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### **Fulton County Sheriff's Office Considers "SCORPION" Unit Name**

In the wake of the killing of Tyre Nichols, law enforcement agencies consider re-naming the specialized unit

**Atlanta, GA** – In light of the indisputable fact that the heinous actions of the officers in Memphis have cast dishonor and suspicion on the title SCORPION, Sheriff Patrick Labat believes it would be wise for all agencies with SCORPION units to take proactive steps to protect and build even stronger bonds of trust with the communities we serve. After the nefarious and depraved actions that led to Tyre Nichols' death, the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is one of many agencies considering a name change for our elite unit.

Sheriff Labat said, "We believe a name change is important but realize it is not in itself, a solution. Our executive leadership team is reviewing operations and training protocols. Any additional changes warranted will be implemented with the goal of strengthening our commitment to our mission and serving the citizens of Fulton County with integrity, transparency and honor."

**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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