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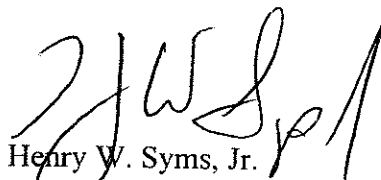
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PRESS RELEASE

Dear Members of the Media:

I am issuing this press release in response to several inquiries from media outlets concerning my meeting earlier today with Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer OFM Conv. of the Diocese of Savannah, and Bishop Felipe J. Esteves of the Diocese of St. Augustine. These gentlemen asked to meet with me so that we could discuss the State's decision to seek the death penalty regarding the alleged murder of Father Rene Robert by Steven Murray in Burke County. We had a very cordial conversation, during which we talked about the process by which such a case proceeds and my role as interim District Attorney.


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