



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** Towns County Sheriff Rudy Eller surrendered himself to be arrested on charges related to alleged false statements, tampering with evidence, hindering and obstructing law enforcement officers, and violation of oath as a public officer; and

**WHEREAS:** Under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26(a), the Governor has determined that an investigation of Sheriff Eller should be made as a result of alleged misconduct in office; and

**WHEREAS:** O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26(a) provides that the Governor shall appoint two sheriffs who are members of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association to conduct the investigation along with the Attorney General.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That Attorney General Thurbert Baker; Roger Garrison, Sheriff of Cherokee County; and Steve Wilson, Sheriff of Walker County, are hereby appointed as the committee to conduct an investigation and to make a report of their investigation to me within 30 days as provided in O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26(b), with a recommendation as to whether Rudy Eller should be suspended from office as prescribed by O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26(c).

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2007.

  
GOVERNOR