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## **Fulton County Sheriff's Office Responds to Death of Lashawn Thompson**

**Atlanta, GA** – First and foremost, the Fulton County Sheriff's Office would like to extend condolences to the family Lashawn Thompson.

The manner and cause of death was listed as 'undetermined' by the county medical examiner. A full investigation was launched into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Thompson's death. As a part of that ongoing investigation immediate action was taken, including but not limited to:

- approving an additional expenditure of \$500,000 to address the infestation of bed bugs, lice and other vermin within the Fulton County Jail which was done in addition to prior cleaning operations targeting communicable diseases that are common in congregant settings and
- updating protocols for security rounds to include addressing sanitary conditions

The health, well-being and security of inmates in our care is our top priority. It's no secret that the dilapidated and rapidly eroding conditions of the current facility make it incredibly difficult to meet the goal of providing a clean, well-maintained and healthy environment for all inmates and staff. That is precisely why Sheriff Labat continues to call building a new Fulton County Jail and Criminal Justice Complex which will provide an elite level of care, mental health services, security and cleanliness.

**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.