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FASTER ROAD WORK?

Road officials are looking for ways to speed up the massive, two-year road construction project planned for Alabama Highway 69 South and Skyland Boulevard



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BUHL MAN PLEADS GUILTY

Tuscaloosa County man threatened to commit a mass shooting at the Northport Walmart last month, police say

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Tuscaloosa truck driver earns Carnegie medal



Andre' Harris, a driver for Bambarger Wrecker Service, recently rescued a child from a burning vehicle. He is seen Friday August 3, 2018.

André Harris saved infant from burning car last year

By Stephanie Taylor
Staff Writer

A Tuscaloosa tow truck driver who saved an infant from a burning car last year has been awarded the Carnegie Hero Medal.

André Harris, 33, was one of 18 recipients of the honor, given to civilians who risk their lives while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

Harris was working for Bambarger Wrecker Service the night of July 27, 2018, when he saw a woman

running away from an overturned and burning vehicle.

Alexus Jenkins, 23, had pulled her 7-month-old son Demarcus Richardson from his car seat, but was unable to pull him from the car. Harris lay down on his stomach and broke out the passenger rear window with his fist.

"I got it broken and was reaching in the car, literally fumbling around," Harris told The Tuscaloosa News in August. "I couldn't see because of the smoke. I felt a tiny leg and just started pulling."

Harris was worried the car could burst into flames, so he held Demarcus in his left arm and pulled Jenkins up the hill with his right. She had flipped the car when swerving to avoid deer on the section of road where Mount Olive Road meets U.S. Highway 171. "We got to the top of the hill, I looked back and the whole compartment where the baby had been was engulfed in flames," Harris said. "It wasn't until the adrenaline wore off that I'd realized what happened." Harris also

Online

See the video of rescuer Andre' Harris and the baby's mother, Alexis Jenkins, discussing how he saved her infant from a burning car in 2018 at TuscaloosaNews.com.

works as a meter reader for the city of Tuscaloosa's water department. He said God put him in the position to save the baby that night. Northport firefighters had closed off a

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Migrant kids moved after bad treatment exposed



The entrance of a Border Patrol station in Clint, Texas, is shown on Thursday. U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced the agency is quickly removing children from the patrol station following reports that children locked inside were in a perilous situation. [CEDAR ATTANASIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

By Martha Mendoza and Garance Burke
The Associated Press

The U.S. government has removed most of the children from a remote Border Patrol station in Texas following reports that more than 300 children were detained there, caring for each other with inadequate food, water and sanitation.

Just 30 children remained at the facility near El Paso Monday, said Rep. Veronica Escobar after her office was briefed on the situation by an official with Customs and

Border Protection.

Attorneys who visited the Border Patrol station in Clint, Texas, last week said older children were trying to take care of infants and toddlers, The Associated Press first reported Thursday. They described a 4-year-old with matted hair who had gone without a shower for days, and hungry, inconsolable children struggling to soothe one another. Some had been locked for three weeks inside the facility, where 15 children were sick

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High court orders Price execution records unsealed

Inmate was executed for killing Fayette County preacher in 1991

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY — The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday ordered court filings unsealed related to a recent execution in Alabama.

Justices granted a request from NPR and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press to make the court filings public without having portions blacked out. The filings related to Christopher Lee Price's request for a stay prior to his May execution. Attorneys for Price argued that the state's lethal injection method is unconstitutionally painful.

The briefs filed in the case before the U.S. Supreme Court were heavily redacted as Alabama sought to keep its execution protocol "confidential."

NPR asked that unredacted versions of the briefs be made public. Justices agreed.

Alabama did not oppose the request, according to a court filing, since a federal appellate court recently ruled in another case that Alabama can't keep its lethal injection protocol secret.

Lawyers for the state wrote that the prison system maintains security concerns over the release of some execution procedures, but "accepts that its protocol likely will be disclosed."

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in March sided with The Associated Press and other news outlets seeking Alabama's lethal injection protocol and other records related to an aborted 2018 execution. The state sought a full hearing before the full Circuit but that was denied.

Price, 46, was executed May 30 for killing Bill Lynn, a Church of Christ minister in rural Fayette County, on Dec. 22, 1991.

Representatives of the Alabama attorney general's Office did not have an immediate comment on Monday's decision.

None of the documents have been made public yet.

Editor's Note

Two pages in Sunday's Today section — Pages D2 and D5 — were incorrect because of a production error. Those pages, as well as Page D1 from that section, are included inside today's paper as Pages A5-7

