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Tony Thompson for sheriff

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WATERLOO --- I have been following the election for Black Hawk County sheriff and decided to do some of my own research into the largest responsibilities the sheriff possesses --- the jail. Our new jail was dedicated on May 6, 1995 at 1:30 p.m. The citizens of Black Hawk County realized the need and passed a referendum by 61 percent of the vote to build this \$14.5 million facility. In Iowa, it is considered the safest, most efficient method of incarcerating prisoners. Our jail met all federal jail standards. There was a multitude of people involved in this project from all walks of life and professions. They were dedicated to achieve the completion and opening. In that group were the deputies of the Jail Transition Team. Only one member of this vital group is now a candidate for sheriff and that is Deputy Tony Thompson.

Tony Thompson was an obvious choice then with only two years in the department due to his education and experience. He is the right choice now for the same reason. He is years ahead of his time for knowledge, experience, exposure to life's lessons and the ability to motivate others for a common goal. He demonstrates this drive daily and it is precisely why Tony Thompson has my vote for sheriff of Black Hawk County.