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Star Quarterback Arrested on Aggravated Assault

HATTIESBURG – Local media outlets are reporting that star freshman quarterback Anthony Alford was arrested on the USM campus and charged with aggravated assault. According to a 28-Nov-2012 [report by](#) *The Hattiesburg American*, Alford, a highly-rated freshman from Petal, and someone who was offered a lucrative contract to play professional baseball, was involved in an altercation near the Walker Science Building. The altercation occurred at about 11:00am on 28-Nov-2012, and also involved USM student Korey Hathorn of Sumrall. When USM police arrived on the scene to investigate, Hathorn was seen by police, and allegedly in possession of a handgun. He was also taken into police custody.



Alford's high school coach, Steve Buckley, was hired by USM after Alford's senior season. Buckley served as the offensive coordinator for Ellis Johnson, however the Johnson regime at USM ended after just one season only days ago. The Eagles finished the 2012 season with an 0-12 record, and Johnson was fired. Although part of the Johnson staff, Buckley told local media on 28-Nov-2012 that he and other assistants were planning to stay on board until a new coaching staff is hired.