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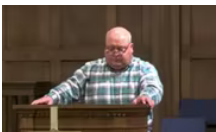
Bubba Copeland



Bubba Copeland's electronic devices show no evidence of any crime, sheriff says

Investigators carried out a forensic analysis of his electronic devices – including his cell phone that was with him when he took his own life.

7h ago Carol Robinson



Bubba Copeland's death reminds us America's LGBTQ+ population lives in 'a mean and bitter world'

"A small town in east Alabama is saying goodbye to someone it shouldn't have lost."

9h ago LZ Granderson Los Angeles Times (TNS) and Tribune Media



Roy S. Johnson: Copeland's secret life is none of our business

Two days after 1819 News published photos of mayor and pastor F.L. "Bubba" Copeland in women's clothes and makeup, his life was lost to suicide. Just because we, as journalists, have the right to inquire and publish anything about of a public official as long as it's factual, doesn't mean we always should.

9h ago Roy S. Johnson



After Mayor Bubba Copeland's death, community gathers to pray: 'Smiths Station is hurting'

Copeland, 49, was married and a father of three. A pastor in Phenix City, Copeland had been mayor of Smiths Station since 2016.

Mike Cason

Bubba Copeland's death focus of standard investigation, not his online posts, sheriff says

"He was very involved with the city of Smiths Station," Lee County Sheriff Jay Jones. "He was interested in helping people."

Jeremy Gray

Smiths Station names new mayor following Bubba

Copeland's death

A Vietnam veteran, Morris Jackson worked for 42 years with Georgia Power and retired from the company in 2008.

William Thornton

Phenix City leaders to host prayer service to 'lift up' Smiths Station, church after Bubba Copeland's death

"Please remember that now is the time to show what our region is really about: More compassion and more love to help those who are hurting," leaders said.

Howard Koplowitz



Bubba Copeland's church gathers to grieve: Funeral services announced for Alabama pastor and mayor

Copeland, a 49-year-old father of three, served on the Lee County school board before being elected mayor of Smiths Station.

Greg Garrison



Alabama mayor and pastor Bubba Copeland's death sparks heartbreak, outrage: 'So incredibly sad'

"Mayor Copeland was the backbone
of Smiths Station," Lee County
Democratic Party Chairperson Jamie
Lowe wrote.

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**F.L. 'Bubba' Copeland,
Alabama mayor and pastor,
kills himself**

Copeland was the mayor of Smiths
Station and pastor at First Baptist
Church of Phenix City.

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