



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** On July 6, 2012, the bodies of Joe Edward Ballew and Laurie Phillips were found murdered in Elbert County, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Elbert County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, conducted an investigation and were unable to generate any solid leads; and
- WHEREAS:** Section 45-12-35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 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 a felony.

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, arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for the murders of Joe Edward Ballew and Laurie Phillips.

This 5 day of Sept., 2012.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR