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## **Thompson for sheriff**

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WATERLOO --- I am the kind of person who likes to find out information for myself. For example, I recently heard Tony Thompson speak at a group that I am a member of. He spoke very eloquently and intelligently. The issue that I decided to take a look at was his narcotics enforcement platform plank. He stated that 80 percent of all crime in Black Hawk County has a root cause in illegal drugs --- fact. He said that he wants to increase public education, community outreach and training more officers to combat this crime. Now this really makes sense. Then I looked into his record of drug enforcement efforts. He wrote and teaches the current drug education curriculum that is being taught in our rural schools. No other law enforcement agency in the nation (that I can find) has attempted such an ambitious undertaking. He also initiated the anhydrous ammonia tank lock program which deters criminals from stealing a precursor for the production of methamphetamine. He then helped get federal money to make our Black Hawk County program a statewide effort. He has personally focused his efforts as a patrol officer to combating illegal drugs and in the last four years has been involved in over 200 drug arrests.

This is a guy who puts his money, time and efforts, where his mouth is. He definitely has my vote. I think a well spoken, educated, insightful and focused public servant is what this sheriff's office needs. Tony Thompson brings that to the table.