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**For Immediate Release: Statement from Sheriff Terry S. Johnson
Regarding Randleman v. Alamance County Sheriff**

Date: 2-18-15

We are advised that Jeffery Randleman has filed a lawsuit in federal court apparently based upon the decision not to swear him in as an Alamance County Deputy in December of 2014.

It is our understanding that Mr. Randleman has provided the press with a copy of the complaint although the Sheriff has not yet been served with a copy of the summons and complaint. Based upon what we have been advised is contained in the document, The Sheriff of Alamance County strenuously disputes the allegations alleged by Mr. Randleman.

In North Carolina deputies serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff and have no property right in their job. The Alamance County Sheriff's Office is staffed with highly trained law enforcement officers dedicated to protecting Alamance County by upholding the law and maintaining the highest ethical standards. The Sheriff repeatedly instructs his deputies to testify fully and truthfully in every court appearance and he so instructed all of the deputies to cooperate and provide truthful responses to the lawsuit brought by the DOJ.

The Sheriff understands that that Mr. Randleman may be upset over the decision not to reappoint him as a deputy, but this decision was not connected to any testimony he may have given in any court case.

The Sheriff has not yet had time to fully review the specific allegations made and will have a further and more detailed response when his response is filed with the court.

**Alamance County Sheriff
Terry S. Johnson**