

# Foreclosures highest along Baldwin's beach

Staff Report

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Foreclosures in south Alabama have been concentrated in west Mobile and south Baldwin County, according to research by a University of South Alabama professor.

Don Epley, director of the school's Center for Research Studies, compiled a list of all foreclo-

sure filings by ZIP code from December through August in Mobile and Baldwin counties' probate courts.

He found that the highest numbers of foreclosures were in the south Baldwin area. There were 238 foreclosures in the Gulf Shores ZIP code and 137 in both the Foley and Orange Beach ZIP codes.

Mobile County's beach area did not have the same problem. Dauphin Island only saw 15 foreclosures in the period.

Instead, the heavy areas were in west Mobile and along Dauphin Island Parkway. The 36605 ZIP code, which includes the parkway and other south Mobile neighborhoods, had the highest number of foreclosures, with 95.