding that)," Saliba said. "We'll get together and come up

with a plan." If city leaders give their approval soon, the Public Works Department could let bids for the project in

June and open the bids in July, Metzger said. That would allow construction to begin in August or September.

"We're excited about the permit and trying to move forward," Metzger said, adding his department projects the expansion will cost about \$2.5 million.

## Tried

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that, based on the mental competency report dated March 2, the defendant is competent to stand trial. The mental evaluation report also stated Jackson was competent at the time of Mancil's death.

No trial date has been set at this time.

Officers responded to the 1200 block of Burbank Street on May 24, 2018, in response to a medical emergency. They found Mancil in the residence suffering from life-threat-

ening injuries, according to police. Emergency personnel took her to Flowers Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

In 2006, Jackson pleaded guilty to third-degree domestic violence stemming from an incident in which he grabbed Mancil by her throat and choked her. He received probation in the case and was ordered to serve time in the local community corrections program.

He was charged with third-degree escape in 2008. That charge was dismissed after he completed a pretrial diversion program.

## Pharma

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eral's Office said Global used a multipronged scheme to bill health insurance plans and prescription plan administrators for more than \$200 million — of which it collected more than \$50 million. The scheme included:

» Paying prescribers to issue prescriptions.

» Directing employees to obtain unnecessary prescriptions for themselves and loved ones.

» Altering prescriptions to include controlled substances such as Ketamine and Tramadol.

» Automatically refilling prescriptions despite patient need.

» Billing for drugs without patient knowledge.

The scheme targeted Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama and governmental health insurance programs like Medicare, TRICARE and Department of Veterans Affairs plans, among others.

The charges are connected to 18 earlier arrests that have resulted in 18 plea agreements.

## For The Record

The following people have been arrested by the Houston County Sheriff's Office. They have not been convicted. Information is provided by the Houston County Sheriff's Office..

### May 3

» Jared Michael Manuel, 36, two counts of third-degree burglary, one count of second-degree burglary, four counts of fraudulent use of credit/debit card.

» Chad Elliott Watson, 35, failure to appear in court on a charge of first-degree possession of a forged instrument, probation violation on four counts of first-degree possession of a forged instrument.

» Johnny Ray Whatley, 46, first-degree theft of property.

» Johnathon Tyler Joyner, 25, receiving stolen property.

» Steven LaNicholas Gordon, 25, unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle, using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder.

» Michael Lashun Goolsby, 45, chemical endangerment of a child.

» Patience Chante Ciera Cochran, 26, from county chemical endangerment of a child, failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree burglary, possession of a controlled substance.

### May 4

» Victoria Annette Goodson, 27, failure to appear in court on a charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, failure to

appear in court on a charge of second-degree possession of a forged instrument.

### May 6

» Haley Lynn Pace, 23, two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

» Kevin Lee Monkman, 29, second-degree aggravated assault-police officer-strong arm.

» Mikal Kenneth Manning, 32, unlawful manufacturing a controlled substance.

» Kevin Reshad Turner, 31, first-degree burglary residence-force.

» Deanna Lee Stidham, 35, identity theft.

» Patrick Thomas Kervin, 30, two counts of probation violation on a charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

» Christopher Dale Garner, 34, two counts of second-degree assault, failure to appear in court on a charge of first-degree assault, fugitive warrant through the Alabama Department of Corrections.

» Jaquan Raheem Coring, 21, failure to appear in court on two counts of first-degree robbery.

» Blake Levoy Dooling, 25, failure to appear in court on six counts of breaking and entering a vehicle, failure to appear in court on a charge of first-degree theft of property, failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree burglary, failure to appear in court on eight counts of fraudulent use of a credit card, three counts of chemical endangerment of a child.

» Mario Sherron Calhoun, 29, second-degree forgery, second-degree theft of property, probation violation on a charge of first-degree theft of property, probation violation on a charge of second-degree theft of property, probation violation on a charge of illegal possession of a credit/debit card.

» Amanda Lynn Benton, 25, failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree burglary, three counts of chemical

endangerment of a child.

### May 7

» Jeffrey Mcleod, 50, possession of

methamphetamine.

» Alexander Oneal Hardy, 28, failure to appear in court on 13 counts of first-degree theft of

property.

» Angelica Faith Bennett, 25, unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

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