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Death penalty sought against man accused of killing Southport Police Department Officer

(Indianapolis, Ind.) – Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that his office has filed a request with the court to seek the death penalty against Jason Brown for the shooting death of Southport Police Department Lt. Aaron Allan. Brown is accused of murdering Lt. Allan on July 27, 2017, while the officer was responding to a vehicle crash involving Brown.

The aggravating circumstance cited for the death penalty request is that Jason Brown murdered Lt. Aaron Allan while the officer was employed by the Southport Police Department and acting in the course of his duty as a law enforcement officer in violation of I.C. 35-50-2-9(b)(6)(A).

The next court hearing scheduled for Brown is an initial hearing on the request filed today on October 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Court 3. A pre-trial conference is scheduled on February 2, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. and a jury trial is scheduled to begin February 26, 2018.

Established under Prosecutor Curry in 2011, a review committee within the Marion County Prosecutor's Office evaluates the circumstances and evidence to make the decision on requesting life without parole or the death penalty on eligible cases.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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Notes:

The charges and probable cause affidavit filed in this case can be downloaded at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ijvt0ntbrkz7524/Jason%20Brown.pdf?dl=0>

The Request for Death Sentence filed today can be downloaded:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ggkx2pw3n43guzs/Jason%20Brown%20Request%20for%20Death%20Sentence.pdf?dl=0>