



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER


BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS: On July 23, 2003, Simon Scates and Gretchen Hardister were found brutally murdered inside the home of Simon Scates.
- WHEREAS: The Rowell Police Department has launched an intensive search for the unknown person(s) responsible for this heinous crime.
- WHEREAS: There has been no arrest and so far leads have failed to identify any suspect(s).
- WHEREAS: Section 45-12-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotation provides that the Governor of the State of Georgia is authorized, in his discretion, to offer, and cause to be paid a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of a person who has committed the crime of murder or voluntary manslaughter, where the victim of such a crime was a law enforcement officer acting in the line of duty at the time of the commission of such crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That a reward in the amount of \$2,000.00 is hereby offered for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of individual(s) responsible for the murder of Simon Scates and Gretchen Hardister.

This 9th day of March, 2003


GOVERNOR