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Gwinnett Sheriff Runoff Offers Police Reform vs. Police State

LAWRENCEVILLE GA – For more than 20 years the Gwinnett County Justice system has been largely controlled by Sheriff Butch Conway and District Attorney (DA) Danny Porter. Since that time the system has been riddled with **false arrests, mass incarceration, [widespread prisoner abuse](#), and even the murder or maiming of innocent victims who had committed no crime.**

In one 2004 case alone, Deacon Fredrick Williams was **arrested in his front yard while having an epileptic seizure**, but instead of going to a hospital for his medical condition as his wife requested, Gwinnett Sheriff deputies took him to jail and **immediately [Tasered him to death](#)**. The D.A. never charged anyone in his murder or the Taser murder of another mentally disturbed inmate months later.

In fact, there has been little or **no accountability** for the brutality that occurred under Sheriff Conway during those 20 years. DA Danny Porter routinely ignored prosecuting police abuse no matter how horrific it was. Porter recently ran unopposed for re-election in the Republican primary.

Conway, also a Republican, is retiring. He endorsed “Lou” Solis as a replacement after hiring him in 2018. **Solis headed the Rapid Response Team that is named in a [class action suit by 65 prisoners alleging police abuse](#).**

Now two long time law enforcers, **Kebo Taylor** and **Curtis Clemons** seek reform in a tight Democrat primary for Sheriff. They have similar platforms but Taylor worked more independently of the D.A. and Solicitor offices while **Clemons helped facilitate Gwinnett’s mass incarceration as an investigator for them.**

In just one of several similar case examples:

- **Clemons prepared an [illegal search warrant](#) for Porter that was [ruled unconstitutional](#) by both a trial court and the Georgia Court of Appeals;**
- **Clemons made false statements to media** claiming he found pornographic movies that the court [ruled](#) were “*primarily mainstream*”; [See court note for list]
- **Clemons forced children to change truthful statements into false testimony so Clemons could [make an arrest](#) without evidence of a crime;**

On August 11th, Gwinnett Democrats will either vote for police reform that Taylor seeks or the police state that Clemons helped Porter and Conway create. Are the voters well enough informed to realize the difference?