



# FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

**JIM FREE**  
CHIEF

February 28, 2000

**BILL SHIFLETT**  
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**TOMMY SHIFLETT**  
CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

**HOUSTON FREEMAN**  
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**BILL WHITENER**  
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING  
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Chief Hubert Smith  
Rome Police Department  
5 Government Plaza  
Rome, Georgia 30161

Dear Hubert:

We were asked by the family of Isaac Dawkins to become involved in the investigation of this case. After speaking with you Monday morning I feel very comfortable in assisting in this case. I appreciate your attitude in offering to allow us to work with your Detectives on the case. As you stated it is important for the family and the community to bring the perpetrator of this horrible crime to justice.

I have asked Captain Tommy Shiflett to assign Sgt. Stanley Sutton full time to work on the case. Sgt. Sutton will furnish on a daily basis any information that he receives on the case and if he should develop enough information to prosecute someone, he will turn that information over to the Rome Police Department for arrest and prosecution.

We do not want to grandstand and we do not want to create any ill will between the two Departments. Mr Dawkins said that he would just like for someone else to look at the case and see if they can spot something that would lead us to a successful conclusion. Sgt. Sutton was chosen because he is one of our best Criminal Investigators and he has ties to the family.

Sincerely,

Jim Free  
cc: Mr and Mrs Dawkins  
Capt. Marshall Smith  
Capt. Tommy Shiflett  
Sgt. Stanley Sutton

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