

## Embattled ex-Chicago-area mayor a Fulton candidate



Tiffany Henryard is the lone Republican candidate for the District 5 seat on the Fulton County Commission. She is the former mayor of Dolton, Illinois, a Chicago suburb, and her four-year tenure was stormy. PHOTOS BY MIGUEL MARTINEZ/AJC

### Tiffany Henryard 'has no chance on God's green Earth to win as a Republican in District 5,' sitting commissioner says.

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Tiffany Henryard says she had no intention of running for the Fulton County Commission when she moved to Union City last year, leaving behind a litany of controversies from her term as a mayor in a Chicago suburb. After losing her reelection bid for mayor of Dolton, Illinois, in 2025, Henryard moved to Fulton County because her boyfriend suggested she come to the area, she told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Monday. She says she was unfamiliar with Union City when she

started renting a home there last May. She has a clothing store in the city of South Fulton. Henryard said she decided to run in this year's election to replace Fulton Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington Jr., who is running for chair of the commission, after hearing people who came into her clothing store, The New Wave, complaining about how Fulton County was being run. "Well, I think it needs a lot of help," Henryard said of Fulton County, in an interview outside its Board of Registration and Elections on Monday, after the board voted that she meets the resi-

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Henryard shows her cellphone with information about her residency in Fulton County to Sherri Allen, chair of the county's Board of Registration and Elections. The board verified that she met the residency requirement.

## 4 troopers fired over insurance deception

GSP review: Officers rammed vehicles to end chases ... then filed claims against drivers.

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Three Georgia State Patrol troopers and their supervisor were fired from the department after an investigation revealed a scheme where officers used insurance claims to profit off of vehicle chases, an internal report concluded. The internal investigation determined that after ending pursuits with stop techniques like the PIT maneuver, the troopers were filing personal injury claims against the fleeing drivers' insurance companies and receiving settlement money – despite reporting no physical injuries stemming from the chases to the department, the report said. Each settlement payout was up to \$25,000.

The troopers' supervisor was fired after failing to report their conduct and after failing to recognize it as a conflict of interest, the report said.

The firings are the latest episode to raise questions about the patrol's controversial and aggressive pursuit culture. An investigation by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that concluded last year identified the patrol as one of the most aggressive agencies in the country when it comes to high-speed pursuits, which regularly led to injuries and deaths to passengers and bystanders.

One of the troopers involved in the insurance scheme, Tyler Byrd, admitted to investigators that making the claims against fleeing drivers was a way to supplement his salary, and that he and the others had "found a way to make money in addition to (a) paycheck," an investigative summary obtained Monday through an open records request said.

The investigation by the Department of Public Safety's Office of Professional Standards was lodged in late January after a sergeant reported overhearing troopers from the Nighthawks South task force,

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## Stonecrest's New Black Wall Street Market is closing soon

The closure comes nearly five years after the market opened to big fanfare and high hopes.

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The New Black Wall Street Market, a 125,000-square-foot indoor market of Black-owned shops, artists and restaurants in Stonecrest, is closing at the end of the month.

Onethia Flowers, the general manager of the market, confirmed its last day in operation will be April 30.

She said business was slow and "the overall business, operation, facility and financial factors ... contributed to the closing."

The closure comes nearly five years after the market opened to big fanfare and high hopes. The NBWSM was the brainchild of Leicester "Bill" Allen, an entrepreneur and philanthropist-turned-developer who died in 2024.

Years ago, he proposed turning a vacant Target store into a thriving marketplace where more than 100 Black entrepreneurs



The New Black Wall Street Market opened in 2021 in south DeKalb County. The market, which gives Black business owners the opportunity to sell their products, is scheduled to close April 30. Financial factors are a reason. AJC 2022

could sell their wares and branded it as a modern take on a historic Black business district. Allen said the market would be the first phase of an ambitious \$700 million

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## 3rd victim in DeKalb shooting died Sunday from his injuries

Suspect is Navy vet and convicted felon who faces 3 counts of murder, felony firearms charges.

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A decorated U.S. Navy veteran accused of a DeKalb County shooting is facing a third murder charge after another of the victims died Sunday.

Tony Matthews, 48, of Atlanta succumbed to his injuries after two others died in the shooting. He was homeless and had been sleeping in front of a Kroger in Brookhaven when he was shot around 2 a.m., police said.

"The loss of Mr. Tony E. Matthews is a tragedy that deeply affects his family and our entire community," Brookhaven Police Chief Brandon Gurley said.

The alleged shooter, Olaolukitan Adon Abel, 26, also is facing a federal firearm charge for a handgun he is said to have acquired from a different homeless man, the U.S. Department of Justice said.

The gun that led to the charge was located



Lauren Bullis, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security employee, was killed while walking her dog April 13. Suspect Olaolukitan Adon Abel, a decorated Navy veteran, faces three murder charges. BEN HENDREN FOR THE AJC

by DeKalb police at the scene of the final of three shootings that happened the morning of April 13. Authorities said a loaded 9 mm pistol and five shell casings were on

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