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Athens, GA—Mike Sales, chair of the Criminal Justice Technology program at Athens Technical College, recently participated in a panel forum at Kennesaw State University.

Sponsored by the university's chapter of the NAACP and Distinguished Black Gentlemen, the Feb. 4 event was designed to bridge the relationship between KSU students and law enforcement officers. Panel members included representatives of the Cobb County area law enforcement community, KSU campus police, and academic practitioners.

Mr. Sales said that the sponsoring organizations held the forum so that KSU students and police officials could interact with one another on common ground in order to discuss negative connotations that surround students' interpretations of law enforcement.

Event organizers pointed out that minority students especially are cautious when dealing with campus police and other law enforcement officers. Mr. Sales added that panel members provided students with information on their legal rights as students/citizens, as well as information on a variety of legal issues.

Mr. Sales has worked for nearly 30 years in federal and local law enforcement. His federal career included positions as a deputy United States Marshal based in California and then Georgia, as well as a special agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and with the U.S. Department of Justice. Locally, he has worked for the Athens-Clarke County Police and with the sheriff's offices in Madison and Greene counties.

Mr. Sales joined the faculty of Athens Technical College in 2004 to develop and implement the associate degree and diploma programs in Criminal Justice Technology. Graduates of this program may find employment at the local, state, and federal levels.

For additional information on the Criminal Justice Technology program, contact Mr. Sales at msales@athenstech.edu.

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