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**MIKE PRENDERGAST**



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

From the Office of Sheriff Mike Prendergast  
Citrus County, Florida

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**RE: Comments regarding two deputies ambushed and killed in Gilchrist County, Florida**

More information is slowly coming out regarding the tremendous tragedy that has hit all of Florida's law enforcement family. Our hearts go out to the families of Sergeant Noel Ramirez and Deputy Taylor Lindsey of the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) who were senselessly ambushed and killed while on duty this afternoon.

Sgt. Ramirez, 30, a seven-year veteran, has been with GSCO for about two years and was recently promoted to Sergeant. Deputy Lindsey, 25, has been with GSCO for approximately three years. Ramirez and Lindsay were eating inside a local restaurant in the city of Trenton, when a man walked up to the window and shot them from outside the establishment. Gilchrist County Sheriff, Bobby Schultz, confirmed the suspect also died at the scene.

Several agencies from surrounding communities and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement are on scene helping GCSO with this active criminal investigation, while the men and women of GCSO and the Gilchrist community mourn the loss of these two heroes. The Citrus County Sheriff's Office has also extended an offer of assistance as the investigation into this tragedy continues to unfold.

We will hear more about exactly what happened concerning this senseless ambush of two of our brothers as additional information becomes available in the hours and days ahead. In the meantime, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office family will honor these two men by doing our jobs and keeping you safe. We will also steadfastly remain vigilant and keep a special place in our hearts for the men and women of Gilchrist County who wear the badge so proudly. Please keep the families of Sgt. Ramirez and Deputy Lindsey, the men and women of the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, and the entire community in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.