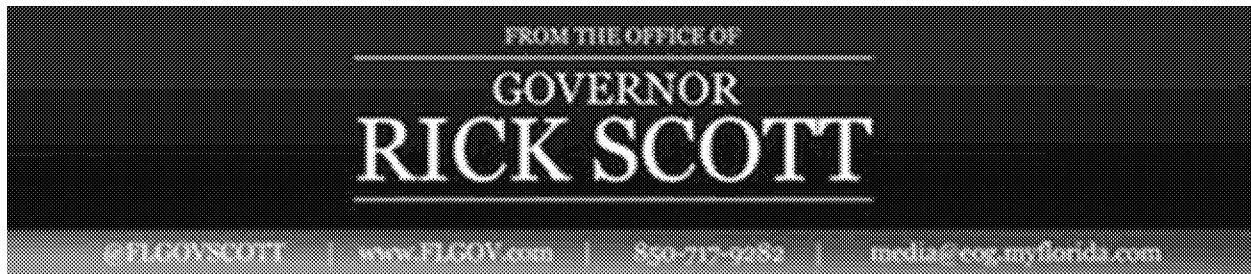


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Gov. Scott Statement Regarding the Loss of Hardee County Deputy and Florida Department of Corrections Employee

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott made the following statement regarding the traffic accident death of Hardee County Deputy Julie Ann Bridges and a Florida Department of Corrections employee Sgt. Joseph Ossman. The cause of the traffic accident remains under investigation and more details will be released by the Florida Highway Patrol.

Governor Scott said, "I am heartbroken to learn of the loss of these the two individuals in a traffic accident today. Our law enforcement and correctional officers work every day to keep Floridians safe. It is because of their work we are able to live in a state where people can raise their families safely. My heart goes out their families and the entire law enforcement and correctional community."

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