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Senate Confirmation Hearing

Testimony of Ramon C. Gonzalez, Jr. Special Investigator with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and Police Chief City of Perry.

RE: Caleb Stegall

Thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of Caleb Stegall. I have had the privilege of closely working with Caleb when he was Jefferson County Attorney in my capacity as the Perry Chief of Police and Special Investigator for the Jefferson County Sheriff Department. In that post, I found Caleb to be an extremely competent lawyer and a man of deep integrity and family values, embodying the respect for the rule of law and commitment to the administration of justice. Caleb was a constant resource of knowledge and leadership on criminal cases. Of specific note was his work on a particularly gruesome murder case that I was the lead investigator and he was the prosecuting attorney. Caleb helped me through the course of the investigation and in preparation for trial. Caleb's determination on behalf of the victims, respect for the defendant's rights within the legal process, careful case preparation, and effective trial skills led to a second-degree murder conviction, ensuring that the convicted murderer would remain incarcerated for years to come.