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Thompson for sheriff

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WATERLOO --- Vote in Tony Thompson for our next Black Hawk County sheriff. I read the paper outlining the debate held by the NAACP for the sheriff candidate for Black Hawk County. I found it encouraging that both candidates think that open forums should continue. I enjoyed the tension created when Tony Thompson demonstrated that Capt. Mark Johnson should be doing much of what he was promising to do in the future, now.

I have seen and spoken with Deputy Thompson at several community service organization meetings and recently at "Making Neighborhoods Safe" meetings and find his focus on community involvement refreshing and encouraging. I think that he has the right ideas now and I look forward to seeing this man take our sheriff's office forward for years to come.