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Former NFL quarterback and social justice activist Colin Kaepernick receives the Amnesty International Ambassador of Conscience Award for 2018 from Amnesty International Secretary General Salil Shetty, right, in Amsterdam, Saturday April 21, 2018. Kaepernick became a controversial figure when refusing to stand for the national anthem, instead he knelt to protest racial inequality and police brutality. (AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

## Andrews Versus Birkhead: The Race For Sheriff



BIRKHEAD



ANDREWS

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Durham County Sheriff Mike Andrews says the two top problems facing the county are the opioid crisis, and the proliferation of illegal guns in the community. But his department lost 25 law enforcement positions because of the economic downturn, leaving him with just 200 sworn deputies. His force is doing a fine job, Sheriff Andrews insists, despite being stretched to the limit.

Two strong law enforcement professionals vying to become the chief law enforcement officer for Durham County, which is growing by leaps and bounds, challenging a department that must keep up with it in order to adequately do its job.

Sheriff Mike Andrews, 60, is a Durham native, having spent 38 years with the Durham Sheriff's Dept. He has served in virtually every capacity during that time - from deputy to Investigations, Training and Patrol.

"We need more officers to do the job that we do, and we're mandated with a lot of services through the auspices of the sheriff," Andrews told *The Carolina Times*.

Andrews received his training through the Law Enforcement Executive Program at N.C. State University and the Institute of Government. Andrews also graduated Carolina Command College, and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. He completed the Sheriffs' Leadership Institute in 2016, and has an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the state.

Andrews' challenger in the May 8<sup>th</sup> Democratic primary election, veteran lawman Clarence Birkhead, says he "respectfully disagrees," and that the sheriff has enough resources, with over 470 personnel, but just isn't allocating them properly. He will do a better job if elected to lead Durham's Sheriff's Dept., and the community will see the difference.

In office since 2012 when he took over former Sheriff Worth Hill, Andrews counts among his many accomplishments the establishment of the Citizens' Community Academy; Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.); School Resource officers and the Sheriff's Anti-Crime and Narcotics Unit, which helped seize over (Continued On Page 3)

Birkhead does agree that the easy access to guns, and the resulting violence, is a key law enforcement concern, and something he would prioritize his focus on once elected.

## Accepting rights award, Colin Kaepernick decries 'lawful lynching'

By Mike Corder  
AMSTERDAM (AP) - Amnesty International gave former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick its Ambassador of Conscience Award on April 21 for his kneeling protest of racial injustice that launched a sports movement and might have cost him his job.

"Eric introducing me for this prestigious award brings me great joy," Kaepernick said. "But I am also pained by the fact that his taking a knee, and demonstrating courage to protect the rights of black and brown people in America, has also led to his ostracization from the NFL when he is widely recognized as one of the best competitors in the game and in the prime of his career."

Amnesty hands its award each year to a person or organization, 'dedicated to fighting injustice and using their talents to inspire others.' Amnesty International Secretary General Salil Shetty called Kaepernick 'an athlete who is now widely recognized for his activism because of his refusal to ignore or accept racial discrimination.'

Onetime San Francisco 49ers teammate Eric Reid presented Kaepernick with the award during a ceremony in Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands.

## New lynching memorial offers chance to remember, heal

In his acceptance speech, the award-winner described police killings of African Americans and Latinos in the United States as lawful lynchings.

"Racialized oppression and dehumanization is woven into the very fabric of our nation - the effects of which can be seen in the lawful lynching of black and brown people by the police, and the mass incarceration of black and brown lives in the prison industrial complex," Kaepernick said.

By Jay Reeves and Kim Chandler  
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Elmore Bolling defied the odds against black men and built several successful businesses during the harsh era of Jim Crow segregation in the South. He had more money than a lot of whites, which his descendants believe was all it took to get him lynched in 1947.

He was shot to death by a white neighbor, according to news accounts at the time, and the shooter was never prosecuted.

But Bolling's name is now listed among thousands on a new memorial for victims of hate-inspired lynchings that terrorized generations of U.S. blacks. Daughter Josephine Bolling McCall is anxious to see the monument, located about 20 miles from where her father was killed in rural Lowndes County.

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, opening April 26, is a project of the nonprofit Equal Justice Initiative, a legal advocacy group in Montgomery. The organization says the combined museum and memorial will be the nation's first site to document racial inequality in America from slavery through Jim Crow to the issues of today.

"In the American South, we don't talk about slavery. We don't have monuments and memorials that confront the legacy of lynching. We haven't really confronted the difficulties of segregation. And because of that, I think we are still burdened by that history," said EJI executive director Bryan Stevenson.

The site includes a memorial to the victims of 4,400 "terror lynchings" of black people in 800 U.S. counties from 1877 through 1950. All but about 300 were in the South, and prosecutions were rare in any of the cases. Stevenson said they emphasized the lynching era because he believes it's an aspect of the nation's racial history that's discussed the least.

"Most people in this country can't name a single African-American who was lynched between 1877 and 1950 even though thousands of African Americans were subjected to this violence," Stevenson said.

The organization said a common theme ran through the slayings, which it differentiates from extrajudicial killings in places that simply lacked courts: A desire to impose fear on (Continued On Page 3)

## Another crude video surfaces after fraternity's expulsion

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - Syracuse University expelled a fraternity over an offensive video that members say was intended as satire, but the controversy is continuing with the emergence of more video simulating a sexual assault of a disabled person.

Chancellor Kent Syverud called the latest video clip of crude behavior at Theta Tau "appalling and disgusting" in a statement Sunday.

"I am deeply concerned about how the continuing exposure to hateful videos is causing further hurt and distress to members of our campus community," he said, while acknowledging that the New York school had known about the latest clip since the first one emerged and sparked outrage on Wednesday. The chancellor said he hadn't spoken specifically about the additional video earlier because of ongoing police and student disciplinary investigations.

He and other administrators planned to gather with students to discuss the matter Sunday evening.

Theta Tau's Syracuse chapter apologized Friday for the initial video, saying it was part of a "satirical sketch of an uneducated, racist, homophobic, misogynist, sexist, ableist and intolerant person."

"Nothing like this will ever again be tolerated," the chapter said on its website. "Not in private, not as part of a joke - not ever."

The chapter, part of a national engineering fraternity, hasn't immediately responded to emails Saturday and Sunday about subsequent developments. (Continued On Page 3)