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Thompson for sheriff

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ELK RUN HEIGHTS --- I was recently speaking with a representative from the Mark Johnson campaign who advised me that Tony Thompson was exaggerating his military experience and deployments. I was greatly concerned by this and knew a worker at John Deere who has known Tony since the early 1990s. I asked him about Tony's service record and found that Tony has not exaggerated his experience at all. In fact, I found that he may have not disclosed all the difficulties and serious incidents that this young man has experienced in his military career. Like most veterans, I found first hand that Tony has down played his experiences and not provided details that many would consider to be times best forgotten. Now more than ever, Tony Thompson has earned my vote and I have really begun to question the tactics of Mark Johnson's campaign committee. The practice of spreading lies and disparaging the accomplishments of others, particularly when it comes to service to the country, which Mark, you have none, I find troubling. Let's keep these campaigns about important issues and the future of the agency, not deceitful tactics and lies.

I found out for myself and encourage you to as well. Tony has served honorably as a military policeman in Panama, the first Gulf War and Operation Joint Endeavor in the former Yugoslavian Republic (not to mention statewide disaster deployments). Please do as I am going to do. Vote for Tony Thompson for Black Hawk County sheriff on Nov. 4. This is the right man for the job.