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Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat Issues Statement Concerning Mr. Rashaad Muhammad

Atlanta, GA – What has been reported regarding Mr. Muhammad is deeply troubling and heartbreaking. Any time a person suffers medical complications while in custody, it demands serious scrutiny and accountability.

I want the public to know this: We have asked the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) for an independent review of this matter. We welcome transparency because the people of Fulton County deserve facts, not speculation. They entrusted me to lead, and I plan to continue doing so.

While the investigation is ongoing, I will not prejudge the outcome or attempt to debate this case publicly. But I will say this clearly: If failures occurred within our system, they will be addressed.

We are already reviewing medical procedures, inmate welfare protocols, staffing coordination, and emergency response processes to ensure every person in our custody receives appropriate care and attention.

For decades, Fulton County Jail has faced enormous challenges, including overcrowding, staffing shortages, aging infrastructure, and growing mental and medical health demands. However, those realities cannot become excuses.

Our responsibility is to protect public safety while ensuring constitutional and humane treatment for every individual in our custody. We ask the public to allow the independent investigation to proceed, and we remain committed to transparency and accountability throughout that process.

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