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**Statement from the Franklin County Commissioners
on the Passing of Sheriff James A. Karnes**

We are deeply saddened by the news that our beloved Sheriff Jim Karnes passed away this afternoon. We find comfort in knowing that at the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his family. Sheriff Karnes was an honorable man who sought to uphold the law, and did so with professionalism, courage, and compassion for almost fifty years.

Our thoughts remain with his wife Sandy and the Karnes family during this most difficult time.