

Press Release

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Subject: Withdrawal from Sheriff Race.

As of today 10/06/2010 I am removing my name as a candidate for Sheriff of Covington County.

I have always considered Covington County my hometown. For many years, while I was away, when people would ask me where I was from, I would tell them about this small town in the south where everyone knows each other, where you can walk down the street and people will smile and wave. Parents can let their children play outside without fear and where mugging and carjacking are unknown. This is why when my son was born, my wife and I decided to bite the bullet, by taking a huge pay cut and move back to Florala. I wanted my son to grow up in a small, friendly, safe town like I did, regardless of the sacrifices.

I decided to seek the Office of Sheriff because I believe that the citizens of Covington County deserve the very best protection and services from the Sheriff's Office. I felt an obligation to help create positive change for our communities. It was my pledge to return the "Office of Sheriff" back to the people.

One of the largest problems I see in this county is the community disconnect with law enforcement. The public is disgruntled because the perception is, that "Nobody Cares". I believe this is caused in large part to massive turnover. The Covington County Sheriff's Office loses excellent employees constantly to agencies all over due to the lack of competitive salaries and compensation. When employees leave in mass, it makes community relations impossible. There is no continuity or consistency and no time to build relationships in the communities.

I take pride in Covington County and only wanted what change was best for "all the people" not just some. That is why I was running for Sheriff, because I wanted to be part of that change to make Covington County a better place to live. Now after months of campaigning, I realize that a large amount of the people in Covington County don't want that change. So in closing, I want to thank all of my supporters who supported me over the past months and I wish them and everyone in Covington County the best.

John Davis