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OCSO THANKS COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT FOR INJURED DEPUTY

Sheriff Larry Ashley and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office want to thank the public for its outpouring of support for Investigator Steve Hough, who was shot multiple times Friday while working with the US Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force to take a man into custody on multiple felony warrants.

Hough is recovering from a gunshot wound to the face and two to his leg at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola. He is communicating and said to be doing well under the circumstances.

"Investigator Hough is a tough, determined individual when it comes to tracking down criminals and he is putting that same toughness and determination we admire so much into his recovery," said Sheriff Larry Ashley. "All of us are aware of how dangerous it can be when you wear a badge and take an oath to protect the public as a law enforcement officer, and we pray for Steve to be back on his feet as soon as possible. As we face this together as a law enforcement family, we are extremely grateful to the community for its messages of support for Steve, his family, and the Sheriff's Office."

For those who have expressed a wish to help, please consider a donation to the Okaloosa Law Enforcement Benevolent Association, or OLEBA, in Steve's name. OLEBA is a non-profit organization established to help the families of law enforcement officers slain or seriously injured in the line of duty. More information is available at this website:

<http://supportoleba.com>

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