

# **Lt. Governor Hall-Long statement on the fallen correctional officer from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center**

“It is with deep sadness that I send my condolences to the family of Department of Corrections Sgt. Steven Floyd. Tragically, Sgt. Floyd lost his life as a result of the hostage situation that occurred at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in Smyrna. My thoughts and prayers are also with all those who were held captive for several hours against their will.

This serves as a reminder that our corrections staff, law enforcement officers, and first responders serve us bravely in the most dangerous and hostile of situations. I also want to thank the multiple agencies who helped bring this ordeal to a close. We owe them an incredible debt of gratitude for the work they do to keep us safe.”