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Captain Michele Zachery Retires From the Sheriff's Office

(Paulding County, GA) On Friday May 15, 2020 Captain Michele Zachery retired from the Paulding County Sheriff's Office. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic an official retirement celebration was unable to occur, but the Deputies in the Courthouse Security Division and other Paulding County Courthouse employees were able to send her away with well wishes from afar.

Captain Zachery began her career in law enforcement with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office on November 16, 1989. During her nearly 31 year law enforcement career she served under three different Sheriffs. Throughout her career she served in both the Jail Division and the Courthouse Security Division. Captain Zachery was also the first black female to attain the rank of Captain at the Paulding County Sheriff's Office.

Captain Zachery spent the final years of her career in the Courthouse Security Division where she served as the assistant Division Commander. Throughout her career Captain Zachery was known for her compassion and commitment to duty. Sheriff Gary Gullede stated, "Michele was a fantastic employee and someone I could always count on. She could also make a delicious Red Velvet cake which was a treat when she brought one to work. I wish we could have sent her off with a fitting retirement celebration, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were unable to. Once everything gets back to normal, we will host an official retirement ceremony for her and several others at a later date. I hope she enjoys time with her family and gets to relax as much as she wants."

Captain Zachery's law enforcement career has spanned nearly 31 years. During her tenure as a law enforcement officer, she has seen many changes. We want to wish Captain Zachery a happy and relaxing retirement. Now she will have plenty of time to enjoy life and spend time with her family.