

**George County Sheriff Department**  
**Press Release**  
**December 29, 2014**  
**Contact: Shonna Pierce**

## **GC Deputy Street death felt throughout law enforcement community**

**George County, MS** - Sheriff Dean Howell says "On December 16, 2014, we lost one of our own when Deputy John Street died in the line of duty responding to an accident. During this time of grief as we laid our fallen hero to rest, we again experienced the bond between law enforcement officers. Those who have been through this understand the emotions that come from losing an officer in the line of duty.

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the many who sent cards, brought food, and expressed condolences. The George County Sheriff's Office has received cards and letters from more than 100 different law enforcement agencies including abroad.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Chief Leonard Papania and the entire Gulfport Police Department who let us know from day one, they had our backs. To Sheriff Mike Ezell and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Mounted Patrol Division, and the Reserves Division who in a joint patrol detail volunteered to come to George County and cover all shifts during the 3 day period so our officers could be present for John's funeral. To Captain Pat Green and MSgt Marty Davis and the entire Mississippi Highway Patrol as well as the MHP Honor Guard for their support and assistance throughout this time and their show of dignity and respect at the funeral, we say thank you. To the Gulfport Fire Department Honor Guard, and the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, we say thank you.



To Mayor Doug Lee and Wayne Lee's Grocery and Deli, and Hokie's Bar-B-Q in George County, thank you, for all the food you brought, which fed a multitude of law enforcement officers during this time. You were a blessing to us.

I believe those of us who choose to serve their communities as law enforcement truly understand what this has meant to us. And to those that we serve, it's not only us that lose...it's the entire community that loses a hero. Remember to thank an officer the next time you see one and continue to pray for all law enforcement across the nation.

We have assisted Deputy Street's widow, Donielle Trees Street in setting up a Post Office Box for anyone who wishes to donate to her and his surviving children. Michael, 4 years and Logan 4 months. The post office box is

Donielle Trees Street  
P.O. Box 2448  
Gulfport, MS 39505-2448.

Of course donations are being accepted at the George County Sheriff's Office that will be delivered to her as well.

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**GC Deputy John Robert Street dies in the line of duty on Dec. 16**

**George County, MS** – It is with great sorrow that we announce the line of duty death of Deputy John Robert Street, 24. Shortly before 02:00 a.m. this morning, while responding to an accident on Highway 57 North, that Deputy Street was killed when his vehicle left the road and struck a tree.

Deputy Street was a fulltime officer with the Lucedale Police department and a part time officer with the George County Sheriff's Office and it was while on duty with the George County Sheriff's Office that he lost his life.

Deputy Street had been in law enforcement for approximately 4 years. We ask for prayers for his family and the officers and staffs of the George County Sheriff's Office, and the Lucedale Police Department.

Arrangements for Deputy Street will be announced as soon as they become available.

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**Supervisor Kelly Wright, George County Board President**

“On behalf of the entire George County Board of Supervisors, I offer our deepest sympathy to the family, friends, and coworkers of Mr. John Robert Street. His untimely passing will be felt throughout our community and he will be missed by many. This death is a stark reminder of the risk each of our deputies and police officers take each time they put on the uniform or go out on patrol. Please know, each of our Board members are praying for the Street Family and the law enforcement community during this difficult time.”

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