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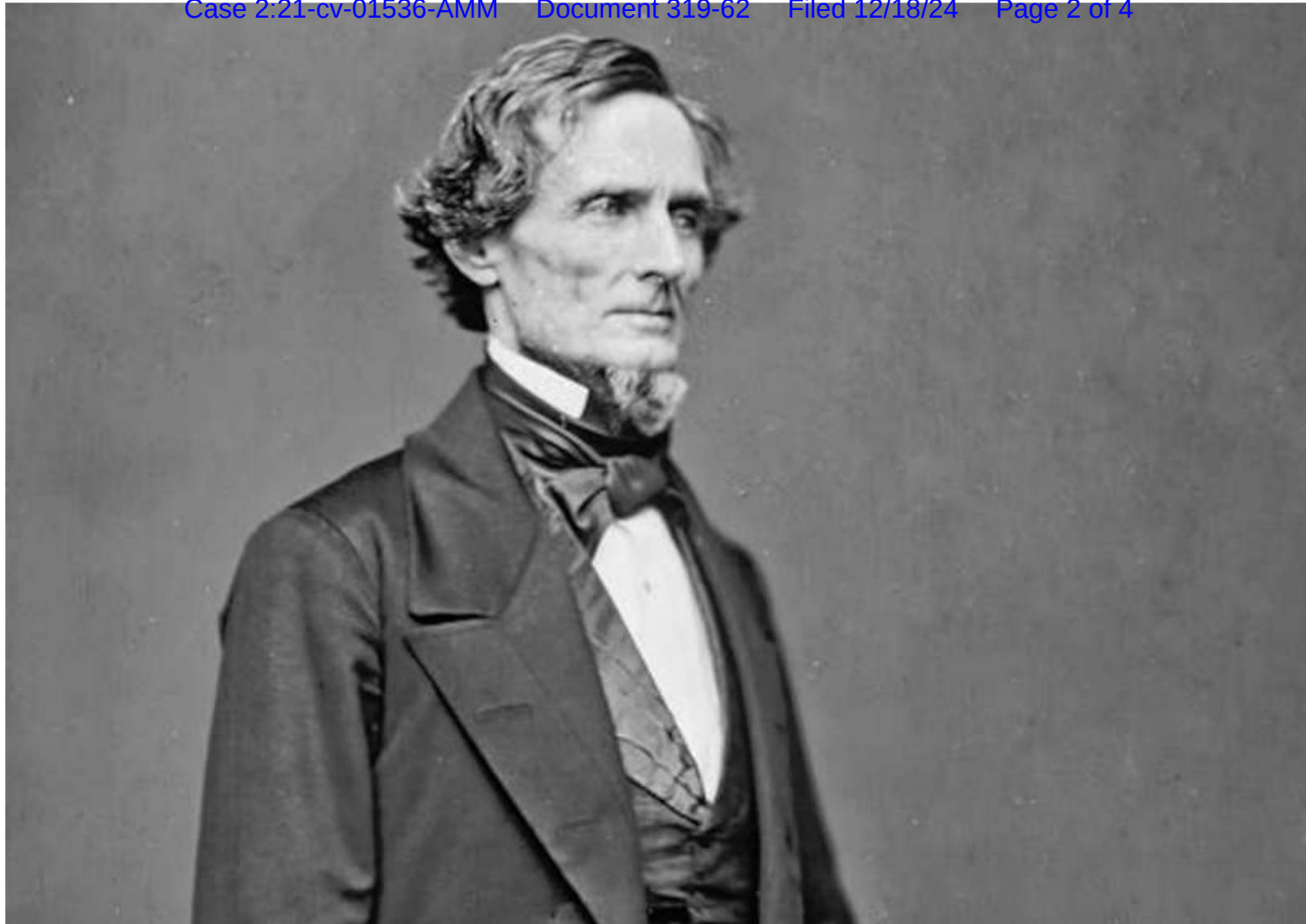
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Jefferson Davis birthday holiday in Alabama is today: What that means to you; will mail run?

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Jefferson Davis



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Today is a holiday in Alabama but, unless you specifically need to do business with the state, you likely won't see much of a difference.

State offices will be closed in Alabama Monday to commemorate the birth of Confederate president Jefferson Davis.

Monday, June 5 is a state holiday, one of three in Alabama that honor Confederate leaders: Robert E. Lee's birthday, which is marked in January on the same day as Martin Luther King Day; Confederate Memorial Day in April; and Davis' birthday in June.

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State offices and some agencies are closed but federal services- including mail delivery – will continue.

Here's what's open and what's closed:

Alabama state offices - closed

Alabama state courts - Most closed, check ahead

Car tag offices - Open in some counties, closed in others where Davis' birthday is observed.

U.S. Post Office - normal operations, mail will be delivered.

Banks - open

City and county offices - Most are open

Jefferson County Courthouse – Open

Municipal and county closings will vary widely across the state, so check ahead before you go.

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Who was Jefferson Davis?

Davis was born on June 3, 1808, in Kentucky and later represented Mississippi in Congress before serving as U.S. Secretary of War under President Franklin Pierce. Davis was the unanimous choice of the Confederate Convention for president, taking the oath of office in Montgomery, Alabama on Feb. 18, 1861 and serving until 1865.

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Davis was captured at the close of the Civil War, accused of treason and imprisoned, though he was never tried. He was released two years later and spent his retirement years on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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Alabama is the last state to have a legal holiday set aside solely to commemorate the birth of Davis. Mississippi marks Davis' birthday but includes it in the Memorial Day celebration. In Texas, Davis's birthday is part of "Confederate Heroes Day" while other