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NYSCOPBA Donates \$15,000 To Reward Fund In Georgia Correction Officer Murders

Fund Reaches \$130,000 for the Capture of Escape Convicts

Albany, **NY** - NYSCOPBA, which represents 20,000 active correction officers and sergeants employed in the New York State Department of Corrections & Community Supervision (DOCCS), today added \$15,000 to the reward fund for the capture of the two state inmates who allegedly shot and killed two Georgia State correction officers Tuesday morning and escaped during a prisoner transport.

The reward fund now stands at \$130,000 for the arrest and capture of Donnie Russell Rowe and Ricky Dubose, who immediately car jacked a vehicle after the escape in Putnam County, Georgia.

The two men are still on the loose as the multistate manhunt continues.

The two convicted felons allegedly overpowered two veteran correction officers during the transport and shot and killed both men during the escape.

"This callous, heinous crime is another stark reminder how dangerous it is for all our law enforcement Brothers and Sisters across this country. Almost every single day we read about how a police or correction officer is killed or seriously injured while protecting our communities. The nature of our profession is inherently dangerous, but the climate we live in today is a notice that once again, no matter what uniform you wear, there are individuals who have no regard for the job we do. It is our sincere hope that the reward helps promote the quick capture of the two inmates before they are able to harm anyone else. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the two officers killed and with all law enforcement involved in the pursuit of the escaped felons", stated Michael Powers, NYSCOPBA President.