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**Statement from Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat on the
20th Anniversary of the Fulton County Courthouse Shooting**

Atlanta, GA – “Today marks the 20th anniversary of a tragedy that befell the Fulton County Courthouse. We pause to reflect on the devastating events that occurred on March 11, 2005, when Fulton County Sheriff’s Deputy Sergeant Hoyt Teasley was fatally shot and killed while bravely pursuing a suspect responsible for a deadly rampage inside the courthouse, also fatally wounding Superior Court Judge Rowland Barnes and court reporter Julie Brandeau, and critically wounding another sheriff’s office deputy.

“Sgt. Teasley’s heroic actions, along with the tireless efforts of law enforcement and judicial partners, ultimately led to the apprehension of the suspect and brought closure to this heartbreaking case. This day serves as a painful reminder of the risks our public servants take every day to protect our community. The bravery, courage, and ultimate sacrifice made by Sgt. Teasley will never be forgotten.

“We remain eternally grateful to our law enforcement officers, judicial partners, and first responders who work daily to ensure the safety and security of our justice system. Today, we honor the memory of the fallen and reflect on the importance of unity, strength, and commitment to justice.”

Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat

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.

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