



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On July 12, 2017, a committee consisting of Attorney General Chris Carr, Hall County Sheriff Gerald Couch, and McDuffie County Sheriff Logan Marshall was formed to investigate "criminal charges, alleged misconduct in office, or alleged incapacity" as it related to the May 26, 2016, arrest of Walton County Sheriff Joseph Chapman; and

WHEREAS: The committee, in the course of its investigation, reviewed the incident report, surveillance video of the incident, and other relevant materials; and

WHEREAS: On August 10, 2017, the committee delivered to me its recommendation that, considering the totality of the circumstances surrounding his actions, Sheriff Joseph Chapman should be suspended for a period of thirty days.

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

ORDERED: That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26, Joseph Chapman is hereby suspended from the Office of Sheriff of Walton County for a period of thirty days, beginning Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26(d), the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Walton County shall appoint a person who meets the qualifications for sheriff pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-16-1 to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office of sheriff during the period of suspension.

This 14TH day of August, 2017.


GOVERNOR