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## MS rapper who mocked court on TikTok is out of jail, for now

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A Mississippi Coast rapper who recently blasted a judge, a prosecutor and the media in a TikTok video has been released from jail — at least temporarily — to give her time to find a job and begin paying court fines tied to her status as a convicted sex offender.



Ayiesha Bowdry

Harrison County Circuit Court Judge Lisa Dodson ordered Ayiesha Bowdry, 29, of Biloxi, to return to court in early February after she was picked up for missing a January court date. At that next hearing, the judge said she will review whether

Bowdry is employed and making payments on the fines she owes.

In addition, Dodson plans to a thorough review of a report from Bowdry's probation officer, Wendy King, which outlines Bowdry's continued use of social media in a derogatory manner as it pertains to her GPS ankle monitor and other material she posted on Facebook.

Bowdry, known as @momo\_ny\_27 on TikTok, first got in trouble with the judge last year after posting a TikTok video in which she lip-synced to Tyler Perry's Madea as she tampered with her court-ordered GPS monitor with butter cream lotion, a rat-tail comb and scissors.

At the time, the judge warned

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Linda Hammons is back at the poker table at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi on Thursday after finishing 14th in a \$1 million game.

## 'Poker granny' Hammons is a star of Beau Rivage Casino tournament

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**BILOXI**

She didn't find the slot machines she usually plays on the casino floor of Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, so Linda Hammons headed up to see what the action was all about on the second level.

The game underway there

was the 2026 Beau Rivage Heater poker tournament. Once the organizers determined she indeed knew how to play poker, she paid the \$500 buy-in and was seated at one of the tables that filled the sprawling ballroom typically set up for weddings and conventions.

Her cherry-red nails and golden white hair were in sharp contrast to the blue jeans, sweatshirts and baseball caps

worn by most of the other poker players, most of them men and all of them seemingly clicking poker chips, a skill Hammons said she hasn't mastered given her long nails.

But what really differentiated her from the other players was her years of life, if not poker experience. She's 88, and said she hasn't played poker all that long.

This grandmother — a great-

grandmother, actually — from Dadeville, a tiny town of just over 3,000 people in east central Alabama and previously from an equally small Ellwood, Georgia, had found her game.

Event 3 was a \$1 million guaranteed mystery bounty game, with total prize of more than \$1 million and envelopes

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## South MS man beaten and left to die outside bar, lawsuit says

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The daughter of a Bay St. Louis man who got into a bar fight claims he was propped up on the porch and left for dead.

Destiny Garcia of Bay St. Louis has filed a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of her father, Stanley Anthony Garcia, who died at age 51 after the bar fight.

She is suing Robert James Hammac of Kiln, who she claims beat her father to death, and the now-defunct K&R's Pub & Lounge. The bar opened less than three months before the brawl on U.S. 90 in Hancock County.

She is also suing the property owner, Michael Cuevas Jr. of Georgia, and the bar's co-owner with Hammac, Kerry Jorge Hawes of Kiln.

Garcia's attorney, David Baria of Bay St. Louis, filed the law-

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## 1,000-pound great white shark named Ernst spotted four miles off AL coastline

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A massive great white shark named Ernst surfaced last weekend just four miles off the Alabama coast.

Ernst, who is 12 feet long and 1,000 pounds, swam south of Mobile Bay on Sunday, according to OCEARCH, a nonprofit organization that tags and tracks sharks.

Great white sharks migrate each year from Newfoundland to the Gulf of Mexico. But OCEARCH said Ernst's behavior was uncommon.

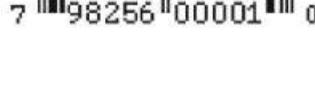
"We've seen white sharks in the northeastern Gulf before —

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