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## **Governor Richardson Lowers Flags to Honor Fallen Bernalillo County Sherriff's Deputy James McGrane**

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson has ordered that state flags be flown at half staff to honor Bernalillo County Sheriff's Deputy James McGrane. Governor Richardson will order all state flags be flown at half staff tomorrow, Thursday, March 23, 2006 through Friday, March 24, 2006.

Deputy McGrane was fatally shot early Wednesday after he stopped a pickup truck in Tijeras. McGrane was 38.

"Deputy James McGrane has made the ultimate sacrifice and our hearts and prayers go out to his family," said Governor Richardson. "Killing a law enforcement officer is an absolutely inexcusable act. The state will assist the Bernalillo County Sherriff's Department in every way possible to see that whoever did this is caught and brought to swift justice."

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