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Group: Trey Reed’s death a ‘lynching’

Some members of family plan rally at university

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A group alleging that De’Martravion “Trey” Reed was lynched and the murder is being covered up plans to rally this weekend at Delta State University.

Reed, 21, was found dead on the Delta

State University campus in Cleveland, Mississippi, where he was a student. His body was hanging from a tree. Investigators quickly said his death was a suicide.

On Sept. 18, the Mississippi State Medical Examiner announced autopsy findings for Reed consistent with hanging and no foul play.

His family has outstanding questions about his death and hired attorneys to help them conduct a private investigation. Civil rights attorney Ben Crump’s legal team arranged for the Colin Kaepernick “Know Your Rights Camp Autopsy Initiative” to fund an independent

autopsy. Dr. Matthias I. Okoye of Nebraska completed his inspection before Reed’s funeral on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The results of that autopsy have not yet been released to the public as of Oct. 15. The Crump team told The Clarion Ledger earlier in the month that no details would be made public until the conclusive autopsy is finalized. A new request for comment has not yet been answered.

Immediately after news of Reed’s death became public, rumors spread on social media. Some people wrongly linked it to the death of Cory Zukatis, a second Mississippi man found hanging

the same day in Vicksburg. The homeless man’s death was also determined to be a suicide. Police don’t think the deaths were related.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, there have been at least eight suspected hangings of Black men and teenagers in Mississippi since 2000. However, the SPLC said, local authorities in most cases have officially ruled these deaths as suicides, even though family members and civil rights activists have raised objections and cited suspicious circumstances.

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Packages make their way through the Amazon fulfillment center in Republic, Missouri, on their way to be shipped out on Dec. 2, 2022. NATHAN PAPES/USA TODAY NETWORK VIA IMAGN IMAGES

Wasting disease found in Prentiss

Change likely on way for management zones

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A deer recently harvested in Prentiss County has tested positive for chronic wasting disease, and it’s the first to be discovered in that county.

Although the discovery doesn’t spark immediate change in the make-up of CWD management zones, change is likely on the way.

According to a statement from Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, it was a buck harvested by a hunter. During that season, hunters are required to report their harvests and have their bucks tested for the disease.

The reason the first-ever detection in the county won’t require change is because the county was already included in the North CWD Management Zone due to the disease being previously found within 10 miles of the county. Under the regulations at the time, that pulled Prentiss County into it.

So, for now, there is no change. However, change is likely coming in the near future.

Changes likely ahead for CWD management in Mississippi

Mississippi’s CWD management plan lays out guidelines and regulations as to how CWD management zones are determined and includes special regulations as to what deer hunters can and can’t do in those zones. In a previous interview, Russ Walsh MDWFP wildlife chief of staff, said it’s a five-year plan and will be revisited next year.

“We’ll incorporate new science, new information and we’ll revisit CWD zones as well,” Walsh told Clarion Ledger in September. “With the need to revise the management plan in 2026, we’ll take a look at all of this.”

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What to know about October boycotts

Amazon, Target, Walmart in the crosshairs

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New economic protests are focusing on major brands this month. Amazon, Target, Walmart, Disney and Ben & Jerry’s are in the crosshairs. The People’s Union USA also is calling for an economic blackout this weekend to pair with No Kings Day protests across the U.S.

John Schwarz, the Chicago man who formed the People’s Union USA, said in a video that the safest, smartest way people can create change is through economic protests chosen with “surgical” precision to affect the companies “that profit off our backs.”

“The goal is not to hurt our friends, neighbors and families who depend on their paychecks. The goal is to force these companies to do the right thing,” he said. “And if a company would rather lay off workers or close its doors than treat people fairly, then that tells you everything you need to know about that company.”

Most economic protests in 2025 have been an effort to get companies to bring back diversity, equity

and inclusion (DEI) programs, but not all have had the same goals. Some aim to send a message to the federal government or push for more general social changes.

There have been several large-scale spending freezes or economic blackouts since February. Multiple major brands and retailers have been the focus of 7-day, month-long or longer boycotts. Some companies have been targeted repeatedly.

Here’s what you need to know about October boycotts, the group leading them.

What to know about boycotts happening in October

The People’s Union USA is leading national boycotts against Amazon, Target, Walmart, Disney and Ben & Jerry’s.

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