

# Deputy's family issues statement

EDITOR'S NOTE: The family of sheriff's deputy Michael Gray, critically wounded in last Monday's shooting in Felton, has issued the following statement:

The family of Michael Gray wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to the thousands of people who have participated in Mike's battle for recovery through their offerings of services, prayers and blood.

Mike was drawn to his vocation by a deep sense of love for his community and a desire to make it a suitable place to live and raise his family. This is the community where he was born and raised. He was carried through rough times by the sense that he was serving an important function in the preservation of this community and its people.

Now, in time of crisis, the overwhelming response of love from those he tried to serve demonstrates to us, his family, that he has been successful in his goal far beyond his wildest dreams.

This response from literally everyone has been gratifying and a deep source of strength to the entire family. God bless you all.

—The family of Michael Gray