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Thompson for sheriff

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HUDSON --- I hope you will join me in supporting Tony Thompson for Black Hawk County sheriff. He has the combination of skills and smarts that makes a good sheriff. As a 14-year employee of the sheriff's office, Tony knows the people and the duties there.

Because of his outstanding abilities, he has been assigned many tasks that couldn't be handled by just anyone. That's why in addition to being the team leader of the SWAT Team, being trained to handle computer crimes investigation, and working in nearly all of the divisions of the sheriff's office, Tony was also the got-to guy for developing the inmate orientation procedure and video, working with the state to write jail standards for the Iowa Administrative Code, writing and delivering a more effective anti-drug curriculum for schools, writing grant applications for over \$15 million in equipment and programs for the sheriff's office, and teaching various classes to police cadets, driver's education students, and jail personnel.

As evidenced by Tony's position as the Public Information Officer/Community Services Coordinator for the county sheriff, Tony is an effective communicator. He knows the importance of keeping the public aware of the serious work of his office. Anyone who has talked with him knows that Tony is a straightforward speaker who listens to you and takes you seriously. This is an important attribute for all elected officials, and it's another area where Tony shines. Vote Tony Thompson for Black Hawk County sheriff.