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**Attorney General Steve Marshall Statement on Loss of Lowndes County
Sheriff "Big John" Williams in Line of Duty**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall issued the following statement Saturday night upon learning of the death of Lowndes County Sheriff "Big John" Williams in the line of duty.

"Tonight, Alabama mourns the loss of another law enforcement officer in the line of duty," said Attorney General Marshall. "Lowndes County Sheriff 'Big John' Williams died from gun fire while responding to an incident in Hayneville. Sheriff Williams devoted his life to law enforcement. He gave more than 40 years to public safety in his home county, serving the last 9 years as Lowndes County Sheriff. His dedication and experience are irreplaceable.

"Sheriff Williams is the fifth line-of-duty death of an Alabama law enforcement officer to gun fire this year and the sixth to lose his life overall in our state over the last 11 months. Serving the public in the role of a peace officer is a difficult calling, fraught with peril, yet thankfully many Alabama men and women choose to answer the call, often time putting their lives in danger to protect us. It simply cannot be said enough that we owe these heroes our gratitude and our support.

"I know all Alabamians join me in passing along our condolences and prayers to Sheriff Williams' family and to the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office."

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