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For immediate release:

Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office investigators arrested two of their fellow deputies yesterday, charging them with theft of county property. Corporal Ronnie Rodriguez was charged with Felony Theft by Taking and Violation of Oath by Public Officer. Deputy Jason Cowburn was charged with Theft by Receiving Stolen Property and Violation of Oath by Public Officer.

The arrests came after it was discovered that on Saturday, March 18th, Rodriguez took unused property from a supply storage area without authorization and delivered some of the items to Cowburn.

Both men turned themselves in yesterday afternoon and have since bonded out of the jail. Additional details are not available at this time, as the investigation is still underway.

Ronnie Rodriguez was employed by the sheriff's office for fourteen years. Jason Cowburn was employed for eleven years.

Sheriff Butch Conway expects every member of his staff to follow the law, both on duty and off. Our deputies are not above the law and are expected to follow it. It is a serious breach of trust any time that we learn that one has not and it is not tolerated.

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