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A MESSAGE FROM
MISSISSIPPI ATTORNEY GENERAL

Lynn Fitch



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I was honored to gather with partners, Children’s Advocacy Centers of Mississippi, Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault, to honor those who help victims of crime recover and become survivors as part of the annual Attorney General’s Office Outstanding Service to Crime Victims Awards Ceremony. This year’s honorees are:

- **Deputy Martin Shields, Jr. (posthumously), Hinds County Sheriff’s Department**
- **David M. Spence, District Victim Assistance Coordinator and Investigator, District Attorney’s Office, Second Circuit Court District of Mississippi**
- **Rebekah Reed, Director of Operations, S.A.F.E., Inc.**
- **Deedra Hughes, Assistant Director, Mississippi Forensics Laboratory**

In addition, we presented Excellence in Advocacy for Human Trafficking Victims Awards to nine organizations for their work with victims of trafficking. These organizations include [this year's recipients of grants](#) from the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund. The 2026 honorees are:

- **Center for Violence Prevention**
- **Domestic Abuse Family Shelter**
- **Easterseals Mississippi**
- **Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence**
- **Hope Community Collective**
- **Mississippi Coalition Against Human Trafficking**
- **Southern Christian Services**
- **Southwest Mississippi Children's Advocacy Center**
- **Sunnybrook Children's Home**

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate these incredible individuals and organizations that selflessly walk alongside people on their darkest days and offer a beacon of hope.

May God Bless You,



Attorney General Fitch and the family of Deputy Martin Shields, Jr.



Attorney General Fitch with Rebekah Reed

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Fallen Officer Candlelight Vigil

May 12, 2026 | 6:00PM

Fallen Officer Memorial Wall - High St across from the Capitol

Public Invited to Attend

On Tuesday, May 12, my office will cohost the 16th annual Mississippi Fallen Officers Candlelight Vigil in downtown Jackson to honor our fallen heroes and the loved ones they have left behind. I want to invite you to join us for this beautiful tribute to Mississippi's men and women in blue.

AG Fitch in the News

WJTV - Four arrested in Mississippi human trafficking operation

Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced four suspects were arrested and three human trafficking victims were recovered during an operation.

According to **Fitch**, the national human trafficking operation spanned 30 states and included more than 250 law enforcement agencies. In Mississippi, the operation occurred in Biloxi.

“My office is committed to taking criminals who traffic people off our streets and equally committed to setting victims on the road to recovery,” **said Fitch**. “Developing partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies both within Mississippi and across the country is a priority for the Mississippi Attorney General’s Office, and we are proud to be a part of a network of dedicated law enforcement agencies working to end human trafficking.”

Darkhorse Press - Mississippi Attorney General K9 Trace to Get Donation of Body Armor

Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced that K9 Officer TracE will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 TracE’s vest was sponsored by Eve R. Hershkowitz of Brielle, NJ and will be embroidered with the sentiment “Gifted by Eve R. Hershkowitz, Brielle, NJ”. Delivery is expected within ten weeks.

“Providing protective equipment to K9s like TracE ensures that our law enforcement dogs receive the same level of protection as the officers they serve alongside,” **said Attorney General Fitch**. “This donation will allow TracE to not only work effectively and confidently in high-risk situations, but ensure her safety and wellbeing when engaged in law enforcement activities. Thank you to Vested Interest and Ms. Hershkowitz for their generous gift.”

Queen City Newsletter - Mississippi attorney general warns of gift card scams after cyber fraud sentencing

Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch is warning consumers about gift card scams following recent sentencing in a cyber fraud case tied to stolen card data and gift card re-encoding equipment.

Fitch said the Attorney General’s Cyber Fraud Task Force helped investigate the case involving Sean Matthew Langston and John Carleton Johnson Jr., who were found in possession of about 322 gift cards valued at more than \$12,000, 17 re-encoded instruments containing stolen bank card data and two magstripe encoding devices.

WLBT - Mississippi AG awards nearly \$1.5M for human trafficking victim services

Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced nearly \$1.5 million in grants to nine organizations that help human trafficking victims access services and rebuild their lives.

The awards bring the total distributed for trafficking victim services to \$11 million since the Legislature created the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund in 2020.

“Working together, we can put an end to human trafficking in our state,” **Fitch** said, thanking lawmakers for funding and the committee for overseeing awards.



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