



Sheriff Chip W. Simmons

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Judge Coleman L. Robinson
M.C. Blanchard Judicial Building
190 Governmental Center
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Dear Judge Robinson,

Re: State of Florida v. Daniel Jeremy Hux, Case No.: 2019 CF 007059 A

It is with great concern that I address the court in the matter of Daniel Jeremy Hux, the defendant in the above referenced case. I understand that Hux has entered a plea that could potentially allow him to escape responsibility for his dangerous and egregious actions and secure his release back into the community with few, if any, restrictions that would ensure he no longer poses a danger.

Hux placed a call to 911, effectively luring law enforcement and first responders into an ambush and attempted to kill two of my deputies. He called 911 stating someone had kidnapped his son and told ECSO dispatch he needed medical assistance. He also advised dispatch he was not feeling violent and did not have any weapons. This was obviously not true. While one deputy was knocking on his front door, another walked over to the carport area where he saw Hux with a firearm. Hux, upon seeing the deputy, opened fire, hitting the deputy multiple times. I am alarmed and gravely concerned for the safety of the citizens of Escambia County and for the safety of all law enforcement and first responders that may be called upon again to respond to his residence.

It is hard for me to believe that we currently face the possibility that this attempted murderer could be released into our community. I am sympathetic to those with mental illness, but that does not, in my opinion, relieve him of responsibility and his release will not make our community a safer one.

I implore the court to use every available resource to ensure Hux is confined to either a secure detention facility, or a long-term mental health treatment center to ensure the safety of our community. I can't imagine anyone would believe that his release, in any capacity, is a good idea if they themselves were the ones tasked with responding to an incident involving Hux.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chip W. Simmons".

Chip W. Simmons, Sheriff



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