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## **Tony Thompson for sheriff**

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WATERLOO --- I am paying close attention to the political campaigns these days. Most interesting to me is the Black Hawk County sheriff's race. Both candidates seem qualified, and both seem to really want the job. One has been a deputy for over 32 years, the other deputy has 15 years and could give many more years of service.

I've asked every deputy I have contacted for their thoughts about who they would prefer as the next sheriff. I have an undisputed choice in the minds of the deputies I talked with --- a small number who have indicated to me they would just like to avoid answering the question, but off the record they mostly would like to see Tony Thompson lead the department. The rest are quite forthright and forward about their response. They have indicated they prefer to have Tony Thompson as their next sheriff.

When I asked why, they reply because of his work ethic and his approachability. They indicate that he has a good heart and a good head on his shoulders. They indicate he is a good leader and has a good plan for the future of the Black Hawk County's Sheriff's Office. I am listening to those deputies and I encourage you all to do the same. I also visited with some deputies who are retired and their thoughts are the same. Ask the questions and clarify the same.

Join me at the polls and vote for Tony Thompson to be the next Black Hawk County sheriff.