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# PRESS RELEASE

**Date: August 13, 2018**

**Re: Arrest of Decatur Police Officer**

On Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 3:50 p.m., Officers with the Decatur Police Department were detailed to a Decatur address in reference to a domestic violence incident involving an off-duty Decatur Police Officer. During the preliminary investigation, probable cause was established to arrest the Decatur Police Officer for Domestic Battery against the officer's 17-year-old son. The officer, Ofc. Michael Lawary, was booked into the Macon County Jail.

Ofc. Lawary, a 7 year veteran with the Decatur Police Department, was immediately placed on Administrative Leave pending the outcome of the ongoing criminal and internal investigations.

The Decatur Police Department takes this matter seriously, as we do with all reports of domestic violence. Due to the ongoing investigation, there will be no further comment at this time.

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