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# AL sets next execution date

## Anthony Todd Boyd kidnapped and murdered a man in 1993

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Alabama plans to execute Anthony Todd Boyd with nitrogen gas in October for kidnapping and burning a man to death in 1993, court documents show. Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey has set Boyd's execution to happen between midnight on Oct. 23 and 6 a.m. on Oct. 24. Boyd was convicted in the death of Gregory

Huguley, who was killed near Anniston more than 30 years ago. Ivey said she does not plan to grant clemency in Boyd's case.

### The crime

According to court documents, in July 1993, Boyd and with three other men kidnapped Huguley because Huguley owed them \$200 for cocaine he bought from them and never paid for.

Court documents show that Boyd and his co-conspirators kidnapped Huguley off a street in Anniston and took Huguley to a baseball field in Munford, which is just outside the city of Anniston. The men proceeded to duct tape his hands, mouth, and feet; then taped him to a bench; doused him with gasoline; watched him burn; and then returned to Anniston afterwards, court documents state.

### Challenges to the sentencing

Since his conviction and sentencing in 1995, Boyd has made challenges to his death sentence. One of these challenges includes a writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court — which was denied in 2018 — in which Boyd requested to be executed by hanging or firing squad instead of Alabama's only approved methods at the time, which were electrocution and lethal injection, after a federal appeals

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Construction is seen of the 7 Brew being built on Zelda Road in Montgomery on August 13. MICKEY WELSH /ADVERTISER

# SEEING DOUBLE

## 7 Brew to open second Montgomery location next month

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Montgomery's newest coffee shop coming soon will be another iteration of a familiar face. 7 Brew, a drive-thru coffee chain originally from Rogers, Arkansas, is now open in Montgomery. The chain offers their seven original coffees — including the vanilla-and-caramel "Blondie" — among their other espresso-based coffee, chillers, teas, "7 Energy" drinks, sodas, and more "all with an extra boost of kindness from their team." The chain, known for its expedient drive-thru service, has been operating since 2017. It's since expanded to almost 400 locations across the U.S., with several locations in Alabama. The upcoming Montgomery location will be the chain's second in Alabama's capital. The coffee chain recently celebrated the grand opening of their first Montgomery location. With construction under way at 2777 Zelda Road since late July, the \$550,000 project is expected to wrap construction around mid-September. Though the hours of the new location are not confirmed, Montgomery's other 7Brew is open between 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday through



7 Brew's new location on Vaughn Road is the first of the chain's locations in Alabama's capital. SARAH CLIFTON/ADVERTISER

Thursday, and 5:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sarah Clifton covers business for the Montgomery Advertiser. You can reach her at [sclifton@montgome.gannett.com](mailto:sclifton@montgome.gannett.com) or follow her on X @sarahgclifton. To support her work, please subscribe to the Montgomery Advertiser.

### CANDIDATE PROFILE

## Melling seeking Prattville mayor post

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The Montgomery Advertiser sent the same questions to each of the candidates in the mayor's races for Prattville and Wetumpka ahead of the Aug. 26 municipal elections. Millbrook Mayor Al Kelley is unopposed. This is part of a series of stories on each candidate containing their responses, which have edited for style and brevity.

### Prattville

- **Name:** David Melling
- **Age:** 64
- **Occupation:** Self-Employed, Owner/Operator, The Smith-Byrd

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## Hummingbirds make crucial stop in AL for fall migration

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Each August, Alabama's skies turn into a highway for one of nature's tiniest long-distance travelers: the ruby-throated hummingbird. Sightings of the tiny, fluttering birds in the fall are at their most significant number as they make their way to Central America for the winter. Hummingbirds can cover impressive distances during migration, flying up to 23 miles daily. When crossing the Gulf of Mexico, they can soar as far as 500 miles in a single day, according to Hummingbird Central.

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