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SHERIFF PATRICK 'PAT' LABAT'S RESPONSE TO THE ATLANTA CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD

The Fulton County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) remains committed to transparency and can assure the Atlanta Citizen's Review Board (ACRB) that FCSO has not interfered with its ability to interview Fulton County inmates.

The facts regarding this inquiry involve an ACRB investigator making one unannounced visit. Because jail staff was not familiar with the individual, jail staff informed the investigator that access would be granted once the ACRB coordinated its interviews with the subject inmate's criminal defense attorney.

Like everyone, Fulton County inmates have constitutional rights against self-incrimination, which Sheriff Labat seeks to uphold. To remove any possible violation of these fundamental rights, Sheriff Labat's staff requested that investigators facilitate interviews in a manner that guarantees the preservation of those rights.

Thereafter, ACRB made no attempt to contact the Sheriff's Office. At no time was the ACRB denied access to Fulton County inmates. Any and all representations to the contrary are disingenuous at best.

***ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.*

