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### OXFORD

## Attorney: Ricin suspect 'did not do this'

Associated Press

A Mississippi man charged with mailing letters with suspected ricin to national leaders was surprised by his arrest and maintains he is innocent, his attorney said Thursday after his first court appearance.

Paul Kevin Curtis, 45, wore shackles and a Johnny Cash T-shirt in the federal court-

room. His handcuffs were taken off for the brief hearing, and he said little.

He faces two charges on accusations of threatening President Barack Obama and Mississippi Sen. Roger Wicker among others.

He nodded his head and said, "Yes, ma'am" when the judge asked whether he understood the charges and



**Paul Kevin Curtis**  
Charged in ricin-laced mailings

possible penalties  
He did not enter a plea on the two charges. The judge said

a preliminary hearing and a detention hearing are scheduled for 3 p.m. today.

Attorney Christi R. McCoy said Curtis "maintains 100 percent that he did not do this."

"I know Kevin, I know his family," she said. "This is a huge shock."

McCoy said she has not yet decided whether to seek a hearing to determine if Cur-

tis is mentally competent to stand trial.

Curtis, who was arrested Wednesday at his home in Corinth, near the Tennessee state line, was being held in the Lafayette County jail in Oxford.

An FBI affidavit says Curtis sent three letters with suspected ricin to President Barack Obama, U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker and a Missis-

sippi judge. The letters read:

"No one wanted to listen to me before. There are still 'Missing Pieces.' Maybe I have your attention now even if that means someone must die. This must stop. To see a wrong and not expose it, is to become a silent partner to its continuance. I am KC and I approve

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Irwin F. Edenzon, right, points the way for his ball during a putt on the 17th hole of the Shell Landing golf course during the 2012 Jolly McCarty Memorial Tournament. Watching the progress of Edenzon's putt is Ed Day. This year's "Jolly" is set for May 11. (File)

### GAUTIER

## Jolly sellout prompts new Friday tee times

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With three weeks still remaining until the first tee times, the annual Jolly McCarty Golf Tournament has sold out all available spots for Saturday's round, prompting tournament officials to add additional tee times on Friday to accommodate the

overflow.

Bacot-McCarty Foundation Executive Director Todd Trenchard said they are expecting at least 275 golfers for the May 11 event at Shell Landing Golf Club and may end up with as many as 300.

"This is the second time we've done this because of high demand," Trenchard said of the Friday tee times, "but with three weeks to go and this much interest, we wanted to add the additional tee times. We can probably

add another 10-15 teams."

"The Jolly," as the tournament is affectionately known, is a four-person scramble (select shot) format, with Saturday tee times at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Trenchard said the Friday tee times will likely range from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$250 per person, which provides for green fees and cart, a gift bag, range balls, refreshments and

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### PASCAGOULA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

## Mayoral candidates focus on riverfront, recreation, taxes

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With Mayor Robbie Maxwell choosing not to run for reelection, four contenders — two current councilmen and two businessmen — have entered Pascagoula's mayoral race.

The candidates are councilmen Frank Corder and George Wolverton and businessmen Jim Blevins and Robert Hardy.

They will face off in the Republican primary on May 7, followed by runoff May 21 if needed. The new mayor will begin his term July 1.

Maxwell, who ran unopposed in 2008, said late last year that he would not seek a second term as mayor, instead continuing his lifetime of community service in other ways. Here's a look at Pascagoula's



**Jim Blevins**  
Businessman



**Frank Corder**  
Councilman



**Robert Hardy**  
Businessman



**George Wolverton**  
Councilman

mayoral candidates:

### Jim Blevins

Blevins, a 62-year-old Chevron Corp. retiree who now works as an independent engineering and project management consultant, has said he's running "because I love my city and want to see it continue to grow into a vision of the place people on the coast

want to live in and do business."

Blevins is originally from Midland, Mich., and has lived in Pascagoula for more than 20 years.

If elected, Blevins said his priorities would include building on the long-term strategic plan, with a focus on developing the riverfront's potential

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### CITY COUNCIL

## Three incumbents defend seats; three newcomers to gain office

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The newly elected Pascagoula City Council will look quite different when its leaders take office in July, as it will have at least 3 new faces.

Ward 2 Councilman George Wolverton and Ward 4 Councilman Frank Corder are sacrificing their seats to run for mayor of the city, and Ward 5 Councilman Jim Milstead decided to retire from pub-

lic office.

Now 17 candidates — including Ward 1 incumbent Robert Stallworth, Ward 3 incumbent Joe Abston and at-large incumbent Harold Tillman — are vying for a total of 6 seats on the council.

The primary election is May 7, with runoffs set for May 21. The general election will be June 4.

Here's a look at the races for council seats ward-by-ward:

### WARD 1

The Ward 1 race is contested by incumbent Stallworth, an Independent, and Democrat Larry Taylor.

### Robert Stallworth

Stallworth, who said he is "a young 83," has been a Pascagoula councilman for 15 years.

"Going into a new term, I would focus on making this town more prosperous by cutting out some of the restrictions in our building code and focusing on things to make this someplace people want to live," he

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