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Tony Thompson for sheriff

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WATERLOO --- First off, I would like to state that I was a 14-plus year veteran of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff, and have had the privilege of working with both Tony Thompson and Capt. Mark Johnson. Having said that, I'd like to cut to the chase. The department needs a positive movement, fresh ideas, some ambition and initiative. In my opinion it is a stagnant and unmotivated department, which unfortunately stems from the current administration. I have heard all the talk about experience, neither of these candidates have experience in being the sheriff, so that is not a factor. In my experience only one of these individuals has the attitude, self motivation, ingenuity, and properly channeled ambition to change this department into what it should be, the most prestigious law enforcement department in the state of Iowa.

I personally back Tony Thompson for sheriff. Deputy Thompson is not a new face off the street trying to make a name for himself, just check out his background on his Web site. A highly decorated soldier, he is a member of and chairs several organizations, he is highly admired by his peers, both outside and inside the department, and that in itself is very important. I am not bashing Capt. Johnson, he is a highly qualified candidate in his own right.

On Election Day don't just vote for experience alone, vote for experience with attitude, loyalty and initiative, Vote for Tony Thompson.