TO: All State Agencies
FROM: Governor Kay Ivey
DATE: Saturday, October 2, 2021
RE: Flags Lowered Honoring Fallen Sheffield Police Sgt. James Nicholas Risner

Our state is devastated by the tragic death of Sheffield Police Sgt. James Nicholas “Nick” Risner who succumbed to his injuries this morning after being shot multiple times in the line of duty yesterday afternoon in Muscle Shoals.

Let us remember the life and service of Sgt. Risner, whose sacrifice will never be forgotten. Sgt. Risner was a K-9 officer and proudly served nine years with the Sheffield Police Department. He also served eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve. We offer our heartfelt condolences and prayers to his family, his fellow officers and his community. We also pray for the safety of all of our men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to ensure the protection of our communities.

The flags should be flown at half-staff on the day of Sgt. Risner’s interment on Friday, October 8, 2021.

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