



# BEHIND THE BADGE

## Eric Paymon

Officer | *Vicksburg Police Department*

Eric Paymon grew up in Jackson, Mississippi where he graduated from Forest Hill High School in 1996. He also attended Hinds Community College and Jackson State University. Officer Paymon is now furthering his education, pursuing a degree in Communications.

Officer Paymon has been gainfully employed as a police officer since graduating from Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy in 2005. He served as a Patrolman at Jackson State University and as a Deputy at the Hinds County Sheriff's Department.

Since 2007, Officer Paymon has been a model officer at the Vicksburg Police Department. He holds the position of Master Fire Arms Instructor where he is responsible for the training and qualification of all certified officers. Officer Paymon has worked in several capacities including Traffic Supervisor, Field Training Officer, Criminal Investigator and Patrolman. Currently he serves as Watch Commander, supervising a shift of 11 officers. At the Vicksburg Police Department, Officer Paymon has made over 60 felony arrests and over 1,300 misdemeanor arrests.

Officer Paymon is founder/owner of Secure One, a private security company providing security to local businesses, schools and private events.

Officer Paymon is happily married to his wife, Kimberly, and they are blessed with two children, Eriel and Eric, Jr. In his spare time, Officer Paymon enjoys Green Bay Packers and Jackson State Football, spending time with family, traveling and community service activities. Officer Paymon's life motto is ***"If I can help somebody along the way, then my living shall not be in vain."***



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