

Friday, 5th January, 2018

Mr. James F. Ledbetter
County Administrator
Gordon County
Calhoun, GA. 30701

By Hand Delivery

Re: Request For Declaration of Surplus Property

Dear Mr. Ledbetter:

As you know, Major Michael S. Jones is retiring from the Sheriff's Office effective Monday, 8th January, 2018 after over 31 years of distinguished service. As you may not know, Major Jones is the longest continually serving deputy sheriff in the entire history of the Sheriff's Office, having been appointed originally by former Sheriff Pat Baker in 1987. Mike continued his career through 3 subsequent administrations, serving in almost every single capacity within the Sheriff's Office. He was decorated on many occasions for job performance and bravery, enjoying a very commendable career here.

Sheriff Ralston intends to present Major Jones with his service weapon: a *Glock*® Model 17 9mm pistol, serial number **BDTM610** as a token of appreciation for his long service and distinguished conduct, and we request that the Board declare the weapon as surplus conditional upon it being presented to Major Jones.

As per our conversation on Tuesday, 2 January, we intend to present Major Jones with his weapon at our annual Employee Appreciation and Awards Banquet on Saturday, 6th January, 2018, in anticipation of the Board's approval, in that we are sure that they too will wish to recognize this outstanding and distinguished peace officer for his long service rendered to our County.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Paris
Chief Deputy Sheriff