

On July 5, 2026, at approximately 1155 hours, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol Master Sergeant Jacob Strickland received a call from Captain William Freeman to locate and interview a female subject that was possibly involved with the missing person on Horn Island.

Officer J. Strickland reported to the residence of [REDACTED] Naquin, Pascagoula, MS, who was initially reported to be on Horn Island with the group of people associated with Nolan Wells. When interviewed, Naquin stated that she had already spoken with Jackson County Sheriff's Department investigators and stated that she was not on Horn Island but in fact was on Petit Bois Island with a different group of friends. Naquin stated that she knew Wells but had not seen or spoken with him in over a year.

Officer Strickland followed up on some other possible names associated with Wells that may have seen him at Horn Island that day. Jacob Woods of Ocean Springs, MS, was not at home when Strickland checked his residence. Officer Strickland reported to the residence of Drew Johnson, Ocean Springs, MS, no contact was made.

At approximately 1630 hours, Officer Strickland contacted Wyatt Pyron's mother, Jennifer Pyron, who stated that Wyatt had already spoken to the Jackson County Sheriff Department investigators earlier in the day, but would cooperate in any way that they were needed. Officer Strickland was given verbal consent to view the Garmin GPS on Pyron's vessel. Officer Strickland observed the track lines showing Pyron's vessel location on Horn Island to narrow down the search area for Wells. The GPS displayed that the vessel was located near the western tip of Horn Island for the date of July 4, 2026 (30.14.626N/088.46.629W PA).

Officer Strickland was notified that Jackson County Sheriff's Department was taking lead on the missing person investigation. MDMR officer would be in a supporting role for the remainder of the investigation.