

# 'Goon Squad' of Mississippi to be Sentenced; Victims / Lawyers Speak Out

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U. S. District Court Southern District of Mississippi

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DATE: Monday – March 18, 2024  
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Criminal Sentencing for the Rankin County Mississippi's 'Goon Squad' is finally going to happen. After two previous sentencing delays in November, 2023 and January, 2024, former deputies Hunter Elward, Brett McAlpin, Christian Dedmon, Daniel Opdyke, Jeffrey Middleton, and Joshua Hartsfield (Richland County) will all receive justice before Southern District of Mississippi U.S District Court Judge Tom S. Lee on Tuesday, March 19, 2024; Wednesday, March 20, 2024; and Thursday, March 21, 2024, for their vicious, sick and brutal crimes against Michael Jenkins and Eddie Parker, which occurred on January 23, 2023, in Rankin



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*Attorney Malik Shabazz - Lead Attorney*

County Mississippi.

On that date Rankin County deputies, under the "supervision" of embattled Sheriff Bryan Bailey, committed what has been alleged by experts to be "one of the most egregious cases of police brutality in recent memory." The six white Rankin County deputies broke into a private home, accused the two young Black men of "dating white women" then proceeded to beat, taser, attack, and assault the two young Black victims.

Sexual devices or sex toys were used by deputies against

the young men, who were forced to strip naked in front of the notorious 'Goon Squad.' The tragic melee ended when Rankin County Deputy Hunter Elward attempted to kill Michael Jenkins by [shooting him in the mouth](#). The 'Goon Squad' operated freely under the oft-criticized leadership of Sheriff Bryan Bailey; whom the Rankin County NAACP wants ousted and prosecuted by the United States Justice Department.

Michael Jenkins and Eddie Parker will testify at each 'Goon Squad's sentencing hearing. Lead Attorney Malik Z. Shabazz, Mississippi Attorney Trent Walker, and the victim's families will attend the sentencing in the U.S. District Court and are pressing for the maximum sentences to be handed to the 'Goon Squad.' Sentences could range to up to forty years for shooter Hunter Elward, who will also plea to other civil rights crimes of excessive force on March 19th.

Attorney Shabazz said: "Michael Jenkins and Eddie Parker continue to suffer emotionally and physically since this horrific and bloody attack by Rankin County deputies. We are advocating for the stiffest of sentences for the defendants. A message must be sent to police in Mississippi and all over America, that level of criminal conduct will be met with the harshest of consequences. In addition, the victims and [residents of Rankin County](#) are calling on the United States Department of Justice to [conduct a federal takeover](#) of the Rankin County Sheriff's Department and to remove Sheriff Bryan Bailey, who is ultimately responsible for the 'Goon Squad's long reign of criminal activity against residents." – Lead Attorney Malik Z. Shabazz

#### LIST OF EVENTS:

MONDAY – MARCH 18, 2024 – 1 PM CENTRAL

News Conference

Victims Jenkins, Parker, their lawyers and their families

Trent Walker Law Office – 5255 Keele Street – Suite A – Jackson, MS 39206

TUESDAY – MARCH 19, 2024 – 9 AM CENTRAL

'Goon Squad' Criminal Sentencing U. S. District Court Southern District of Mississippi  
(defendants Hunter Elward and Jeffrey Middleton)

501 E. Court Street, Suite 4.756 – Jackson, MS 39201

6:30 PM CENTRAL

Town Hall Meeting on Police Brutality in Rankin County

Public Town Hall Meeting in Sentencing and the removal of Rankin County Sheriff Bryan Bailey

Hosted by Rankin County NAACP

Brandon Library Large Room – 1475 West Government Street – Brandon, MS 39042

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 20, 2024 – 9 AM CENTRAL

'Goon Squad' Criminal Sentencing U. S. District Court Southern District of Mississippi

(defendants Christian Dedmon and Daniel Opdyke)

501 E. Court Street, Suite 4.756 – Jackson, MS 39201

THURSDAY – MARCH 21, 2024 – 9 AM CENTRAL

'Goon Squad' Criminal Sentencing U. S. District Court Southern District of Mississippi

(defendants Joshua Hartfield and Brett McAlpin)

6:00 PM CENTRAL

News Conference

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Victims of "Goon Squad" Officers, Atty Shabazz Speak Out on CNN - YouTube

Men who say police tortured and sexually assaulted them speak out | CNN

White ex-officers in Mississippi plead guilty to racist assault on 2 Black men during raid | AP

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