

PERCIPIENT STRATEGIES RESEARCH DOSSIER

DARREL “BJ” GIBSON

(NORTH CAROLINA STATE SENATE: SD-24)

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EXECUTIVE SYNOPSIS

DOSSIER NOTES

In preparing this background report, we undertook an examination of all readily available and relevant electronic and online records, several hundred Nexis and news articles, dozens of active and archived web pages, and several dozen public records from Nexis and the resources of various federal, state, and municipal government offices. The results of our analysis are contained below.

Typographical Note: There are a number of articles quoted in this report that contain typographical errors. These are from the original text of the article and have not been corrected when being quoted directly.

MAIN VULNERABILITIES

Financial Recklessness

Darrel Gibson is a reckless steward of finances.

As recently as March 2019, a Notice of Substitute Trustee was filed against Gibson and his wife, which precedes a foreclosure complaint being filed for non-payment of one's mortgage. No further action appears to have been taken in this matter. Further, In April 2017, a civil judgment of \$991 was entered against Gibson. This judgment was satisfied in July 2017.

Fiscal Irresponsibility And Heavy-Handed Governance

A review of Gibson's tenure as a Scotland County Commissioner and Board of Education member has revealed a pattern of fiscally irresponsible decision making and heavy-handed governance.

Most notably, As a Scotland County Commissioner, Gibson voted against the FY 2021-22 Scotland County budget. By voting against the FY 2021-22 Scotland County budget, Gibson was voting against "an increase in pay for sworn law enforcement officers and jailers". Gibson defended himself by suggesting the raise was being provided by cutting education, but local sheriff Ralph Kersey indicated the raise was badly needed for morale. Kersey said "it has been a long time, seven years since we have gotten a raise other than the cost of living... our employees will be excited and this will certainly raise morale." The FY 2021-22 budget also increased funding for local law enforcement – providing hundreds of thousands more for the Sheriff's Department and jail.

Somewhat hypocritically, as a member of the Commission, Gibson appeared to spearhead an effort to increase the compensation for local Board of Education members. Through 2021, Gibson pushed the commission to vote on increasing the stipend.

Unsurprisingly, Gibson supported a heavy-handed reaction to covid-19 and governed as such. Gibson supported the implementation of a vaccine incentive program where recipients of the

shot are compensated. Additionally, Gibson took multiple votes to continuously extend the local mask mandate. Gibson also promoted mask wearing in his personal capacity.

A review of local media coverage also revealed several curious decisions made by Gibson during his tenure on the Scotland County School Board. In 2015, Gibson appeared to agree that demonstrating condom use should be part of the county's sexual education program. In 2013, Gibson expressed support for proposed legislation that would "allow bible study courses to be taught in public high schools."

Leftist Social Policies And Political Views

While Gibson appears to avoid discussion on certain social and political issues, he has fully embraced the racial politics of the left.

On multiple occasions, Gibson has used race to criticize law enforcement. In January 2021, Gibson posted on Facebook appearing use the January 6th riots to make a subtle point about police and black Americans.

On social media, Gibson has promoted the notion of a national 'culture of racism' and has pushed for racial "equity." Notably, in 2021, Gibson posted on Facebook appearing to call for society to ensure "equity" instead of "equality".

Most notably, Gibson appears to have participated in protests following the death of George Floyd and has promoted Black Lives Matter. In June 2020, Gibson posted a video on Facebook of himself attending a Black Lives Matter protest, at which he participates in a "no justice, no peace" chant. Additionally, in May 2020, Gibson promoted content on Facebook appearing to justify rioting by claiming "black people have to riot during a pandemic because of constant police brutality".

Gibson has also engaged in partisan behaviors. Gibson has linked Trump to the rise in hate groups and decline in public discourse. On social media, Gibson has promoted the Biden-Harris Administration and questioning Vernon Jones' motives for being a Republican. It should be noted that on social media, Gibson promoted content that appeared to suggest Kyle Rittenhouse wasn't found guilty because he isn't black.

TOP HITS

Financial

Notice Of Default

- In March 2019, a notice of a substitute trustee was filed against Gibson and his wife, Tatiana, for non-payment of their mortgage.
 - No further action has been taken against Gibson's property.

Civil Judgment

- In April 2017, a civil judgment of \$991 was entered against Gibson.
 - In July 2017, Gibson satisfied the judgment.

Criminal

- In September 2013, Gibson was charged with driving while his license was revoked.
 - This charge was ultimately dismissed by the district attorney.
 - Gibson was similarly charged for failing to comply with a license restriction, which was also dismissed.
- Gibson has received at least 20 traffic citations on issues ranging from speeding to having an expired license to registration.

Political

Compensation

- Since 2020, while serving on the Scotland County Commission, Gibson has received an aggregate of \$10,046.40 in taxpayer funded compensation.

Political Views


- Gibson has engaged in criticizing law enforcement surrounding race.
- Gibson has promoted the notion of a national "culture of racism" and has pushed for racial "equity".
- Gibson appears to have participated in protests following the death of George Floyd and has promoted Black Lives Matter.
- On social media, Gibson promoted content that appeared to suggest Kyle Rittenhouse wasn't found guilty because he isn't black.
- Gibson has linked Trump to the rise in hate groups and decline in public discourse.

- On social media, Gibson has engaged in partisan behaviors such as promoting Biden-Harris and questioning Vernon Jones' motives.

Governance

- As a Scotland County Commissioner, Gibson voted against the FY 2021-22 Scotland County budget.
- By voting against the FY 2021-22 Scotland County budget, Gibson was voting against “an increase in pay for sworn law enforcement officers and jailers”.
- Local Sheriff Ralph Kersey celebrated the pay increase: “It has been a long time, seven years since we have gotten a raise other than the cost of living... our employees will be excited and this will certainly raise morale.”
- By voting against the FY 2021-22 Scotland County budget, Gibson was voting against increasing funding for local law enforcement activities.
- As a Scotland County commissioner, Gibson spearheaded an effort to increase compensation for the local Board of Education.
- As a Scotland County commissioner, Gibson supported a heavy-handed reaction to covid-19:
 - Gibson supported the implementation of a vaccine incentive program where recipients of the shot are compensated.
 - Gibson consistently voted to extend the local mask mandate.
- In his personal capacity, Gibson supported mask mandates and closures.
- As a member of the Scotland County School Board, Gibson supported an initiative to include condom demonstrations in sex education.
- As a member of the Scotland County School Board, Gibson proposed allowing bible study in public high schools.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION**PERSONAL INFORMATION: DARREL “BJ” GIBSON**

Full Name:	Darrel “BJ” Dewayne Gibson Jr.	
DOB:	July 29, 1988 (33)	
Social Security:	237-61-XXXX	
Home Address:	8161 Carnostie Drive Laurinburg, NC 28352 Scotland County (2017-Pres.)	
Marital Status:	Married	
Spouse:	Tatiana Yasmeen Gibson (née McNeill) DOB: 1993 (29)	
Children:	Four (Minors)	
Voter Registration:	Registered Democrat – Scotland County, North Carolina	
Education:	Unk. – Unk. Fayetteville Technical Community College	
Employment:	2021 – Pres. Commissioner, Scotland County Commission 2006 – Pres. Pastor, Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church 2010 – 2017 Board Member, Scotland County Board of Education	
Associations:	Unk.	
Business Interest:	Lifesaver Outreach Foundation NC Business ID: 1226088 (2011-Pres.) Main Street Boutique, LLC NC Business ID: 1859279 (2019-Unk.)	
Military Service:	N/A	

Election Results: 2020 Scotland County Commission (General, Won)
 2014 Scotland County Board of Education, At-Large (General, Won)
 2010 Scotland County Board of Education (General, Won)

Web Sites: <https://www.scotlandcounty.org/>

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ELECTION RESULTS

Darrel Gibson has been serving as a Scotland County Commissioner since winning his election in 2020. Gibson previously served on the Scotland County Board of Education between 2010 and 2017. Gibson was re-elected in 2014.

2020 General Election, Scotland County Commission

General Election Results (November 3, 2020)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Darrel "BJ" Gibson	DEM	9,585

(Official Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/3/20)

2014 General Election, Scotland County Board Of Education, At-Large

General Election Results (November 4, 2014)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Darrel "BJ" Gibson	N/A	5,003
Raymond Hyatt	N/A	4,163
Robert Malloy	N/A	3,982
Walter T. Jackson III	N/A	2,314

(Official Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/4/14)

2010 General Election, Scotland County Board Of Education, At-Large

General Election Results (November 2, 2010)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Darrel "BJ" Gibson	N/A	3,558
Paul F. Rush	N/A	3,343
Mary Evans	N/A	3,281
Rodney Hassley	N/A	2,732

(Official Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/2/10)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Darrel Gibson has filed his candidacy for the North Carolina State Senate for District 24 but has not yet reported any campaign finance-related documents.

Individually, Gibson has contributed \$250 to Cal Cunningham's 2020 U.S. Senate campaign at the federal level. In North Carolina, Gibson contributed \$400 to Michael Stone's campaign for Superior Court Judge.

Committee To Elect Darrel "BJ" Gibson Jr. (2022)

NOTE: Gibson has filed his candidacy for the North Carolina State Senate for District 24 but has not yet reported any campaign finance-related documents.

Individual Contributions**Federal Election Commission**

According To The Federal Election Commission, Gibson Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$250 To Federal Campaign Committees. ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

- **In 2020, Gibson Contributed \$250 To Cal For NC.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

North Carolina State Board of Elections

According To The North Carolina State Board Of Education, Gibson Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$400 To Campaign Committees In The State Of North Carolina. (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/3/22)

- **In 2018, Gibson Contributed \$400 To The Committee To Elect Michael Stone To Superior Court Judge.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/3/22)

VOTING RECORDS

Darrel Gibson has been an actively-registered Democratic Party voter in Scotland County, North Carolina since August 1, 2006. Since 2006, Gibson has failed to vote in at least two elections.

Scotland County, NC

According To The North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Gibson Has Been An Actively Registered Democratic Party Voter In Scotland County, North Carolina Since August 1, 2006. ([North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

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YOUR VOTER DETAILS

County:	SCOTLAND
Status:	ACTIVE
Voter Reg Num:	000000304205
NCID:	DY31266
Party:	DEM
Race:	BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN
Ethnicity:	NOT HISPANIC or NOT LATINO
Gender:	MALE
Registration Date:	08/01/2006
NCDMV Customer:	Yes

([North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

Since 2006, Gibson Has Failed To Vote In At Least Two Elections: The 2013 And 2017 Municipal Elections. ([North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

<u>Election</u>	<u>Voted Method</u>	<u>Voted County</u>	<u>Primary Election Ballot</u>
11/03/2020 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
03/03/2020 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	DEMOCRATIC
09/10/2019 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
11/06/2018 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
05/08/2018 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	SCOTLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2016 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
03/15/2016 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/03/2015 MUNICIPAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
11/04/2014 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
05/06/2014 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2012 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
05/08/2012 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2011 MUNICIPAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
11/02/2010 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
05/04/2010 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/03/2009 MUNICIPAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	SCOTLAND	
11/04/2008 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	
05/06/2008 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2007 MUNICIPAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	SCOTLAND	
11/07/2006 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	SCOTLAND	

([North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

PUBLIC COMPENSATION RECORDS

Since 2020, while serving on the Scotland County Commission, Darrel Gibson has received an aggregate of \$10,046.40 in taxpayer funded compensation.

(Note: Percipient Strategies currently awaits responsive records from the Scotland County Board of Education relating to Gibson's compensation records).

Scotland County Commission (2020-Pres.)

Between 2020 And 2022, Gibson Has Received An Aggregate Of \$10,046.40 In Taxpayer Funded Compensation. (Compensation, Scotland County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/11/22)

- **Thus Far In 2022, Gibson Has Received An Aggregate Of \$1,908.** (Compensation, Scotland County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/11/22)

Statement of Earnings and Deductions						
Name	Rate	Pay Date	Net Pay	Fund	Location	Division
DARRELL D GIBSON		3/31/2022	529.67	100	01	10

Earnings			Deductions		
Description	Quantity	Current	Description	Current	YTD
COMMISSIONER		636.00	DENTAL INS FAMILY	47.29	141.87
Total:		636.00	FEDERAL W/H		
			MEDICARE W/H	8.54	25.62
			NC STATE TAX W/H		
			FICA	36.50	109.50
			LIFE INS DEPENDENT	1.92	5.76
			VOLUNTARY TERM EE	6.30	18.90
			VOLUNTARY TERM SP/	5.78	17.34

Totals		
Description	Current	YTD
Net Pay	529.67	
Gross Pay	636.00	1,908.00
W2 Wages		1,766.13
SS Wages		1,766.13
Med Wages		1,766.13

Direct Deposit		
Account Type	Account Number	Amount
		529.67

(Compensation, Scotland County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/11/22)

- **In 2021, Gibson Received An Aggregate Of \$7,575.40.** (Compensation, Scotland County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/11/22)

Statement of Earnings and Deductions						
Name	Rate	Pay Date	Net Pay	Fund	Location	Division
DARRELL D GIBSON		12/30/2021	530.03	100	01	10

Earnings			Deductions		
Description	Quantity	Current	Description	Current	YTD
COMMISSIONER		636.00	DENTAL INS FAMILY	47.29	567.48
Total:		636.00	FEDERAL W/H		
			MEDICARE W/H	8.54	95.06
			NC STATE TAX W/H		
			FICA	36.50	406.29
			LIFE INS DEPENDENT	1.92	23.04
			VOLUNTARY TERM EE	6.30	75.60
			VOLUNTARY TERM SP/	5.42	65.04

Totals		
Description	Current	YTD
Net Pay	530.03	
Gross Pay	636.00	7,575.40
W2 Wages		6,553.52
SS Wages		6,553.52
Med Wages		6,553.52

Direct Deposit		
Account Type	Account Number	Amount
		530.03

(Compensation, Scotland County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/11/22)

- **In 2020, Gibson Received An Aggregate Of \$563.** (Compensation, Scotland County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filed 4/11/22)

Statement of Earnings and Deductions						
Name	Rate	Pay Date	Net Pay	Fund	Location	Division
DARRELL D GIBSON		12/31/2020	474.34	100	01	10

Earnings			Deductions		
Description	Quantity	Current	Description	Current	YTD
COMMISSIONER		563.00	DENTAL INS FAMILY	47.29	47.29
Total:		563.00	LIFE INS DEPENDANT	1.92	1.92
			FEDERAL W/H		
			MEDICARE W/H	7.48	7.48
			NC STATE TAX W/H		
			FICA	31.97	31.97

Totals		
Description	Current	YTD
Net Pay	474.34	
Gross Pay	563.00	563.00
W2 Wages		515.71
SS Wages		515.71
Med Wages		515.71

Direct Deposit		
Account Type	Account Number	Amount
		474.34

(Compensation, Scotland County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filed 4/11/22)

Scotland County Board Of Education (2010-2017)

NOTE: Percipient Strategies currently awaits responsive records from the Scotland County Board of Education relating to Gibson's compensation records.

CRIMINAL RECORDS

In September 2013, Darrel Gibson was charged with driving while his license was revoked. This charge was ultimately dismissed by the district attorney. Gibson was similarly charged for failing to comply with a license restriction, which was also dismissed.

Gibson has additionally received at least 20 traffic citations on issues ranging from speeding to having an expired license and registration.

Driving While License Revoked

In September 2013, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Driving While His License Was Revoked In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Case No. 13CR701795, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/9/13)

Defendant**Name:** GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR**Date of Birth/Estimated Age:**07/29/1988**Race:** BLACK**Sex:** MALE**Address:** 413 AVERY ST

LAURINBURG, NC 28352

First Alias: -**Second Alias:** -**Driver's License State:** NC**Commercial Driver's License:** NO**Witnesses**

Name	Type	Agency
BOWMAN,L,D,JR	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information**Current Jurisdiction:** DISTRICT COURT

Current Conviction: DISTRICT COURT				
#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	DWLR	TRAFFIC	G.S. 20-28(A)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -		Disposed on: 10/02/2013
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				

(Case No. 13CR701795, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/9/13)

- **In October 2013, The Case Was Dismissed By The District Attorney.** (Case No. 13CR701795, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/2/13)

In September 2013, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Failing To Comply With License Restrictions In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Case No. 13CR701850, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/13/13)

Defendant**Name:** GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR**Date of Birth/Estimated Age:**07/29/1988**Race:** BLACK**Sex:** MALE**Address:** 413 AVERY ST

LAURINBURG, NC 28352

First Alias: -**Second Alias:** -**Driver's License State:** NC**Commercial Driver's License:** NO**Witnesses**

Name	Type	Agency
DIXON,J,H	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

District Court Offense Information**Current Jurisdiction:** DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	FAIL COMPLY LIC RESTRICTIONS	TRAFFIC	G.S. 20-7(E)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -		Disposed on: 11/18/2013
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				

(Case No. 13CR701850, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/13/13)

- **In November 2013, The Case Was Dismissed By The District Attorney.** (Case No. 13CR701850, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/18/13)

Traffic Citations

In October 2012, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In Hoke County, North Carolina. (Case No. 12CR000999, Hoke County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/16/12)

Defendant

Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR
Date of Birth/Estimated Age: 07/29/1988
Race: BLACK
Sex: MALE
Address: 413 AVERY ST
 LAURINBURG, NC 28352-3235

First Alias: -
Second Alias: -
Driver's License State: NC
Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
JOHNSON,W.R.	COMPLAINANT	COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(77 mph in a 55 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	EXCEEDING SAFE SPEED	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-141(A)
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 02/12/2013	
Disposition Method: WAIVER - CLERK				

(Case No. 12CR000999, Hoke County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/16/12)

- **In February 2013, Gibson Pleaded Guilty To The Lesser Charge.** (Case No. 12CR000999, Hoke County Clerk Of Court, Filed 2/12/13)

In August 2015, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. (Case No. 15CR730596, Mecklenburg County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/20/15)

Defendant

Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988
Race: BLACK
Sex: MALE
Address: 12521 PONDEROSA CIR
 LAURINBURG, NC 28352

First Alias: -
Second Alias: -
Driver's License State: NC
Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
MILLER,E,B	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(86 mph in a 70 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 06/28/2017	
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				

(Case No. 15CR730596, Mecklenburg County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/20/15)

- **In June 2017, The Case Was Dismissed Without Leave By The DA.** (Case No. 15CR730596, Mecklenburg County Clerk Of Court, Filed 6/28/17)

In August 2006, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Having An Expired Registration In Moore County, North Carolina. (Case No. 06CR006180, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/15/06)

Defendant

Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988
Race: BLACK
Sex: MALE
Address: 413 AVERY ST
 LAURINBURG, NC 28352-3235

First Alias: -
Second Alias: -
Driver's License State: NC
Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
MAZURA,A	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

Current Citation: DISTRICT COURT				
#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	EXPIRED REGISTRATION CARD/TAG	TRAFFIC	G.S. 20-111(2)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 12/01/2006	
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				

(Case No. 06CR006180, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/15/06)

- **In December 2006, The Case Was Dismissed Without Leave By The District Attorney.** (Case No. 06CR006180, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 12/1/06)

In December 2006, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In Moore County, North Carolina. (Case No. 06CR009012, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 12/9/06)

Defendant

Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988
Race: BLACK
Sex: MALE
Address: 413 AVERY ST
 LAURINBURG, NC 28352-3235

First Alias: -
Second Alias: -
Driver's License State: NC
Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
PHILLIPS,B	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(82 mph in a 60 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	SPEEDING(69 mph in a 60 mph zone)	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-141(B)
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 01/18/2007	
Disposition Method: DISPOSED BY JUDGE				

(Case No. 06CR009012, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 12/9/06)

- **In January 2007, Gibson Pleaded Guilty To The Lesser Charge.** (Case No. 06CR009012, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 1/18/07)

In June 2008, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding And Having Improper Equipment In Moore County, North Carolina. (Case No. 08CR004219, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 6/22/08)

Defendant**Name:** GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR**Date of Birth/Estimated Age:**07/29/1988**Race:** BLACK**Sex:** MALE**Address:** 413 AVERY ST

LAURINBURG, NC 28352-3235

First Alias: -**Second Alias:** -**Driver's License State:** NC**Commercial Driver's License:** NO**Witnesses**

Name	Type	Agency
RICKS,M	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information**Current Jurisdiction:** DISTRICT COURT

Current Citation: DISTRICT COURT				
#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(45 mph in a 20 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	IMPROPER EQUIP - SPEEDOMETER	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-123.2
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 07/25/2008	
Disposition Method: DISPOSED BY JUDGE				

(Case No. 08CR004219, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 6/22/08)

- **In July 2008, Gibson Pleaded Guilty To The Lesser Charge.** (Case No. 08CR004219, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 7/25/08)

In September 2011, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding And Having Improper Equipment In Moore County, North Carolina. (Case No. 11CR705669, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/19/11)

Defendant**Name:** GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR**Date of Birth/Estimated Age:**07/29/1988**Race:** BLACK**Sex:** MALE**Address:** 413 AVERY ST

LAURINBURG, NC 28352

First Alias: -**Second Alias:** -**Driver's License State:** NC**Commercial Driver's License:** NO**Witnesses**

Name	Type	Agency
SMITH,C,A	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

District Court Offense Information**Current Jurisdiction:** DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(75 mph in a 55 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	IMPROPER EQUIP - SPEEDOMETER	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-123.2
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 02/03/2012	
Disposition Method: DISPOSED BY JUDGE				

(Case No. 11CR705669, Moore County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/19/11)

Defendant

Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR
 Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988
 Race: BLACK
 Sex: MALE
 Address: 12521 PONDEROSA CIR
 LAURINBURG, NC 28352

First Alias: -
 Second Alias: -
 Driver's License State: NC
 Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
LOCKLEAR,C,J	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

Current Citation: 01-0113-001				
#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	FAIL TO WEAR SEAT BELT-DRIVER	INFRACTION	20-135.2A
	CONVICTED	FAIL TO WEAR SEAT BELT-DRIVER	INFRACTION	20-135.2A
Plea: RESPONSIBLE		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 12/04/2014	
Disposition Method: WAIVER - CLERK				

(Case No. 14IF701259, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/31/14)

- **In December 2014, The Case Was Disposed.** (Case No. 14IF701259, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 12/4/14)

In March 2007, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding And Having Improper Equipment In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Case No. 07CR001108, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/11/07)

Defendant

Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR
 Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988
 Race: BLACK
 Sex: MALE
 Address: 413 AVERY ST
 LAURINBURG, NC 28352-3235

First Alias: -
 Second Alias: -
 Driver's License State: NC
 Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
SINGLETARY,K	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(78 mph in a 60 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	IMPROPER EQUIP - SPEEDOMETER	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-123.2
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 08/07/2007	
Disposition Method: DISPOSED BY JUDGE				

(Case No. 07CR001108, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/11/07)

- **In August 2007, Gibson Pleaded Guilty To The Lesser Charge.** (Case No. 07CR001108, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/7/07)

In November 2007, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding And Having Improper Equipment In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Case No. 07CR004114, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/15/07)

Defendant

Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR

Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988

Race: BLACK

Sex: MALE

Address: 413 AVERY ST

LAURINBURG, NC 28352-3235

First Alias: -

Second Alias: -

Driver's License State: NC

Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
WATSON,J	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(52 mph in a 35 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	IMPROPER EQUIP - SPEEDOMETER	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-123.2
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 01/08/2008	
Disposition Method: DISPOSED BY JUDGE				

(Case No. 07CR004114, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/15/07)

In November 2011, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding And Having Improper Equipment In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Case No. 11CR702413, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/22/11)

Defendant

Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988
Race: BLACK
Sex: MALE
Address: 413 AVERY ST
 LAURINBURG, NC 28352

First Alias: -
Second Alias: -
Driver's License State: NC
Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
MARTIN,J,L	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(76 mph in a 55 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	IMPROPER EQUIP - SPEEDOMETER	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-123.2
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 03/01/2012	
Disposition Method: WAIVER - CLERK				

(Case No. 11CR702413, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/22/11)

- **In March 2012, Gibson Pleaded Guilty To The Lesser Charge.** (Case No. 11CR702413, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/1/12)

In May 2012, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Case No. 12CR701268, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/18/12)

Defendant

Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988
Race: BLACK
Sex: MALE
Address: 413 AVERY ST
 LAURINBURG, NC 28352

First Alias: -
Second Alias: -
Driver's License State: NC
Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
DIXON,J,H	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

Current Citation: D-10467-00				
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(Case No. 12CR701268, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/18/12)

- **In July 2012, Gibson Pleaded Guilty To The Lesser Charge.** (Case No. 12CR701268, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 7/19/12)

In March 2013, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding And Having Improper Equipment In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Case No. 13IF700236, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/5/13)

Defendant				
Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR		First Alias: -		
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988		Second Alias: -		
Race: BLACK		Driver's License State: NC		
Sex: MALE		Commercial Driver's License: NO		
Address: 413 AVERY ST LAURINBURG, NC 28352				
Witnesses				
Name	Type	Agency		
VAN HORN,Z,A	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT		
District Court Offense Information				
Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT				
#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(70 mph in a 55 mph zone)	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-141(B)
	CONVICTED	IMPROPER EQUIP - SPEEDOMETER	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-123.2
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 09/09/2013	
Disposition Method: WAIVER - CLERK				

(Case No. 13IF700236, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/5/13)

- **In September 2013, Gibson Pleaded Guilty To The Lesser Fine.** (Case No. 13IF700236, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/9/13)

In August 2018, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding And Having Improper Equipment In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Case No. 18CR702738, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/14/18)

Defendant				
Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR.		First Alias: -		
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988		Second Alias: -		
Race: BLACK		Driver's License State: NC		
Sex: MALE		Commercial Driver's License: NO		
Address: 8161 CARNOSTIE DR LAURINBURG, NC 28352				
Witnesses				
Name	Type	Agency		
MCILWAIN,W,S	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT		
District Court Offense Information				
Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT				
#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(75 mph in a 55 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	IMPROPER EQUIP - SPEEDOMETER	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-123.2
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 11/14/2018	
Disposition Method: DISPOSED BY JUDGE				

(Case No. 18CR702738, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/14/18)

In February 2020, Gibson Received A Traffic Citation For Having An Expired Registration In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Case No. 20CR700621, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 2/21/20)

Defendant			
Name: GIBSON,DARRELL,DEWAYNE,JR.		First Alias: -	
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:07/29/1988		Second Alias: -	
Race: BLACK		Driver's License State: NC	
Sex: MALE		Commercial Driver's License: NO	
Address: 8161 CARNOSTIE DR LAURINBURG, NC 28352			
Witnesses			
Name	Type	Agency	
LUCAS,R,P	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL	
District Court Offense Information			
Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT			
#	Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED EXPIRED REGISTRATION CARD/TAG	TRAFFIC	G.S. 20-111(2)
	CONVICTED	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 03/13/2020
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA			

(Case No. 20CR700621, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 2/21/20)

- **In March 2020, The Charge Was Dismissed By The District Attorney.** (Case No. 20CR700621, Scotland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 2/21/20)

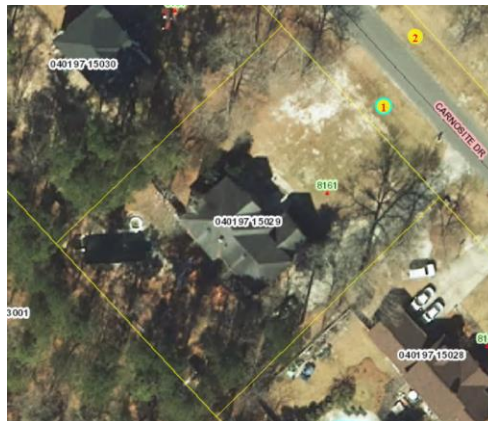
POLICE RECORDS

NOTE: No immediately actionable information pertaining to Darrel Gibson could be gleaned from municipal police records.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS

8161 Carnostie Drive, Laurinburg, NC, Scotland County

This is the primary residence owned by Darrel Gibson and his wife, Tatiana. This single-family residential property comprises four bedrooms, three full bathrooms, and two half bathrooms. The property has a 2022 appraised value of \$282,910 and the Gibson's have owned the property since July 2018.



([Scotland County GIS](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

Property Information

Full Address: 8161 Carnostie Drive, Laurinburg, NC 28352
 County: Scotland County
 Parcel ID: 040197 15029
 Property Type: Single-Family Residential
 Owner: GIBSON DARREL D JR. AND TATIANA Y
 Sale Date: 07/31/2018
 Sale Price: \$240,000
 Year Built: 1994
 Total Bedrooms: 4
 Total Full Bathrooms: 3
 Total Half Bathrooms: 2
 Total Square Footage: 3,780
 2022 Appraised Value: \$282,910
 ([Scotland County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

Tax Information

In 2021, Gibson Paid \$2,643.73 In Total Municipal Property Taxes. ([Scotland County Tax Collector](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

Owner Information

GIBSON DARRELL D JR & WIFE
GIBSON TATIANA Y
8161 CARNOSTIE DR
LAURINBURG, NC 28352

Property Information

Map Number

040197 15029

Description

#29 SEC 6 SCOTCH MEADOWS

Real Value

246,150

Farm Deferred Value

0

Personal Value

0

Property Relief Exclusion Value

0

Total Value

246,150

Bill Information

Record Type

Property

Tax Year

2021

Bill Number

7184

Account Number

905258

Taxes

Base Tax

\$2,669.58

Interest

\$0.00

Additional Charges

\$0.00

Balance Due

\$0.00

Payment Status

Status

✔ Paid

Paid Amount

\$2,643.73

Date Paid

08/03/2021

Total Balance Due

\$0.00

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BANKRUPTCIES, JUDGMENTS, & LIENS RECORDS

In March 2019, a notice of a substitute trustee was filed against Darrel Gibson and his wife, Tatiana, for non-payment of their mortgage. No further action has been taken against Gibson's property.

In April 2017, a civil judgment of \$991 was entered against Gibson. In July 2017, Gibson satisfied the judgment.

Notice Of Default

In March 2019, A Notice Of A Substitute Trustee Was Filed Against Gibson And His Wife, Tatiana, For Non-Payment Of Their Mortgage In Scotland County, North Carolina.

(Scotland County Recorder, Filed 3/29/19)

<u>APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE</u>	
19-104513	
DRAWN BY & MAIL TO:	SHAPIRO & INGLE, L.L.P. 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SCOTLAND	
<p>TAKE NOTICE THAT WHEREAS, Darrell Gibson and Tatiana Yasmeen Gibson executed a Deed of Trust to secure an obligation under a Promissory Note in the amount of \$228,937.00 Dollars, payable to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC and to Edward H. Johnston, Jr., Trustee for said Payee, said Deed of Trust bearing date July 31, 2018, recorded in the Scotland County, North Carolina Public Registry in Book <u>1591</u> at Page <u>155</u>; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the Holder of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust and wishes to remove the said Trustee and name as his successor Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the said Deed of Trust, provided that the Holder and its successors and assigns, may for any reason remove the Trustee and appoint a successor;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, Edward H. Johnston, Jr. and any and all subsequent substitute trustee, if any, are hereby removed as Trustee and Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells (either of whom may act) is hereby named and appointed Substitute Trustee in their place and stead in that Deed of Trust recorded in Book <u>1591</u> at Page <u>155</u>, in the aforesaid Public Registry, and is vested with all of the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee.</p> <p>Should the undersigned become the last and highest bidder at the foreclosure sale, the Substitute Trustee is hereby authorized to transfer and assign said bid and convey title to said foreclosure to whosoever the undersigned shall authorize. The statement in the Substitute Trustee's Deed that the undersigned has requested transfer of its bid to grantee(s) in the Substitute Trustee's Deed shall be binding on the undersigned and conclusive evidence in favor of the assignee or other parties thereto, that the Substitute Trustee was duly authorized and empowered to execute same.</p>	

(Scotland County Recorder, Filed 3/29/19)

- **No Further Action Has Been Taken Against Gibson's Property.** (Scotland County Recorder, Filed 3/29/19)

Civil Judgment**National Finance Company V. Darrell Gibson**

According To Nexis, In April 2017, A Civil Judgment Of \$991 Was Entered Against Gibson In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Nexis, Accessed 5/3/22)

Debtor Information**Name:** GIBSON, DARRELL**Address:** 8161 CARNOSTIE DR
LAURINBURG, NC 28352-7864
SCOTLAND COUNTY**Creditor Information****Name:** NATIONAL FINANCE COMPANY**Filing Information****Jurisdiction:** NC**Amount:** \$991**Filing Date:** 4/21/2017**Eviction** N**Release Date:** 7/5/2017**Filing 1****Number:** 2017CVM000172**Type:** SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENT**Agency:** SCOTLAND COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT**Agency State:** NC**Agency County:** SCOTLAND**Filing 2****Number:** 2017CVM000172**Type:** SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENT RELEASE**Agency:** SCOTLAND DISTRICT COURT - MAGISTRATE OFFICE - LAURINBURG**Agency City:** LAURINBURG**Agency State:** NC**Agency County:** SCOTLAND

(Nexis, Accessed 5/3/22)

- **In July 2017, Gibson Satisfied The Judgment.** (Nexis, Accessed 5/3/22)

LEGAL ISSUES

NOTE: No legal issues could be found for Darrel Gibson.

BUSINESS RECORDS

Darrel Gibson is the former active manager of the North Carolina-domiciled business Main Street Boutique, LLC, which he incorporated in June 2019. The company is now dissolved.

Main Street Boutique, LLC

In June 2019, Gibson Incorporated Main Street Boutique, LLC As A Domestic For-Profit Entity With The North Carolina Secretary Of State. (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 6/24/19)

Legal Name

Main Street Boutique, LLC

Information

SosId: 1859279**Status:** Admin. Dissolved ⓘ**Date Formed:** 6/24/2019**Citizenship:** Domestic**Annual Report Due Date:** April 15th**Annual Report Status:****Registered Agent:** [Gibson, Darrell D.](#)

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 6/24/19)

- **The Company Is Now Dissolved.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 5/3/22)

NON-PROFIT RECORDS

Darrel Gibson is the current active manager of the North Carolina-domiciled not-for-profit entity the Lifesaver Foundation, which he incorporated in October 2011. The non-profit is currently active to date. The organization is not currently recognized as a tax-exempt organization by the IRS.

Lifesaver Outreach Foundation

In October 2011, Gibson Incorporated The Lifesaver Outreach Foundation As A Domestic Not-For-Profit Entity With The North Carolina Secretary Of State. (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 10/17/11)

Legal Name

Lifesaver Outreach Foundation

Information

SosId: 1226088**Status:** Current-Active ⓘ**Date Formed:** 10/17/2011**Citizenship:** Domestic**Annual Report Due Date:****Registered Agent:** [Gibson, Darrel D., Jr.](#)

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 10/17/11)

- **The Non-Profit Is Currently Active To Date.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 5/3/22)

The Organization Is Not Currently Recognized As A Tax-Exempt Organization By The IRS. ([IRS](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

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([IRS](#), Accessed 5/3/22)

PROFESSIONAL & RECREATIONAL LICENSES

NOTE: No professional or recreational licenses could be found for Darrel Gibson.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

On his 2022 Statement of Economic Interests, Darrel Gibson declared he was employed as a senior pastor at the Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church, which he also declared he received income from. Gibson additionally declared he received income from the Scotland County Commission. Gibson disclosed interest in his primary residence in Laurinburg, North Carolina and that he did not have any liabilities or business interests. Gibson also declared he held no investments in companies worth more than \$10,000.

2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, North Carolina State Senate

Employment

In 2022, Gibson Declared He Was Employed As The Senior Pastor At The Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

Current Employer	Job Title
Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church	Pastor
Nature or Type of Business	
Senior Pastor	

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

Property Interests

In 2022, Gibson Declared Ownership Of His Primary Residence In Laurinburg, North Carolina. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

Property Interests			
1. As of December 31, 2021, did you or any members of your immediate family: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> A. have an ownership interest in North Carolina real estate (including your residence) with a market value of \$10,000 or more? </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </div>			
Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County
(Self plus Spouse)	100.00%	Laurinburg	Scotland

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

Financial Interests

In 2022, Gibson Declared He Did Not Hold Any Stock In A Public Or Non-Public Company. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

Financial Interests	
<p>3. As of December 31, 2021, did you or any members of your immediate family own any of the following financial interests valued at \$10,000 or more? List each company individually.</p> <p>A. Stock in a publicly owned company?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>► Do <u>not</u> list interests in a widely held investment fund (including mutual funds, regulated investment companies, or pension or deferred compensation plans) if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the fund is publicly traded or its assets are widely diversified; and 2. neither you nor an immediate family member are able to control the underlying assets. 	
Owner of Interest	Full Name of Company or ticker symbol
<p>B. Stock options in a company or business?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
Owner of Stock Option	Full Name of Company (Do not use a ticker symbol)
<p>C. Interests in a non-publicly owned company or business entity? These include interests in sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and closely held corporations.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - If "No," proceed to question 4.</p>	

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

Income

In 2022, Gibson Declared He Received A Salary From Scotland County. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

In 2022, Gibson Declared He Received A Salary From The Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

<p>6. List each source of income (not specific amounts) of more than \$5,000 received by you or any members of your immediate family during 2021. Include salary, wages, state/local government retirement income, professional fees, honoraria, interest, dividends, rental income, business income, and other types required to be reported on State and federal tax returns. Please remember to disclose your receipt of salary or wages from any governmental or private entity.</p> <p>Do not include income received from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Capital gains ► Federal government retirement ► Military retirement ► Social security income/SSDI 			
Recipient of Income	Name of Source	Type of Business/Industry	Type of Income
Darrel D Gibson JR (Self)	Scotland County	Board of Commissioners	Salary
Darrel D Gibson JR (Self)	Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church	Faith Based	Salary

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

Liabilities

In 2022, Gibson Declared He Had No Debts Of More Than \$10,000. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

5. As of December 31, 2021, did you any members of your immediate family have liabilities of \$10,000 or more, excluding the mortgage on your primary personal residence? Examples include credit card debts, auto loans, student loans, personal loans and intra-family debt.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Name of Debtor	Type of Creditor (commercial Bank, credit union, individual, etc.)

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

Business Interests

In 2022, Gibson Declared No Business Interests. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/16/22)

9(a). List the name of each business with which you were associated where you or a member of your immediate family was an employee, director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager as of December 31, 2021.			
Name of Person	Relationship to Filer	Name of Company	Role of Person
No Business Associations			
9(b). If you know that any entity listed in 9(a) above had any material business dealings or business contracts with the State of North Carolina or was regulated by the State as of December 31, 2021, briefly describe that activity.			
Name of Company or Business Entity		Description of Business Activity with the State	
None or Not Known			

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GIBSON'S FINANCIAL RECKLESSNESS

Darrel Gibson is a reckless steward of finances.

As recently as March 2019, a Notice of Substitute Trustee was filed against Gibson and his wife, which precedes a foreclosure complaint being filed for non-payment of one's mortgage. No further action appears to have been taken in this matter. Further, In April 2017, a civil judgment of \$991 was entered against Gibson. This judgment was satisfied in July 2017.

GIBSON HAS BEEN THREATENED WITH FORECLOSURE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF HIS MORTGAGE

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(Scotland County Recorder, Filed 3/29/19)

<u>APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE</u>	
19-104513	
DRAWN BY & MAIL TO:	SHAPIRO & INGLE, L.L.P. 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SCOTLAND	
<p>TAKE NOTICE THAT WHEREAS, Darrell Gibson and Tatiana Yasmeen Gibson executed a Deed of Trust to secure an obligation under a Promissory Note in the amount of \$228,937.00 Dollars, payable to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC and to Edward H. Johnston, Jr., Trustee for said Payee, said Deed of Trust bearing date July 31, 2018, recorded in the Scotland County, North Carolina Public Registry in Book <u>1591</u> at Page <u>155</u>; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the Holder of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust and wishes to remove the said Trustee and name as his successor Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the said Deed of Trust, provided that the Holder and its successors and assigns, may for any reason remove the Trustee and appoint a successor;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, Edward H. Johnston, Jr. and any and all subsequent substitute trustee, if any, are hereby removed as Trustee and Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells (either of whom may act) is hereby named and appointed Substitute Trustee in their place and stead in that Deed of Trust recorded in Book <u>1591</u> at Page <u>155</u>, in the aforesaid Public Registry, and is vested with all of the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee.</p> <p>Should the undersigned become the last and highest bidder at the foreclosure sale, the Substitute Trustee is hereby authorized to transfer and assign said bid and convey title to said foreclosure to whosoever the undersigned shall authorize. The statement in the Substitute Trustee's Deed that the undersigned has requested transfer of its bid to grantee(s) in the Substitute Trustee's Deed shall be binding on the undersigned and conclusive evidence in favor of the assignee or other parties thereto, that the Substitute Trustee was duly authorized and empowered to execute same.</p>	

(Scotland County Recorder, Filed 3/29/19)

- **No Further Action Has Been Taken Against Gibson's Property.** (Scotland County Recorder, Filed 3/29/19)

In April 2017, A Civil Judgment Of \$991 Was Entered Against Gibson

According To Nexis, In April 2017, A Civil Judgment Of \$991 Was Entered Against Gibson In Scotland County, North Carolina. (Nexis, Accessed 5/3/22)

Debtor Information

Name: GIBSON, DARRELL

Address: 8161 CARNOSTIE DR
LAURINBURG, NC 28352-7864
SCOTLAND COUNTY

Creditor Information

Name: NATIONAL FINANCE COMPANY

Filing Information

Jurisdiction: NC

Amount: \$991

Filing Date: 4/21/2017

Eviction: N

Release Date: 7/5/2017

Filing 1

Number: 2017CVM000172

Type: SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENT

Agency: SCOTLAND COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT

Agency State: NC

Agency County: SCOTLAND

Filing 2

Number: 2017CVM000172

Type: SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENT RELEASE

Agency: SCOTLAND DISTRICT COURT - MAGISTRATE OFFICE - LAURINBURG

Agency City: LAURINBURG

Agency State: NC

Agency County: SCOTLAND

(Nexis, Accessed 5/3/22)

- **In July 2017, Gibson Satisfied The Judgment.** (Nexis, Accessed 5/3/22)

GIBSON’S FISCAL IRRESPONSIBILITY AND HEAVY-HANDED GOVERNANCE

A review of Gibson’s tenure as a Scotland County Commissioner and Board of Education member has revealed a pattern of fiscally irresponsible decision making and heavy-handed governance.

Most notably, as a Scotland County Commissioner, Gibson voted against the FY 2021-22 Scotland County budget. By voting against the FY 2021-22 Scotland County budget, Gibson was voting against “an increase in pay for sworn law enforcement officers and jailers”. Gibson defended himself by suggesting the raise was being provided by cutting education, but local sheriff Ralph Kersey indicated the raise was badly needed for morale. Kersey said “it has been a long time, seven years since we have gotten a raise other than the cost of living... our employees will be excited and this will certainly raise morale.” The FY 2021-22 budget also increased funding for local law enforcement – providing hundreds of thousands more for the Sheriff’s Department and jail.

Somewhat hypocritically, as a member of the Commission, Gibson appeared to spearhead an effort to increase the compensation for local Board of Education members. Through 2021, Gibson pushed the commission to vote on increasing the stipend.

Unsurprisingly, Gibson supported a heavy-handed reaction to covid-19 and governed as such. Gibson supported the implementation of a vaccine incentive program where recipients of the shot are compensated. Additionally, Gibson took multiple votes to continuously extend the local mask mandate. Gibson also promoted mask wearing in his personal capacity.

A review of local media coverage also revealed several curious decisions made by Gibson during his tenure on the Scotland County School Board. In 2015, Gibson appeared to agree that demonstrating condom use should be part of the county’s sexual education program. In 2013, Gibson expressed support for proposed legislation that would “allow bible study courses to be taught in public high schools.”

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2021-22 Fiscal Year Budget

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Alford. Vote to approve the budget was 4-1 with Vice Chair Gholston, Commissioners Alford, Whit Gibson, and Ivey voting in favor of the budget and Commissioner BJ Gibson voting against (Attachment B).

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/21/21)

BY VOTING AGAINST THE FY 2021-22 SCOTLAND COUNTY BUDGET, GIBSON WAS VOTING AGAINST “AN INCREASE IN PAY FOR SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND JAILERS”

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he also said it should not be at the loss of the school system. "While I support the pay raise 100%," Darrel Gibson said, "during the last meeting Sheriff Kersey was asking for a 15% raise. The last conversation I was a part of discussed giving them an initial 2% and then later giving them a 5.5% raise. This would have equaled out to 7.5%, which is half of what was being asked for. Somewhere between then and now, that changed. "Again, while I agree they deserve a raise, those raises are being given off the backs of our children and the decrease in money does not leave room for our schools to grow," added Darrel Gibson." (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 6/22/21)

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Jail	2,071,818	
Drug Fund	10,000	
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Drug Fund	10,000	
Dept. of Justice Grant	58,008	
Subtotal		5,808,539

(Scotland County, [FY 2020-21](#); Scotland County, [FY 2021-22](#))

**AS A SCOTLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER, GIBSON SPEARHEADED
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5/21/21)

School Board Stipend

The Board next heard from Mr. Patterson concerning the request from the school board to increase their stipend from \$3600 annually to the same amount as the commissioners. Commissioner BJ Gibson stated that when he was first elected to the board of education that they only met one time per month but now they meet at least twice per month. He stated that there seems to be agreement to increase the amount and he feels the chair should make more as well. He suggested that the members stipend should be increased by \$150 per month and the chair should be increased by \$200 per month. Commissioner Whit Gibson stated that looking at the other counties that seemed to be a reasonable recommendation. *Consensus of the Board was to hold off on making a decision until the June regular meeting to allow other board members to share their input.*

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 5/21/21)

***In June 2021, Gibson Voted To Approve An Increase The Board Of Education
Member Pay From \$300 To \$450 Per Month Or By 50 Percent***

**In June 2021, Gibson Voted Yea To Increase The Board Of Education Member Pay From
\$300 To \$450 Per Month Or By 50 Percent.** (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

School Board Stipend

The Board next heard from Mr. Patterson concerning the Scotland County Board of Education stipend. Mr. Patterson stated that this had been discussed at an earlier meeting but wanted to get any other opinions of board members who were present. Mr. Patterson stated that the discussion was to increase the members stipend by \$150 per month and the chair's stipend by \$200 per month. Commissioner Whit Gibson stated that he felt that the chair's increase should be more and based upon the relation of the commissioner members to the chair it should be around \$7100 per year. **Motion was made by Commissioner Whit Gibson to increase the board of education member pay from \$300 per month to \$450 per month and the chair's stipend to \$7100 per year. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner BJ Gibson. Vote was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

**AS A SCOTLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER, GIBSON SUPPORTED A
HEAVY-HANDED REACTION TO COVID-19**

***Gibson Supported The Implementation Of A Vaccine Incentive Program Where
Recipients Of The Shot Are Compensated***

**In September 2021, Gibson Seconded A Motion To Implement A Vaccine Incentive
Program.** (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/23/21)

- **“To Institute The Vaccine Incentive Program To Be \$25 For The First Shot, \$50 For The Second Shot Or \$50 For The Johnson And Johnson For A Total Expenditure Of \$375,000.”** (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/23/21)

Mr. Patterson then informed the Board that he had begun having preliminary discussions with the City of Laurinburg’s engineer concerning the water system improvements. Commissioner BJ Gibson asked if that cost was still going to be \$1 million. Mr. Patterson stated that number was a placeholder number and the exact amount is not known right now. Vice Chair Gholston asked if funds could be used for vaccine incentives. Mr. Patterson stated that they could because it is addressing the public health emergency. Mr. Patterson also stated that this had been discussed before about a \$50 gift card, \$25 for the first shot and \$25 for the second shot. Part of the issue is seeing if the gift cards could be tracked from third party providers. Discussion followed concerning the amount of the incentive and how much to allocate to the program. Upon conclusion of the discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner McCall to institute the vaccine incentive program to be \$25 for the first shot, \$50 for the second shot or \$50 for the Johnson and Johnson for a total expenditure of \$375,000. And that this program will begin effective September 24, 2021 and go until December 31, 2021 or until the funds are expended, whichever comes first. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner BJ Gibson and the vote to approve the motion was unanimous.** The Board next discussed SCATS and ARP funds that had been appropriated. Commissioner Ivey stated that he would like to look at the 13 acres at I.E. Johnson has a possibility to build low to moderate income housing with low interest loans. Commissioner BJ Gibson stated that Hoke County has been doing something similar and that he feels like we need to do something for the homeless population with the ARP funds as well. Chairman Gibson stated that he feels that is something worth pursuing.

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/23/21)

In December 2021, Gibson Seconded A Motion To Extend The Vaccine Incentive Program Until April 2022. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 12/13/21)

Vaccine Incentive Program

The Board next heard from Mr. Patterson concerning the vaccine incentive program that was created in September. According to Mr. Patterson, the program has been very successful and there has been about \$90,000 worth of gift cards ordered. Mr. Patterson stated that the end date was scheduled to be December 31st. The original appropriation was for \$375,000 so plenty of funds remain if the commissioners would like to extend it. Discussion followed concerning the appropriate amount of time to extend the program. Upon conclusion of discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner McCall to extend the program until April 4, 2022. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner BJ Gibson and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 12/13/21)

Gibson Consistently Voted to Extend The Local Mask Mandate

In September 2021, Gibson Voted Yea To Extend The “Face Covering Requirement In The State Of Emergency For 30 Days”. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/7/21)

more. Mr. Wood also added that the staff at the hospital and all of the satellite offices are exhausted. The Board then heard from Health Director, Dr. Eli Caldwell. Dr. Caldwell reviewed with the Board the positivity rate of infection for the last several weeks. This week's positivity rate is 16.7% which is very high, the goal is to be below 5%. With the positivity rate that high, there is substantial community spread of the virus. Dr. Caldwell also reported the vaccination rate for the county is at 41% fully vaccinated. In the schools there are 48 positive cases and 370 quarantined in the student population and 4 positive staff members and 10 quarantined. Dr. Caldwell stated that he would still encourage universal masking and being vaccinated. Dr. Caldwell reported that the superintendent has been great and willing to do what is needed to try to control the virus. Dr. Caldwell also reported that every county in North Carolina is a high risk county now. Dr. Caldwell also stated that he would suggest keeping the mask mandate for now. Commissioner Ivey asked how to enforce the mask mandate. Dr. Caldwell stated that statutes allow the board of health to take a number of measures. County Attorney Ed Johnston asked Dr. Caldwell if in the area of health if the board of health have greater authority than the commissioners. Dr. Caldwell stated that yes they can. Mr. Johnston asked if the board of health has done that. Dr. Caldwell replied that they have not yet. Commissioner McPhatter asked what the state board of health has done. Dr. Caldwell stated that they are leaving it to the local level. Vice Chair Gholston asked if the board of health was going to do a mask mandate. Commissioner BJ Gibson, who is a member of the board of health, stated that this is something that has been talked about but nothing has been done yet but hopefully if the commissioners extend the mask mandate the board of health will see the importance. Discussion followed about the mask mandate. Upon completion of discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter to extend the face covering requirement in the state of emergency for 30 days. The motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston. The vote to approve the motion was 5-1 with Commissioner Ivey voting nay.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/7/21)

In October 2021, Gibson Motioned To Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until November 12, 2021. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/4/21)

COVID Update

Chairman Gibson then asked Health Director, Dr. Elisha Caldwell to give the COVID update. Dr. Caldwell began by presenting the current data for COVID-19 in Scotland County. Dr. Caldwell stated that although there have been some positive signs in the data, Scotland County is still in the high positivity rate category. Dr. Caldwell reported that there have been 105 people to have died from COVID since last year. Dr. Caldwell also shared a case study that showed the benefits of universal masking and how it can help stop the transmission of COVID. Dr. Caldwell also reported concerning the vaccination rate, which is below his target of 65%. Most of the infections right now are in the age range of 25-49, which has the lowest vaccination rate. Dr. Caldwell stated that while vaccines are the best way to prevent infections, it is still important to wear masks and wash hands. Vice Chair Gholston asked Dr. Caldwell about the new medicine she had heard about that cuts death and hospitalizations in half from COVID. Dr. Caldwell stated that this was a medicine from Merck that was seeking approval from the FDA and it is still early in the process. Commissioner Ivey noted that this month's data showed about a 50% reduction in active cases. Dr. Caldwell reported that statewide hospitalizations are down about 40% and he is cautiously optimistic. Vice Chair Gholston stated that she was pleased to see the CDC is looking at boosters for people who had received the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Dr. Caldwell stated that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is presenting data that might allow for mixing and matching of vaccines. (Commissioner McPhatter left the meeting at 8:30). Commissioner BJ Gibson asked Dr. Caldwell if it would be his recommendation to keep the mask mandate. Dr. Caldwell stated that it was his recommendation to keep the mask mandate and he would feel more comfortable if the positivity rate is below 5%. Mr. Patterson also stated that there will probably be a surge around the holidays and simply wearing a mask could help, keeping this in place would be the best preventative measure. Upon hearing from Mr. Caldwell, **motion was made by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until November 12, 2021. The motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/4/21)

In November 2021, Gibson Motioned To Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until December 10, 2021. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 11/1/21)

COVID Update

Chairman Gibson then asked Health Director, Dr. Elisha Caldwell to give the COVID update. Dr. Caldwell began by stating that the transmission rate is 9.46% which is still substantial. Dr. Caldwell reported 44 active cases and 108 deaths. Dr. Caldwell stated that he would recommend extending the face covering requirement at least through the holidays. If the transmission rate gets to be below 5% then Dr. Caldwell stated he would feel a little better about the place that we were in. Commissioner McPhatter asked if there were booster shots at the health department and who was the manufacturer. Dr. Caldwell replied that there was Moderna booster shots at the health department. Commissioner BJ Gibson asked about the activity at the American Legion and if there was interest in booster shots. Dr. Caldwell stated that there was quite a bit of activity at the American Legion Building and people have been interested in booster shots. Commissioner Ivey stated that when the face covering requirement started there were over 200 cases and now there are only 44 and asked Dr. Caldwell if the board of health was going to issue a face covering requirement. Dr. Caldwell stated that there didn't seem to be any movement from the Board of Health but that the Board of Commissioners did the right thing by issuing the face covering requirement and that he feels it will benefit the community. Upon hearing from Mr. Caldwell, **motion was made by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until December 10, 2021. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 11/1/21)

In December 2021, Gibson Voted Yea To “Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until January 7, 2022.” (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 12/6/22)

COVID Update

The Board next heard from Health Director, Dr. Elisha Caldwell. Dr. Caldwell outlined for the Board the number of active cases of COVID-19 in the county. Dr. Caldwell stated that there might be an uptick later in December because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the virus spreads whenever people get together. According to Dr. Caldwell there have been some progress in vaccination and the focus in the next few months will be on 5-11 year olds getting vaccination. Commissioner BJ Gibson asked what his recommendation would be for the face covering. Dr. Caldwell stated that even though he is cautiously optimistic that he would still recommend extending the face covering requirement until after the holidays. Discussion followed about the need for the face covering requirement. Upon conclusion of discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until January 7, 2022. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston and the vote to approve was 6-1 with Commissioner Ivey voting nay.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 12/6/22)

In January 2022, Gibson Motioned To Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until February 11, 2022. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 1/3/22)

COVID-19 Update

The Board next heard from Health Director, Dr. Eli Caldwell. Dr. Caldwell informed the Board that the numbers of people with COVID-19 are not good. The percent positivity rate is over 30% and the goal is to be under 5%. Dr. Caldwell also reviewed the vaccination numbers for the county and encouraged people to get vaccinated if they are not already. Commissioner Gholston asked if there was anything differently that can be done against the variants. Dr. Caldwell stated that it was important to do what they have been doing. The Board also heard from Mr. Greg Wood, CEO of Scotland Health Care System. Mr. Wood reported that there have been 25 COVID admissions in the last three days and that there have been 108-110 patients in the hospital the last several days. Mr. Wood stated that the next 3-6 weeks are critical and the hope is that the Omicron variant will go through quickly. Commissioner BJ Gibson then asked Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Wood if they would recommend to extend the face covering requirement. Both Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Wood stated that it is their recommendation to extend the requirement. Upon hearing from Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Wood, **motion was made by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until February 11th. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner McCall. The vote to approve was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 1/3/22)

In February 2022, Gibson Motioned To Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until March 11, 2022. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/7/22)

February 3rd was the first time the hospital hasn't been on diversion since before the new year. Mr. Wood stated that it is clear that the mask mandate needs to be extended at least another month and hopefully this might be behind us in 2-3 months. Upon hearing from Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Wood, motion was made by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until March 11th. The motion was duly seconded by Chairman Gibson.

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/7/22)

IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY, GIBSON SUPPORTED MASK MANDATES AND CLOSURES

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(Gibson Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/28/21)

**AS A MEMBER OF THE SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,
GIBSON SUPPORTED AN INITIATIVE TO INCLUDE CONDOM
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**AS A MEMBER OF THE SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,
GIBSON PROPOSED ALLOWING BIBLE STUDY IN PUBLIC HIGH
SCHOOLS**

***In 2013, Gibson Expressed Support For Proposed Legislation That Would "Allow
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In 2013, Gibson Expressed Support For Proposed Legislation That Would "Allow Bible Study Courses To Be Taught In Public High Schools." "A bill filed in the state Senate last week could allow Bible study courses to be taught in public high schools. If passed, S.B. 138 will give the Scotland County's school board the option of offering elective courses on the Old and New Testament to students in grades nine through 12. The bill would add a clause providing for Bible study courses to the N.C. General Statutes subsection on education... Instruction may cover knowledge of biblical content that facilitates understanding of contemporary society and culture. Darrel Gibson, a member of the Scotland County Board of Education as well as pastor of Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church in Wagram, also spoke to the moralistic nature of the lessons in the biblical text. "I think that, outside of theological truths, biblical studies also give some type of moral standards to students: how to carry themselves and just great information," said Gibson. "Especially in our community, I think students could really benefit from biblical studies." In the event that the bill passes the state legislature, school staff will consider the addition of such a course at that time. "Anything that we teach we teach typically though a

historical perspective,” said Dr. Pamela Baldwin, Scotland County Schools Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. “We will look at all legislation that comes across our desk and make a decision that’s right for our students.” The Senate bill comes at a time of diminished interest in Bible studies in the church setting, Gibson added.” (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 3/5/13)

GIBSON HAS EMBRACED LEFTIST SOCIAL POLICES AND POLITICAL VIEWS

While Gibson appears to avoid discussion on certain social and political issues, he has fully embraced the racial politics of the left.

On multiple occasions, Gibson has used race to criticize law enforcement. In January 2021, Gibson posted on Facebook appearing use the January 6th riots to make a subtle point about police and black Americans.

On social media, Gibson has promoted the notion of a national ‘culture of racism’ and has pushed for racial “equity.” Notably, in 2021, Gibson posted on Facebook appearing to call for society to ensure “equity” instead of “equality”.

Most notably, Gibson appears to have participated in protests following the death of George Floyd and has promoted Black Lives Matter. In June 2020, Gibson posted a video on Facebook of himself attending a Black Lives Matter protest, at which he participates in a “no justice, no peace” chant. Additionally, in May 2020, Gibson promoted content on Facebook appearing to justify rioting by claiming “black people have to riot during a pandemic because of constant police brutality”.

Gibson has also engaged in partisan behaviors. Gibson has linked Trump to the rise in hate groups and decline in public discourse. On social media, Gibson has promoted the Biden-Harris Administration and questioning Vernon Jones’ motives for being a Republican. It should be noted that on social media, Gibson promoted content that appeared to suggest Kyle Rittenhouse wasn’t found guilty because he isn’t black.

GIBSON HAS ENGAGED IN CRITICIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT SURROUNDING RACE

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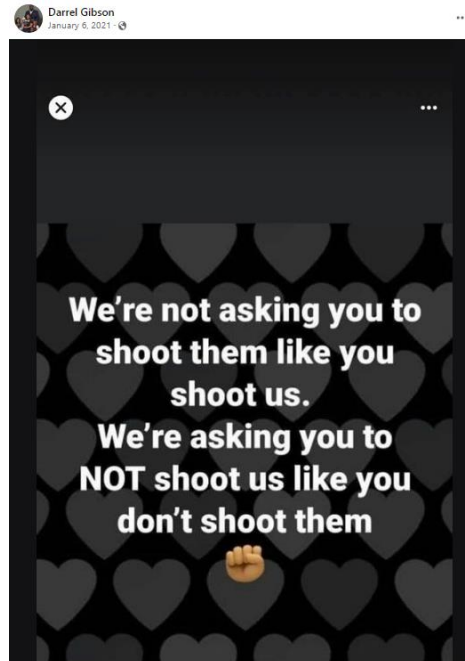
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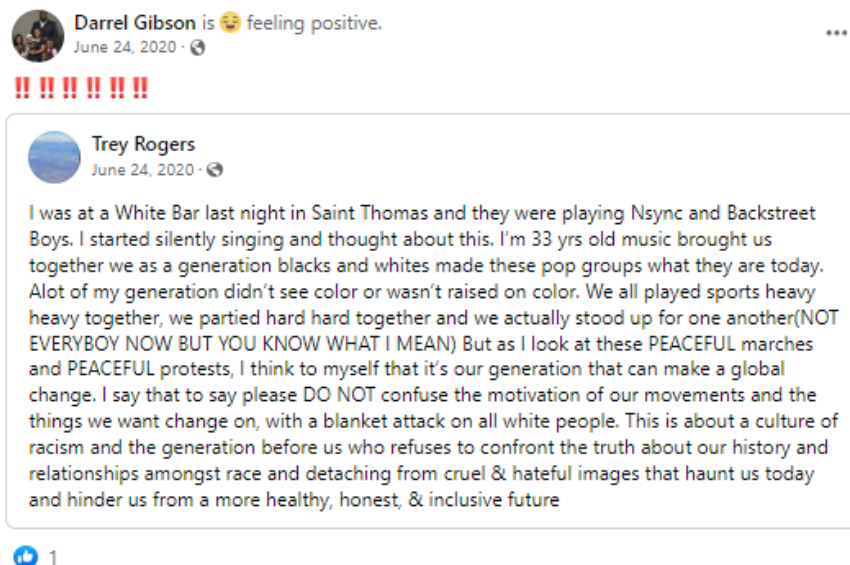


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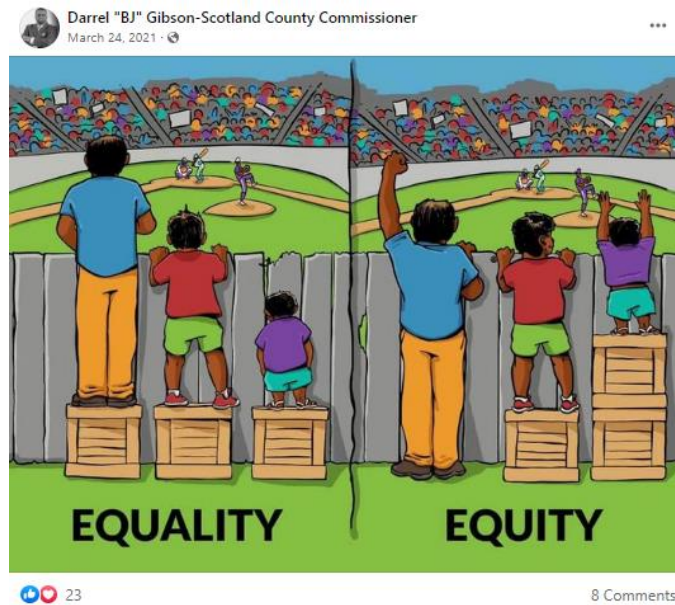
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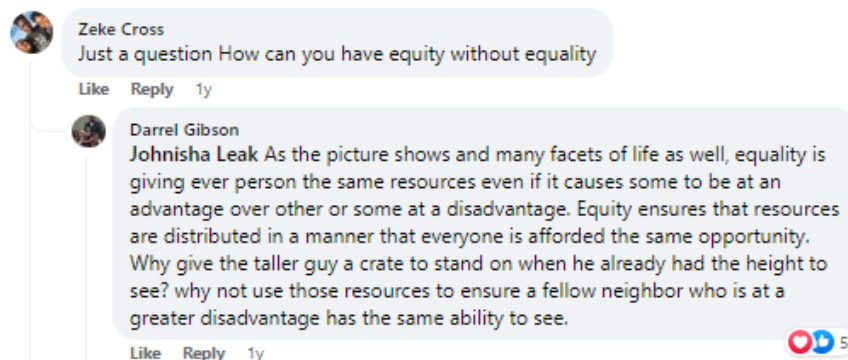
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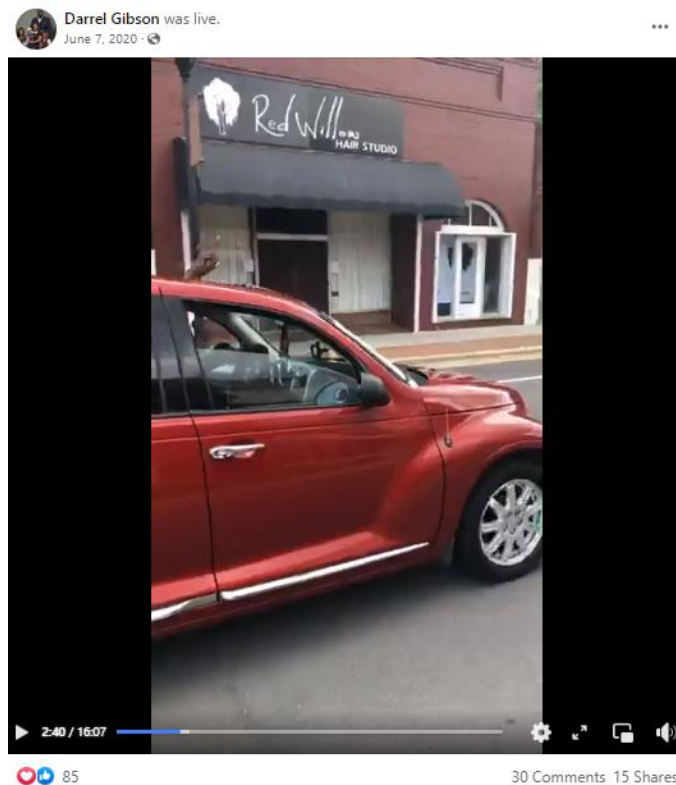


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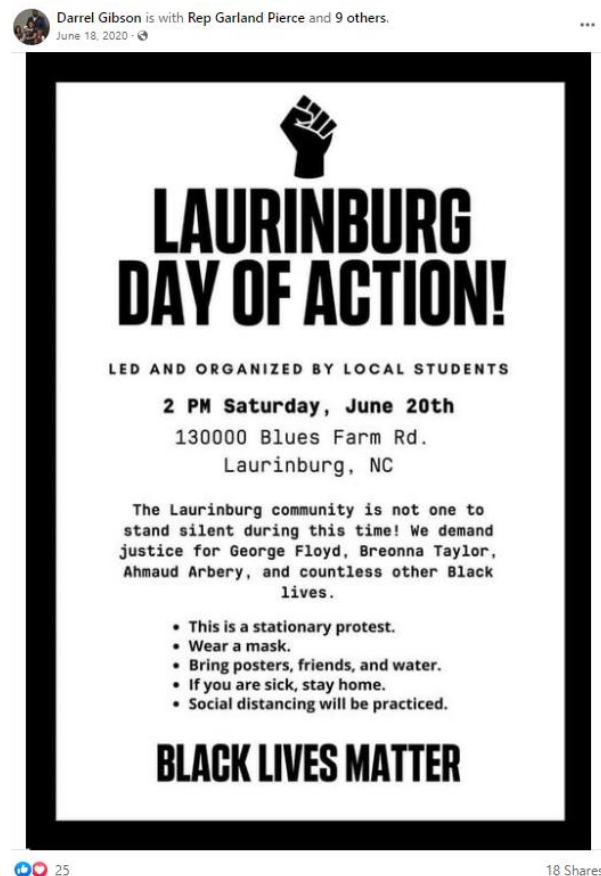
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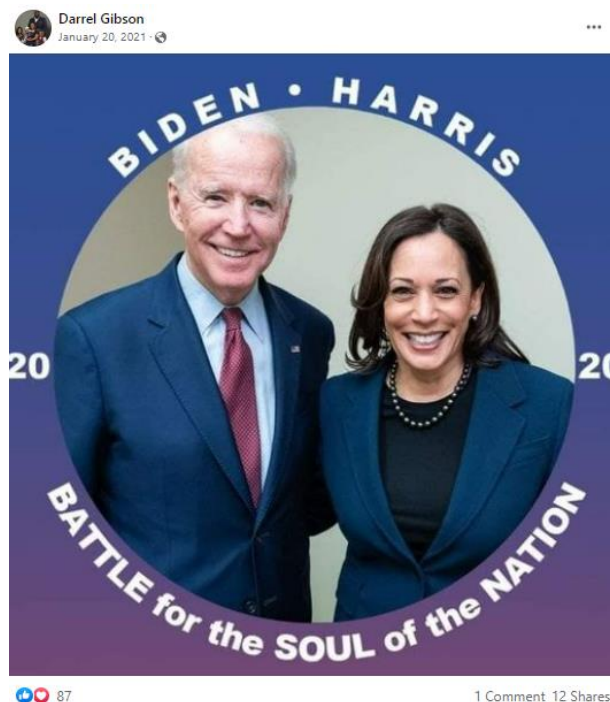
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'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," Gibson said ending his thoughts with a quote from King.” (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 1/10/18)

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APPENDIX A: ISSUES OF NOTE (BY SUBJECT AREA)

Below is a non-comprehensive reference section pertaining to Darrel 'BJ' Gibson's issues and policy positions of note. Any actionable material from this section has been incorporated into the prior narrative sections.

SCOTLAND COUNTY GOVERNANCE

Scotland County Budget

Vote

In June 2021, Gibson Voted Nay To Adopt The FY 2021-22 Scotland County Budget.

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/21/21)

2021-22 Fiscal Year Budget

The Board next heard from County Manager Kevin Patterson concerning the 2021-22 fiscal year budget. Mr. Patterson stated that the Board asked for a couple of alternatives to the budget that was presented on June 7, 2021. Those alternates were a \$0.99 tax rate and the second alternate is an increase in pay for sworn law enforcement officers and jailers. Mr. Patterson stated that his \$0.99 tax rate budget assumed no changes and using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. According to Mr. Patterson, ARP funds may be used for revenue offset based on historical county data which is about 1% or nationwide data which is about 4.1%. This can be used for 1-2 years. Mr. Patterson informed the Board that alternate #2 the raise in salary for sworn law enforcement officers and certified jailers would be a 2 grade increase. Mr. Patterson reviewed the \$1 tax rate numbers and the \$0.99 tax rate numbers. Commissioner Ivey inquired about the amount of school funding. Mr. Patterson stated that it was at \$10,044,000. Commissioner Whit Gibson stated that the liaison committee has continued to meet and met last Thursday. Commissioner Whit Gibson reported that 4 of the 6 members of the liaison committee were in favor of continuing at \$10,044,000 but 2 members, himself and Vice Chair Gholston wanted to go below the \$10 million mark. Commissioner Whit Gibson also stated that his hope is that the liaison committee will continue to provide recommendations. Commissioner BJ Gibson stated that the relationship is good with the school board and doesn't want to go backwards. He further stated that as a taxpayer and parent he wants to continue to support and allow the schools to grow. Upon hearing from Commissioner BJ Gibson, **motion was made by Commissioner Ivey to approve the \$46,065,035 budget with a tax rate of \$1 and with an allocation to the schools of \$9,850,000. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Alford.** Vote to approve the budget was 4-1 with Vice Chair Gholston, Commissioners Alford, Whit Gibson, and Ivey voting in favor of the budget and Commissioner BJ Gibson voting against (Attachment B).

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/21/21)

Law Enforcement Pay Raise

The FY 2021-22 Scotland County Adopted Budget Provides A "Raise In Salary For Sworn Law Enforcement Officers And Certified Jailers" Which "Would Be A 2 Grade Increase."

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The Budget Provided “Gave The Scotland County Sheriff's Office An 11.2% Raise For Its Officers And Jailers.” “Scotland County Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday created a myriad of perceptions and emotions as board members finalized and voted to approve the upcoming \$46.065 million fiscal year budget. The finalized 2021-22 budget keeps the tax rate at \$1 per \$100 valuation with no changes to county fees. On the plus side, that budget gave the Scotland County Sheriff's Office an 11.2% raise for its officers and jailers; on the negative side, the local school system took right at a half-million-dollar hit to its allocated money. "I am excited," said Sheriff Ralph Kersey told WLNC. "It has been a long time, seven years since we have gotten a raise other than the cost of living. I appreciate everything the commissioners have done. I would have loved to see the 15% but 11.2% is still a win. ‘Our employees will be excited and this will certainly raise morale,’ added Kersey.” (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 6/22/21)

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Gibson Took Issue With What He Framed As A Cut To The Local School Systems Funding. “The Sheriff's Office raise was well deserved, according to Darrel Gibson. However, he also said it should not be at the loss of the school system. "While I support the pay raise 100%," Darrel Gibson said, "during the last meeting Sheriff Kersey was asking for a 15% raise. The last conversation I was a part of discussed giving them an initial 2% and then later giving them a 5.5% raise. This would have equaled out to 7.5%, which is half of what was being asked for. Somewhere between then and now, that changed. "Again, while I agree they deserve a raise, those raises are being given off the backs of our children and the decrease in money does not leave room for our schools to grow," added Darrel Gibson.” (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 6/22/21)

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Law Enforcement Funding

The FY 2021-22 Scotland County Adopted Budget Increased Appropriations For The Sheriff’s Department By \$267,287 Or 7.9 Percent. (Scotland County, [FY 2020-21](#); Scotland County, [FY 2021-22](#))

Law Enforcement

Sheriff’s Department	3,398,722	
Jail	2,071,818	
Drug Fund	10,000	
Dept. of Justice Grant	58,008	
Subtotal		5,538,548

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Jail	2,074,522	
Drug Fund	10,000	
Dept. of Justice Grant	58,008	
Subtotal		5,808,539

(Scotland County, [FY 2020-21](#); Scotland County, [FY 2021-22](#))

Covid-19

Covid Leave Policy

In October 2021, Gibson Voted Yea To Provide Two Weeks Or 80 Hours Of Leave To Certain Employees Who “Present A Positive COVID Test”. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/4/21)

Covid Leave Policy

The Board next heard from Human Resources Manager Susan Sanders and County Manager Kevin Patterson concerning the Covid Leave Policy. Mr. Patterson stated that a policy has been done as requested and it is a stripped down version of the policy that expired in June. Ms. Sanders stated that as an alternative, the Board could choose to give each employee 80 hours of administrative leave. Discussion followed concerning the best option of these two choices. The Board also clarified that this leave would apply to permanent part-time employees and not seasonal employees and would be available on the first day of employment. Upon conclusion of discussion, **motion was made** by Commissioner McCall to extend 80 hours of leave to full-time and permanent part-time employees who present a positive COVID test effective beginning September 16, 2021 and extending until the Board terminates the policy. Motion was **duly seconded** by Commissioner Ivey and the vote to approve was unanimous.

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/4/21)

Vaccine Incentive Program

In September 2021, Gibson Seconded A Motion To Implement A Vaccine Incentive Program. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/23/21)

- **“To Institute The Vaccine Incentive Program To Be \$25 For The First Shot, \$50 For The Second Shot Or \$50 For The Johnson And Johnson For A Total Expenditure Of \$375,000.”** (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/23/21)

Mr. Patterson then informed the Board that he had begun having preliminary discussions with the City of Laurinburg's engineer concerning the water system improvements. Commissioner BJ Gibson asked if that cost was still going to be \$1 million. Mr. Patterson stated that number was a placeholder number and the exact amount is not known right now. Vice Chair Gholston asked if funds could be used for vaccine incentives. Mr. Patterson stated that they could because it is addressing the public health emergency. Mr. Patterson also stated that this had been discussed before about a \$50 gift card, \$25 for the first shot and \$25 for the second shot. Part of the issue is seeing if the gift cards could be tracked from third party providers. Discussion followed concerning the amount of the incentive and how much to allocate to the program. Upon conclusion of the discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner McCall to institute the vaccine incentive program to be \$25 for the first shot, \$50 for the second shot or \$50 for the Johnson and Johnson for a total expenditure of \$375,000. And that this program will begin effective September 24, 2021 and go until December 31, 2021 or until the funds are expended, whichever comes first. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner BJ Gibson and the vote to approve the motion was unanimous.** The Board next discussed SCATS and ARP funds that had been appropriated. Commissioner Ivey stated that he would like to look at the 13 acres at I.E. Johnson has a possibility to build low to moderate income housing with low interest loans. Commissioner BJ Gibson stated that Hoke County has been doing something similar and that he feels like we need to do something for the homeless population with the ARP funds as well. Chairman Gibson stated that he feels that is something worth pursuing.

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/23/21)

In December 2021, Gibson Seconded A Motion To Extend The Vaccine Incentive Program Until April 2022. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 12/13/21)

Vaccine Incentive Program

The Board next heard from Mr. Patterson concerning the vaccine incentive program that was created in September. According to Mr. Patterson, the program has been very successful and there has been about \$90,000 worth of gift cards ordered. Mr. Patterson stated that the end date was scheduled to be December 31st. The original appropriation was for \$375,000 so plenty of funds remain if the commissioners would like to extend it. Discussion followed concerning the appropriate amount of time to extend the program. Upon conclusion of discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner McCall to extend the program until April 4, 2022. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner BJ Gibson and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 12/13/21)

Mask Mandate

In September 2021, Gibson Voted Yea To Extend The "Face Covering Requirement In The State Of Emergency For 30 Days". (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/7/21)

more. Mr. Wood also added that the staff at the hospital and all of the satellite offices are exhausted. The Board then heard from Health Director, Dr. Eli Caldwell. Dr. Caldwell reviewed with the Board the positivity rate of infection for the last several weeks. This week's positivity rate is 16.7% which is very high, the goal is to be below 5%. With the positivity rate that high, there is substantial community spread of the virus. Dr. Caldwell also reported the vaccination rate for the county is at 41% fully vaccinated. In the schools there are 48 positive cases and 370 quarantined in the student population and 4 positive staff members and 10 quarantined. Dr. Caldwell stated that he would still encourage universal masking and being vaccinated. Dr. Caldwell reported that the superintendent has been great and willing to do what is needed to try to control the virus. Dr. Caldwell also reported that every county in North Carolina is a high risk county now. Dr. Caldwell also stated that he would suggest keeping the mask mandate for now. Commissioner Ivey asked how to enforce the mask mandate. Dr. Caldwell stated that statutes allow the board of health to take a number of measures. County Attorney Ed Johnston asked Dr. Caldwell if in the area of health if the board of health have greater authority than the commissioners. Dr. Caldwell stated that yes they can. Mr. Johnston asked if the board of health has done that. Dr. Caldwell replied that they have not yet. Commissioner McPhatter asked what the state board of health has done. Dr. Caldwell stated that they are leaving it to the local level. Vice Chair Gholston asked if the board of health was going to do a mask mandate. Commissioner BJ Gibson, who is a member of the board of health, stated that this is something that has been talked about but nothing has been done yet but hopefully if the commissioners extend the mask mandate the board of health will see the importance. Discussion followed about the mask mandate. Upon completion of discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter to extend the face covering requirement in the state of emergency for 30 days. The motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston. The vote to approve the motion was 5-1 with Commissioner Ivey voting nay.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 9/7/21)

In October 2021, Gibson Motioned To Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until November 12, 2021. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/4/21)

COVID Update

Chairman Gibson then asked Health Director, Dr. Elisha Caldwell to give the COVID update. Dr. Caldwell began by presenting the current data for COVID-19 in Scotland County. Dr. Caldwell stated that although there have been some positive signs in the data, Scotland County is still in the high positivity rate category. Dr. Caldwell reported that there have been 105 people to have died from COVID since last year. Dr. Caldwell also shared a case study that showed the benefits of universal masking and how it can help stop the transmission of COVID. Dr. Caldwell also reported concerning the vaccination rate, which is below his target of 65%. Most of the infections right now are in the age range of 25-49, which has the lowest vaccination rate. Dr. Caldwell stated that while vaccines are the best way to prevent infections, it is still important to wear masks and wash hands. Vice Chair Gholston asked Dr. Caldwell about the new medicine she had heard about that cuts death and hospitalizations in half from COVID. Dr. Caldwell stated that this was a medicine from Merck that was seeking approval from the FDA and it is still early in the process. Commissioner Ivey noted that this month's data showed about a 50% reduction in active cases. Dr. Caldwell reported that statewide hospitalizations are down about 40% and he is cautiously optimistic. Vice Chair Gholston stated that she was pleased to see the CDC is looking at boosters for people who had received the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Dr. Caldwell stated that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is presenting data that might allow for mixing and matching of vaccines. (Commissioner McPhatter left the meeting at 8:30). Commissioner BJ Gibson asked Dr. Caldwell if it would be his recommendation to keep the mask mandate. Dr. Caldwell stated that it was his recommendation to keep the mask mandate and he would feel more comfortable if the positivity rate is below 5%. Mr. Patterson also stated that there will probably be a surge around the holidays and simply wearing a mask could help, keeping this in place would be the best preventative measure. Upon hearing from Mr. Caldwell, **motion was made by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until November 12, 2021. The motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/4/21)

In November 2021, Gibson Motioned To Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until December 10, 2021. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 11/1/21)

COVID Update

Chairman Gibson then asked Health Director, Dr. Elisha Caldwell to give the COVID update. Dr. Caldwell began by stating that the transmission rate is 9.46% which is still substantial. Dr. Caldwell reported 44 active cases and 108 deaths. Dr. Caldwell stated that he would recommend extending the face covering requirement at least through the holidays. If the transmission rate gets to be below 5% then Dr. Caldwell stated he would feel a little better about the place that we were in. Commissioner McPhatter asked if there were booster shots at the health department and who was the manufacturer. Dr. Caldwell replied that there was Moderna booster shots at the health department. Commissioner BJ Gibson asked about the activity at the American Legion and if there was interest in booster shots. Dr. Caldwell stated that there was quite a bit of activity at the American Legion Building and people have been interested in booster shots. Commissioner Ivey stated that when the face covering requirement started there were over 200 cases and now there are only 44 and asked Dr. Caldwell if the board of health was going to issue a face covering requirement. Dr. Caldwell stated that there didn't seem to be any movement from the Board of Health but that the Board of Commissioners did the right thing by issuing the face covering requirement and that he feels it will benefit the community. Upon hearing from Mr. Caldwell, **motion was made by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until December 10, 2021. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 11/1/21)

In December 2021, Gibson Voted Yea To “Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until January 7, 2022.” (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 12/6/22)

COVID Update

The Board next heard from Health Director, Dr. Elisha Caldwell. Dr. Caldwell outlined for the Board the number of active cases of COVID-19 in the county. Dr. Caldwell stated that there might be an uptick later in December because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the virus spreads whenever people get together. According to Dr. Caldwell there have been some progress in vaccination and the focus in the next few months will be on 5-11 year olds getting vaccination. Commissioner BJ Gibson asked what his recommendation would be for the face covering. Dr. Caldwell stated that even though he is cautiously optimistic that he would still recommend extending the face covering requirement until after the holidays. Discussion followed about the need for the face covering requirement. Upon conclusion of discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until January 7, 2022. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston and the vote to approve was 6-1 with Commissioner Ivey voting nay.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 12/6/22)

In January 2022, Gibson Motioned To Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until February 11, 2022. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 1/3/22)

COVID-19 Update

The Board next heard from Health Director, Dr. Eli Caldwell. Dr. Caldwell informed the Board that the numbers of people with COVID-19 are not good. The percent positivity rate is over 30% and the goal is to be under 5%. Dr. Caldwell also reviewed the vaccination numbers for the county and encouraged people to get vaccinated if they are not already. Commissioner Gholston asked if there was anything differently that can be done against the variants. Dr. Caldwell stated that it was important to do what they have been doing. The Board also heard from Mr. Greg Wood, CEO of Scotland Health Care System. Mr. Wood reported that there have been 25 COVID admissions in the last three days and that there have been 108-110 patients in the hospital the last several days. Mr. Wood stated that the next 3-6 weeks are critical and the hope is that the Omicron variant will go through quickly. Commissioner BJ Gibson then asked Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Wood if they would recommend to extend the face covering requirement. Both Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Wood stated that it is their recommendation to extend the requirement. Upon hearing from Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Wood, **motion was made by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until February 11th. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner McCall. The vote to approve was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 1/3/22)

In February 2022, Gibson Motioned To Extend The Face Covering Requirement Until March 11, 2022. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/7/22)

February 3rd was the first time the hospital hasn't been on diversion since before the new year. Mr. Wood stated that it is clear that the mask mandate needs to be extended at least another month and hopefully this might be behind us in 2-3 months. Upon hearing from Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Wood, **motion was made** by Commissioner BJ Gibson to extend the face covering requirement until March 11th. The motion was **duly seconded** by Chairman Gibson.

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/7/22)

Board Of Education Stipend

During A May 2021 County Commission Meeting, Gibson Suggested Members Of The Scotland County Board Of Education Receive An Additional \$150 Per Month And The Chair To Receive An Additional \$200 Per Month. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 5/21/21)

School Board Stipend

The Board next heard from Mr. Patterson concerning the request from the school board to increase their stipend from \$3600 annually to the same amount as the commissioners. Commissioner BJ Gibson stated that when he was first elected to the board of education that they only met one time per month but now they meet at least twice per month. He stated that there seems to be agreement to increase the amount and he feels the chair should make more as well. He suggested that the members stipend should be increased by \$150 per month and the chair should be increased by \$200 per month. Commissioner Whit Gibson stated that looking at the other counties that seemed to be a reasonable recommendation. *Consensus of the Board was to hold off on making a decision until the June regular meeting to allow other board members to share their input.*

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 5/21/21)

In June 2021, Gibson Voted Yea To Increase The Board Of Education Member Pay From \$300 To \$450 Per Month Or By 50 Percent. (Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

School Board Stipend

The Board next heard from Mr. Patterson concerning the Scotland County Board of Education stipend. Mr. Patterson stated that this had been discussed at an earlier meeting but wanted to get any other opinions of board members who were present. Mr. Patterson stated that the discussion was to increase the members stipend by \$150 per month and the chair's stipend by \$200 per month. Commissioner Whit Gibson stated that he felt that the chair's increase should be more and based upon the relation of the commissioner members to the chair it should be around \$7100 per year. **Motion was made** by Commissioner Whit Gibson to increase the board of education member pay from \$300 per month to \$450 per month and the chair's stipend to \$7100 per year. **Motion was duly seconded** by Commissioner BJ Gibson. **Vote was unanimous.**

(Scotland County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

IEJ School In Laurinburg

In 2021, Gibson Advocated For The County Taking Ownership Of A Former Elementary School Building In Laurinburg And Converting It To A Community Center. "The Scotland County Board of Commissioners recently discussed the future of the former IEJ School in Laurinburg, and that conversation morphed into other areas of concern. Commissioner Clarence McPhatter expressed his disappointment in his fellow board members after many of them showed hesitation on taking ownership of the property which would ultimately be used as a type of community center... Commissioner Darrel "B.J." Gibson was in agreement with McPhatter

and said that the county has provided Wagram with a community center and the one for Laurel Hill is in the works. He asked is it not only fair that those in the Laurinburg area be given one as well? He went further. "I think Commissioner McPhatter made mention of a matter that still needs to be addressed," said Gibson. "Most commissioners seem to be very careful now, but apparently before were much less careful and it is now costing citizens \$57,500 annually for 10 years. "I keep thinking if we invested this much into a community center and services for our most vulnerable population of citizens, our community would be a much better place to live," Gibson added." ("575,000 County Debt Surfaces Again," [The Laurinburg Exchange](#), 7/16/21)

Diversity

As A Member Of The Scotland County Commission, Gibson Took Part In Calling “New And Better Ways To Recruit More Black Supervisors And Department Heads.” “During a conversation Tuesday that stemmed from the announcement that Scotland County Emergency Director Roylin Hammond would be retiring, some county commissioners called for new and better ways to recruit more black supervisors and department heads... In reference to minorities in supervisory positions, Board Chair Carol McCall stated that Robert Sampson, is, as far as she understands, considered a minority. "I'm talking about black, not just Indian," said Commissioner Darrel "BJ" Gibson. "We have no black leaders working for the county. "The issue here isn't knowing about openings, the bigger concern is the policy and these positions already being set up," added Gibson. County Manager Kevin Patterson addressed the board on its concerns and stated, while he will not and cannot on a legal standpoint make race a key factor in the hiring process, he can get behind recruitment. According to Patterson, applications to fill Sampson's position have already been sent to UNCP and RCC. "It is our fault, we have not helped find applicants," said Gholston.” (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 2/2/21)

- **Gibson: “We As A Board Have To Say We Are Not Satisfied With That And That We See The Need To Diversify Our Leadership In Our County, Then We Have The Discussion With Our Administrator And Move Forward.”** “Gibson followed by saying it can't just be the black board members behind bringing in more black supervisors, it has to be the effort of the entire board. ‘I don't think you have to go to the colleges, I think we have people in our community who are qualified for positions but they don't get an opportunity to apply," said Gibson, "and you will hear things like, 'you have to be friends with this one to get hired by the county' or 'you have to go to this church to get hired by the county' — these are the conversations I am hearing. And we as a board have to say we are not satisfied with that and that we see the need to diversify our leadership in our county, then we have the discussion with our administrator and move forward.’” (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 2/2/21)

SCOTLAND SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE

School Start Times / Year Round School

In 2011, Gibson Voted Against Moving The School Calendar Up So That Starting, Testing, And Graduation, All Started Earlier Than Previously Scheduled. “The February meeting of the Scotland County School Board saw a proposed one calendar start date of Aug. 25, moving all

schools within the Scotland County School system to begin school on that day. "Under this calendar, the schools will begin on Aug. 25, with testing falling on Jan. 20, and a graduation date of July ninth," Communications Director Andy Cagle said. "This would allow the schools, system wide, to start on the same day and end the same day instead of having a separate start date for the high schools and the K-eight schools." While the focus on the calendar debate was the fact of having the students test before or after the Christmas break was beneficial, there is also the added cost of the early college students starting before the high school and other schools do... The issue came to vote and six voted for: Darwin Williams, Jeff Byrd, Charles Brown, Paul Rush, Jimmy Bennett, James Underwood, while two voted against, Terence Williams, and Darrel Gibson." (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 2/14/11)

In 2013, Gibson Indicated He And The School Board Would Let The Public Decide About Implementation Of Year-Round Schooling. "The Scotland County Board of Education is asking for public input on a dramatic change to the schools' calendar -- the implementation of year-round schooling. "As a board we all talked and decided that we'd put it in the hands of the public, see what the public thought, and bring it back while the school system does some research into the pros and cons," said board member Darrel Gibson... A year-round schedule would involve multiple short breaks of about three weeks interspersed throughout the school year rather than one three-month summer vacation. Officials say the change may facilitate learning retention and improve test scores by placing short breaks after tests rather than before them. "Kids are out for Christmas and then when they come back for testing they've forgotten a lot of the material," Gibson said." (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 10/1/13)

Biblical Studies In Schools

In 2013, Gibson Expressed Support For Proposed Legislation That Would "Allow Bible Study Courses To Be Taught In Public High Schools." "A bill filed in the state Senate last week could allow Bible study courses to be taught in public high schools. If passed, S.B. 138 will give the Scotland County's school board the option of offering elective courses on the Old and New Testament to students in grades nine through 12. The bill would add a clause providing for Bible study courses to the N.C. General Statutes subsection on education... Instruction may cover knowledge of biblical content that facilitates understanding of contemporary society and culture. Darrel Gibson, a member of the Scotland County Board of Education as well as pastor of Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church in Wagram, also spoke to the moralistic nature of the lessons in the biblical text. "I think that, outside of theological truths, biblical studies also give some type of moral standards to students: how to carry themselves and just great information," said Gibson. "Especially in our community, I think students could really benefit from biblical studies." In the event that the bill passes the state legislature, school staff will consider the addition of such a course at that time. "Anything that we teach we teach typically though a historical perspective," said Dr. Pamela Baldwin, Scotland County Schools Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. "We will look at all legislation that comes across our desk and make a decision that's right for our students." The Senate bill comes at a time of diminished interest in Bible studies in the church setting, Gibson added." (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 3/5/13)

Sex Ed Curriculum

In 2015, Gibson Appeared To Agree That Demonstrating Condom Use Should Be Part Of The County's Sexual Education Program. "In a reconvened meeting on Friday, the Scotland County Board of Education discussed whether or not demonstrating condom use with anatomic models, as provided by the state's Healthy Youth Act, may be too graphic for Scotland County's middle and high school students... In 2013, Scotland County reported 59 births to mothers aged 15-19, and one to a 12-year-old, according to the N.C. State Center for Health Statistics. Six other teen pregnancies, including one to a 13-year-old, ended in abortion. That year, the county ranked 15th in the state in prevalence of pregnancies among teens aged 15-19. "I think the more you can educate the better ... I think it's important that we do demonstrate the proper way of using condoms, and I think a model is probably an easier way for someone to see that," said board chairman Jeff Byrd, a pediatrician. "I hear it in my office all the time: I didn't put the condom on right, the condom bust, and I think this kind of takes that out of the whole picture." Board member Darrel Gibson, a Baptist minister, agreed. "I know that we need to take a very cautious move; however, with our numbers the way they are, we have to attack it aggressively because ignorance is probably the reason for a lot of this," he said. Mary Katherine Murphy can be reached at 910-506-3169." (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 2/14/15)

HEALTHCARE

Covid-19

Closures / Lockdowns

In June 2020, Gibson Noted He Felt It Was Still "Unsafe" To Re-Open His Local Business. "North Carolina is averaging more than 17,000 tests a day for the past week and there are more than 500 sites listed on online plus additional pop-up sites. "I think it's necessary as our new normal is rapidly changing," said Darrel "BJ" Gibson, owner of Main Street Boutique. "As a local business owner, as difficult as it is financially, I haven't re-opened as I still have great concern for safety amid this pandemic. "While these major changes cause a great discomfort, I truly believe they are necessary," continued Gibson." (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 6/25/20)

In April 2021, Gibson Posted On Facebook Appearing To Express His Support For Continued COVID-19 Lockdowns. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 4/21/21)



(Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 4/21/21)

Mask Mandates

In June 2020, Gibson Promoted Content On Facebook Claiming To Be “Baffled” By “The Outrage About An Order To Wear A Mask”. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/25/20)



(Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/25/20)

In June 2020, Gibson Posted On Facebook Expressing His Support And Thanking The Governor For Implementing The Statewide Mask Mandate. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/20)



(Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/20)

In July 2021, Gibson Shared A Video Where He Stated That We Have To Be Wearing Surgical Masks Not Just Cloth Masks. GIBSON: “We Need to be wearing surgical masks, not our cloth masks that look good and match our shirts and blouses and what have you. Um, but we need to be wearing the surgical masks, N95’s if you have access to them, but at least the surgical mask. (Gibson Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/28/21, 38:20-38:40)



(Gibson Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/28/21)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Law Enforcement

Police Criticisms

In May 2020, Gibson Posted On Facebook Expressing His Opposition To The Manner In Which Some Police Officers Conduct Themselves, Claiming He Is Bothered By The

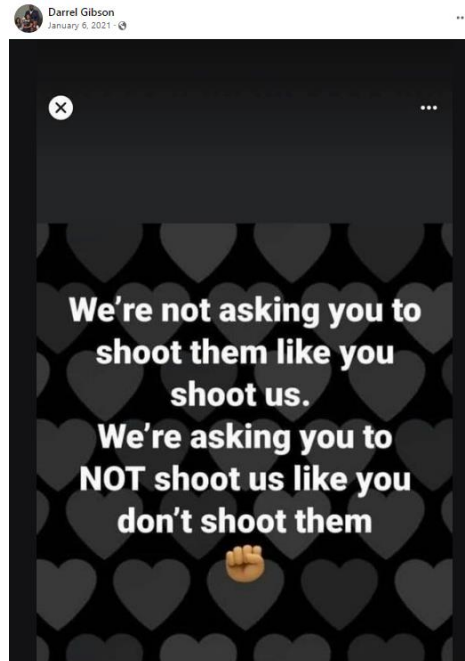
National Killings... By Those Charged To Protect And Serve.” (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/28/20)



(Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/28/20)

Police Shootings

In January 2021, Gibson Posted On Facebook Appearing Use the January 6th Riots To Make A Subtle Point About Police And Black Americans. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 1/6/21; Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 1/6/21)



(Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 1/6/21)

SOCIAL ISSUES

Race

Trump / Hate Groups

In 2018, Gibson Noted That MLK Day “Observations Are More Important Now Than Ever Given The Current Political Climate And The Fact That Hate Groups Feel Emboldened By The Sitting President.” “Pastor BJ Gibson of Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church in Wagram will deliver the message at the Kind day celebration. "I'm excited about the event; it's a national celebration, but it's more important for the local community because Dr. King was a grassroots leader," Gibson said. "It's important for us to keep the local community reminded of his sacrifice and the true message of his dream." Gibson said he will try to center his message that day on King's dream. "It will be rooted in finding a way to analyze what Dr. King's dream means to today's society and generations to come," he said. Gibson believes King Day observations are more important now than ever given the current political climate and the fact that hate groups feel emboldened by the sitting president. He believes that it is important to continue to spread the message of love and equality. "Those of us who really have the heart for equality and purity have to remain that way regardless of what those who have different opinions state. We can't allow these people to infringe on our beliefs. We should be continuing to improve race relations, not just this weekend. We should be just as loud as they are and declare that 'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,'" Gibson said ending his thoughts with a quote from King.” (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 1/10/18)

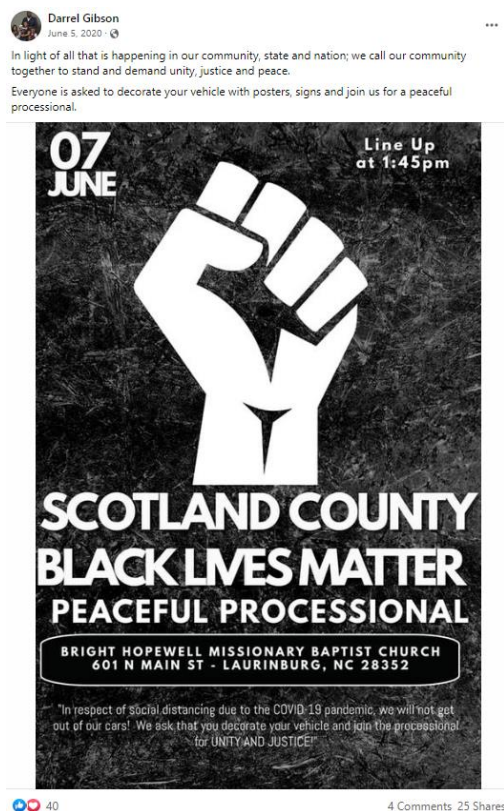
Protests And Organizing / Black Lives Matter

In June 2020, Gibson Shared A Video At A Protest In Scotland County Following The Death Of George Floyd. (Gibson Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/7/20)



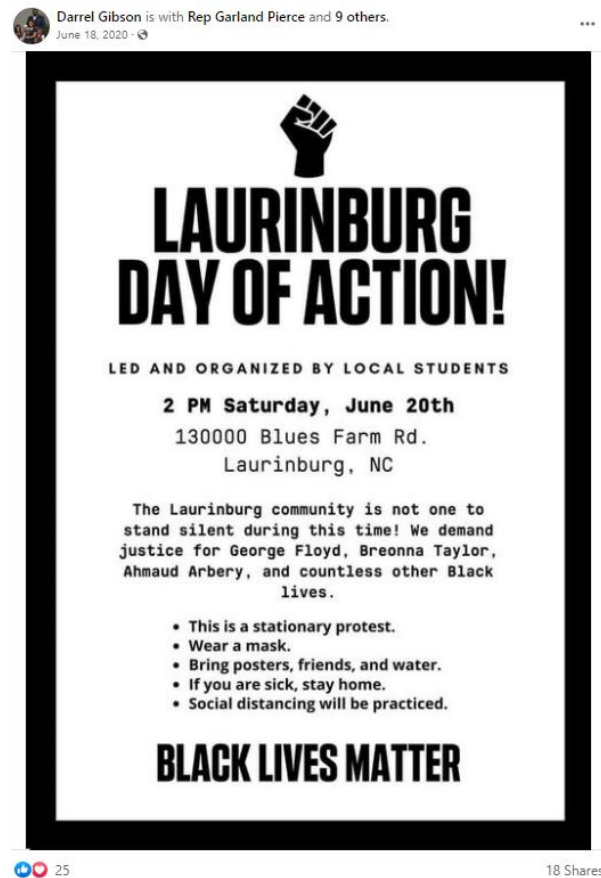
(Gibson Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/7/20)

In June 2020, Gibson Posted On Facebook Calling On People To Participate In A Black Lives Matter “Processional”. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/5/20)



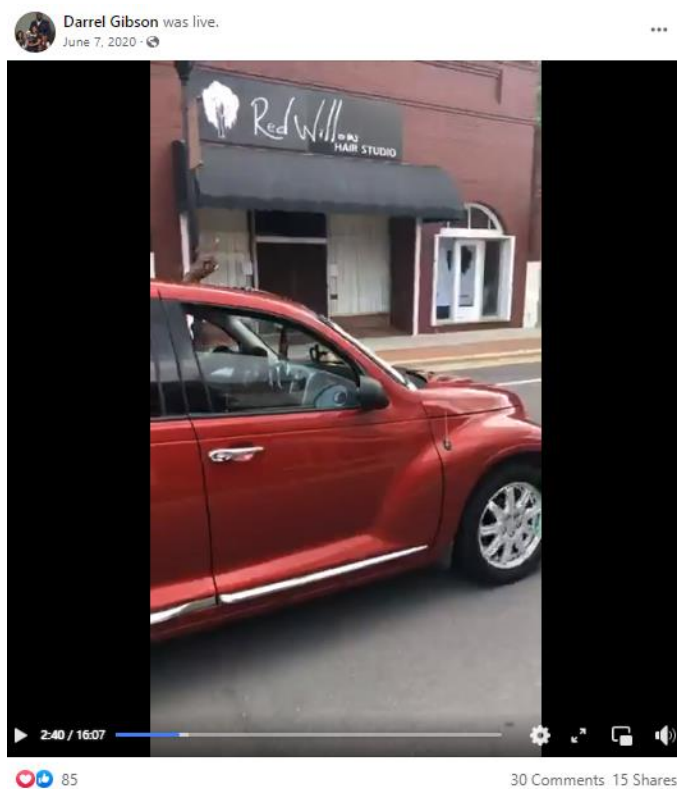
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In June 2020, Gibson Posted On Facebook Advertising A Protest Apparently Organized By “Black Lives Matter”. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/18/20)



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In June 2020, Gibson Posted A Video On Facebook Of Himself Attending A Black Lives Matter Protest, At Which He Participates In A “No Justice, No Peace” Chant. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/7/20, 02:30)



(Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/7/20, 02:30)

In May 2020, Gibson Promoted Content On Facebook Appearing To Justify Rioting By Claiming “Black People Have To Riot During A Pandemic Because OF Constant Police Brutality”. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/30/20)



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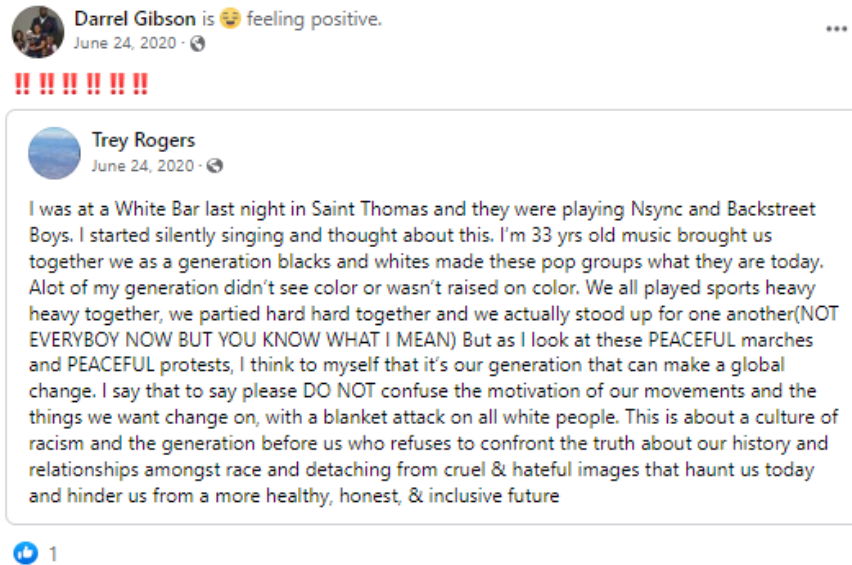
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Culture Of Racism

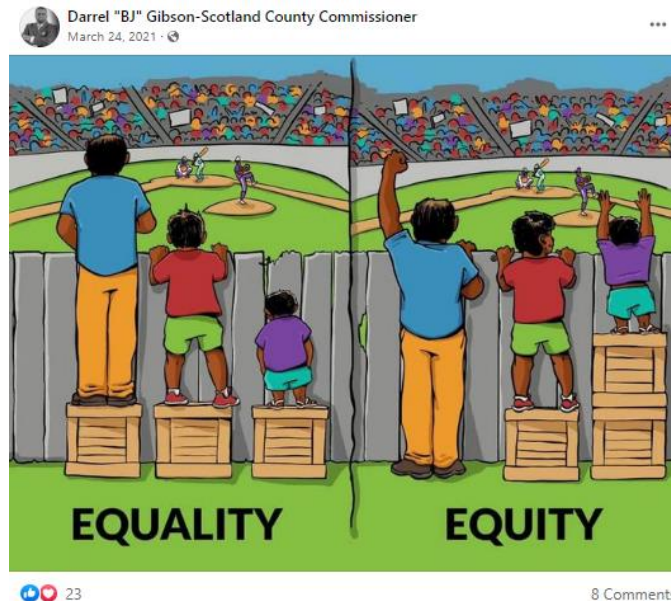
In June 2020, Gibson Promoted Content On Facebook Appearing To Claim There Is A “Culture Of Racism” In The United States. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/20)



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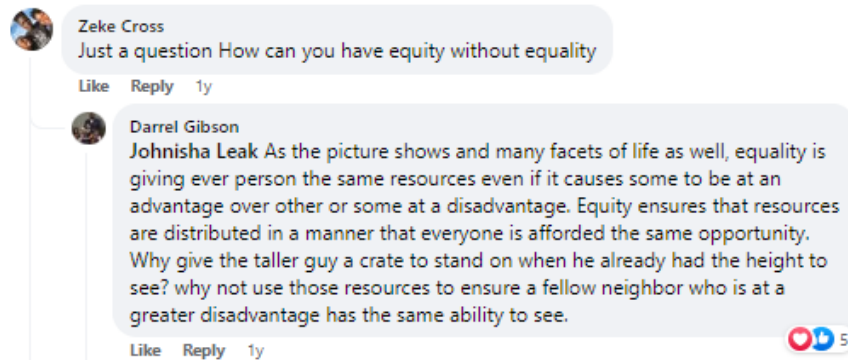
Equity

In March 2021, Gibson Posted On Facebook Appearing To Call For Society To Ensure “Equity” Instead Of “Equality”. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/24/21)



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In March 2021, Gibson Shared A Comment On Facebook Appearing To Make The Argument For Society To Prioritize Providing Resources To Those Who Are At A “Disadvantage”. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/24/21)

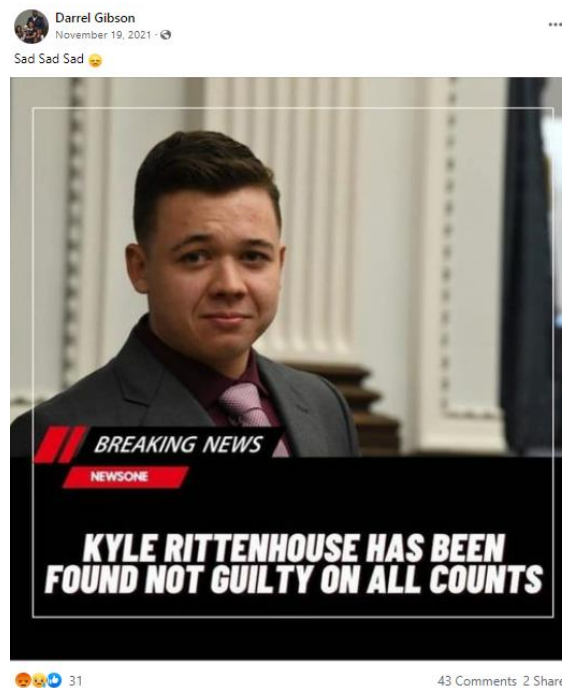


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Miscellaneous

Kyle Rittenhouse

In November 2021, Gibson Posted On Facebook Expressing His Sadness That Kyle Rittenhouse Was Found Not Guilty. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 11/19/21)



(Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 11/19/21)

In November 2021, Gibson Posted A Cartoon On Facebook Appearing To Claim That Kyle Rittenhouse Was Found Not Guilty Because He Isn't Black. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 11/19/21)

- **“It Sickens Me To See The World I’m Having To Raise My Son In!”** (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 11/19/21)



(Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 11/19/21)

POLITICAL

State Senate Candidacy

In March 2022, Gibson Launched His Candidacy For State Senate District 24. “Darrel Gibson Jr., a Laurinburg resident, filed Thursday as a Democratic candidate for the N.C. State Senate District 24 seat, which encompasses Robeson County, "after careful consideration and prayer," according to a press release. "For as long as I could remember my call to service has always been directed by God and rooted in my personal experiences growing up in Laurinburg," a statement from Gibson read in part. "My story is a part of a larger and more common story that most of us can relate to. We all share in the common issues, search for a better job, building on those lost family values, and trying to find our lot in life. Our problems in life are not made better if you're a democrat or a republican, and or if you're black or white." During nearly 15 years of elected service, Gibson said he stood up as a school board member and "always made sure parents were in the right to make the best decisions for their children." "This campaign will be about restoring trust and making sure that all people regardless if you live east of 95 or west of 95 will have an equal voice in Raleigh," Gibson said.” (*The Robesonian*, 3/4/22)

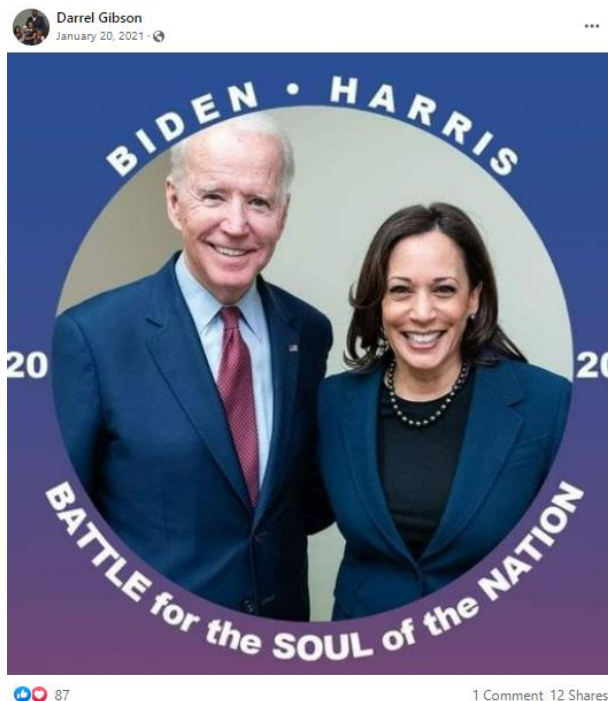
Democrat Associations

Young Democrats

It Has Been Noted That Around 2011 Gibson Was Serving As The “Temporary President” For The Local Young Democrats. “A group of local Democrats have decided to promote younger involvement in the Party. Saturday will mark the first meeting of the Scotland County Young Democrats. ‘We are a group of community members who are interested in putting together and activating the Young Democrats of Scotland County, those between the ages of 18 and 35 who have an interest in the political actions of our community,’ said Darrel Gibson, one of the organizers. The meeting will be held from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at McDuff’s Grille in Laurinburg, beginning with a meet and greet and an information session about Scotland County history before addressing club business. ‘There are many things about the community’s history that people in the 18-35 age group tend to be unfamiliar with,’ said Gibson. Gibson is currently serving as the Young Democrats’ temporary president, but new officers will be elected on Saturday. Those who intend to vote should bring \$20 for dues, half of which is directed to the state and half of which stays in the county for local operations. Gibson is also member of the Scotland County school board. ‘Our hope is to have at least 30 people this weekend,’ Gibson said.” (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 8/18/11)

Biden

In January 2021, Gibson Posted On Facebook In Support Of Joe Biden And Kamala Harris, Claiming They Are “Battling For The Soul Of The Nation”. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 1/20/21)



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Republican Associations

Trump

Following The Election In November 2020, Gibson Predicted That Trump Would Not “Concede Until He Is Forced To Do So.” “The election is over, but President Trump hasn't conceded or begun transition efforts for President-elect Joe Biden... Incoming County Commissioner Darrel "BJ" Gibson stated he does not think President Donald Trump will concede until he is forced to do so. "However," said Gibson, "in his latest speeches his language has begun to quietly shift. "I believe by all projections shown and more importantly by the votes of the people," continued Gibson ‘President-elect Biden will maintain the lead and officially become our 46th president. Reports show Biden has 306 electoral votes and 51.9% of the people's votes; which makes it pretty official.’” (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 11/19/20)

In January 2021, Gibson Posted On Facebook Expressing His Apparent Joy That Trump Was Voted Out Of Office. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 1/5/21)



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Vernon Jones

In October 2020, Gibson Posted On Facebook Appearing To Claim That Vernon Jones Must Only Support Trump Because He Expects Something In Return. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 10/17/20)

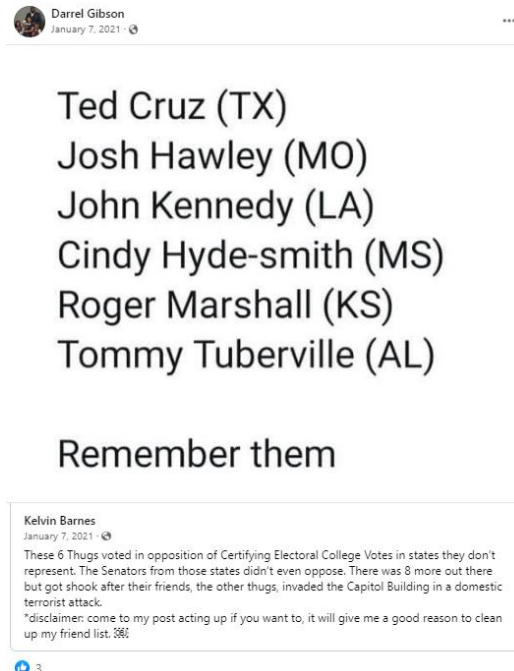


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2020 Election And Fallout

January 6th And Politicians

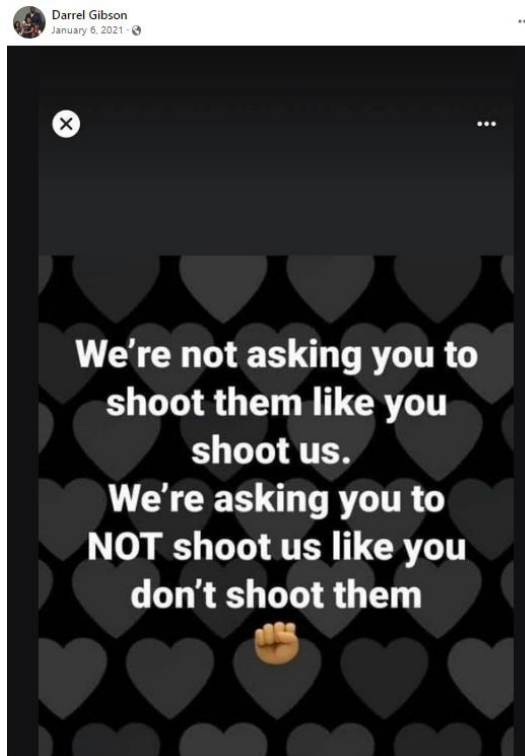
In January 2021, Gibson Posted On Facebook Criticizing Those Who Voted Against Certifying 2020 Election Results. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 1/7/21)



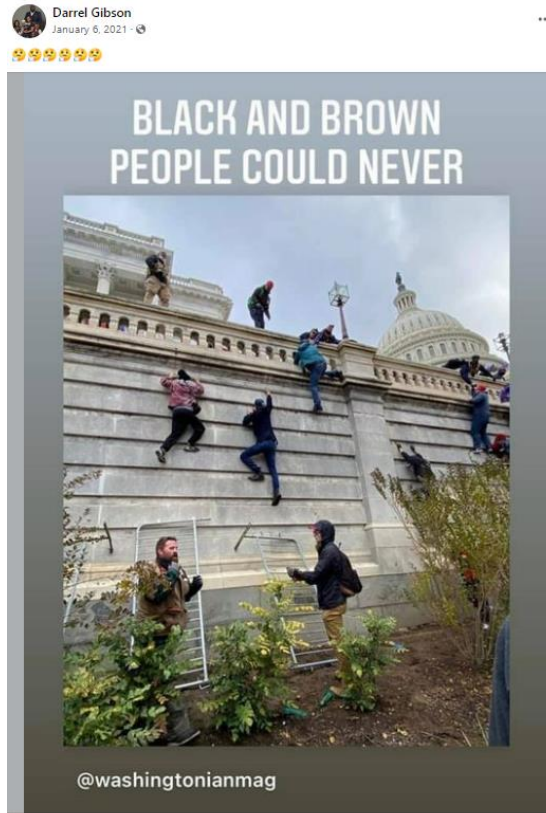
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January 6th And Race

In January 2021, Gibson Posted On Facebook Appearing Use the January 6th Riots To Make A Subtle Point About Law Enforcement And Black Americans. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 1/6/21; Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 1/6/21)

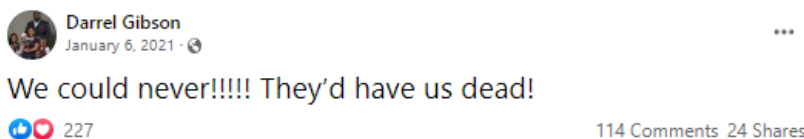


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In January 2021, Gibson Posted On Facebook Appearing To Claim The January 6th Protestors Would Be Killed En Masse If They Were Black. (Gibson Profile, [Facebook](#), 1/6/21)



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PERSONAL

Role As Local Pastor

Community Engagement

As A Local Community Pastor, Gibson Appears To Have Been Heavily Involved In Local Civic Activity Focused On Youth And Student Success. “As part of a effort to close the educational achievement gap, local pastors Darrel Gibson and Garland Pierce, will host a workshop this morning. Backed by the NAACP and the Scotland County Closing the Achievement Gap Committee, the session is called "Bridging the Gap." It will be held at Bright Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. It will include a presentation by representatives of The Rural Schools and Community Trust or North Carolina. Dothula Baron,

the group's Community Support Specialist and Page McCullough, the group's Field Director, who will be sharing advice on how improving achievement of students in Scotland County can be done, particularly from the perspective of parents and educators. Their presentation will also include practical advice for parents toward that end. "We are urging all school personnel, pastors, church youth leaders, city council members, county commissioners, parents, grandparents and all of those who have an interest in the betterment of the success of our young people to join us Saturday for this session of Bridging the Gap," said Gibson." (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 2/21/09)

- **Gibson: "As Leaders Of This Community, Pastor Pierce And I, Along With Other Pastors, Are Merely Interested In Ensuring There Is A Great Working Relationship Between The School System, Communities And Families."** (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 2/21/09)

"Gibson, Along With Scotland County Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Chase, Is The Co-Chair Of The Scotland County Closing The Achievement Gap Committee. The Committee And The County NAACP Are Serving As 'Steering Support Groups' For The Event." (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 2/21/09)

Dress For Success

In 2010, Gibson Was An Organizer For An Event "To Encourage Children To Adopt A More Professional Attire In Hopes It Will Bring More Professional Behavior." "In a new initiative, titled "Dress for Work," administrators at East Laurinburg Alternative Academy are partnering with the Ministerial Alliance and area businesses and community leaders to encourage children to adopt a more professional attire in hopes it will bring more professional behavior. The stated mission of the effort is "to promote exceptional behavior of all students by encouraging them to display exceptional attire in their dress." Harold Livingston, a teacher at the alternative school, told a group of nine students on Tuesday at the program's kick-off event that a pressed, button-up shirt and a clean pair of slacks is more than just a nicer look. "When I stepped out of the house this morning, I'm not me, I'm representing my family," Livingston said. He challenged the group to dress better, saying it would change how they are treated by others and could inspire others to dress likewise. Pastor Darrel Gibson, one of the organizers, told the group that they need to improve their image now, beginning with their attire, as a way of investing in their future. "Whatever you do, you're going to have to invest your boss," Gibson said. "You're going to need to start doing that now." (*The Laurinburg Exchange*, 2/2/10)

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