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On February 22, 2021 Jeremy Elwin Owens entered a plea to Capital Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer for the January 13, 2019 intentional murder of Birmingham Police Sgt. Wytasha Carter and was sentenced to Life Without Parole. The defendant Owens also entered a plea to two counts of Attempted Murder based upon the shooting of Birmingham Police Officer Luke Allums and for shooting at Birmingham Police Sgt. Talana Brown and was sentenced to Life terms for each of those offenses.

This plea agreement ends the criminal case, but we know the effects of this defendant's actions will be felt by the Carter family, Birmingham Police Department and our community forever. We want to continue to give our condolences to the Carter family as well as our commitment to honor the life of Sgt. Wytasha Carter as we continue to serve this community and fight for justice. So many people were affected by the deadly actions of the defendant on that day and we recognize that Birmingham Police Department, in losing Sgt. Carter, lost a brother, a friend, and a mentor to the many young dedicated officers still out there each and every day serving the community. We thank the Birmingham Police Department and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for their hard work and dedication on the investigation and prosecution of these cases.