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After meeting with the State's top law enforcement officer, Attorney General Steve Marshall, he notified me that he believes there are several factors that may exist which could possibly lead the public to believe a conflict may exist between the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office and the parties involved in the Thanksgiving Day Galleria shooting. However, as I stated to General Marshall, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office stands ready and capable to proceed with this case based on the facts and evidence once provided, and the law as it currently exists. I recognize that the law pursuant to Alabama Code § 36-15-14 grants the Attorney General the authority to intervene and proceed with any criminal prosecution in any county in this state. Despite the Attorney General's Office intervention in this instance, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office will continue to seek and ensure justice for all citizens of this county. I trust that justice will prevail.

We will have no further comment at this time due to the ongoing investigation. Any further inquiries should be directed to the Attorney General's Office at (334) 242-7300.

A charge against a defendant is merely an accusation. All defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.