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Statement by Sheriff Labat on Conviction of Richard Parham

ATLANTA, GA – Fulton County Sheriff Patrick “Pat” Labat’s statement in response to the conviction of Richard Parham, who was found guilty of a violent assault on Fulton County Deputy Sheriff Clarence Houston inside the Fulton County Jail on September 5, 2022:

“I commend the Fulton County District Attorney’s Office for the conviction of Richard Parham. This verdict sends a clear message that violence against law enforcement officers will not be tolerated. I want to personally acknowledge the bravery and resilience of Deputy Clarence Houston, who has demonstrated tremendous strength throughout his recovery and continues to serve the Fulton County Sheriff’s Office with dedication. We are grateful for his service and remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting him and all members of our team. The safety and security of our team and those in our custody remain our highest priority. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure the safety of those who serve and protect our community every day.”

Parham has been sentenced to 40 years to serve.

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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