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## **Fulton County Sheriff's Office Announces F.A.S.T. Unit** *Formerly the FCSO Scorpion Unit*

**Atlanta, GA** – In the wake of the heinous killing of Tyre Nichols, in Memphis, Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat announces a name change for the Fulton County Sheriff's Office's elite unit, formally known as the Scorpion Unit. The F.A.S.T. (Fugitive Apprehension Support Team) holds the same values, and mission as the previously named Scorpion Unit. The name change comes in light of the inexcusable actions of Memphis Police Officers, who cast dishonor, and suspicion, on the unit title "SCORPION."

"Changing the name of our elite unit was an important step we believed needed to be taken," says Fulton County Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat. "However, as the name "SCORPION" was not the root problem in the horrific actions in Memphis, the name change for the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is not a finite solution. We regularly review our operations, and training protocols, in alignment with our mission to serve the citizens of Fulton County with integrity, honor, and respect."

The **Fulton County Sheriff's Office F.A.S.T.** unit is focused on suppression crime, apprehending violent criminals, and reducing gang-related crimes. Members of the FCSO F.A.S.T. Unit are responsible for providing proactive interdiction in areas of Fulton County experiencing a high number of violent crimes, street level narcotics crimes, as well as gang activity. The FCSO F.A.S.T. Unit is also tasked with identifying crime patterns, repeat offenders, and deploying legal resources to arrest criminal perpetrators.

**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.