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### Retirement Announcement

While traveling through our neighborhood on the way to church the other day, my wife and I noticed that campaign season had officially begun. Seeing signage appear on the streets and across social media prompted me to announce my retirement after 45 years in law enforcement with the City of Pasco (1982–2014) and Franklin County (2015–2026). During this time, I had the honor of serving as a Pasco Police officer, supervisor, and captain, and ultimately as your Franklin County Sheriff.

In 1978, at the age of eighteen, I never imagined I would still be living in this area with my wife, Donna, nearly five decades later. Originally planning to pursue a collegiate football career, I thought Columbia Basin College would be just a short stop on that path. While that specific dream never came to pass for this "kid from Deer Park," I found much better results in choosing Pasco as our home. Donna and I put down roots and raised our family here.

What I discovered was a community that embraced us both beyond our expectations. Since graduating from CBC in 1981, I have had the privilege of watching one of our daughters and three of our grandchildren graduate from there as well. It has been a joy to see our children succeed locally as police officers, teachers, surgical technologists, and military service members, and a true blessing to watch our twelve grandchildren grow up in this community.

Success is impossible without a supportive partner. I cannot express enough gratitude for the grace Donna has shown me over our 48 years together. She taught me the true meaning of family and, through the demanding schedule of law enforcement, she was the bedrock that raised our five children. Many claimed we wouldn't make it—having married at eighteen—but her strength proved them wrong.

My career began as a 21-year-old patrol officer in Pasco. I eventually rose to the rank of captain and occasionally served as interim police chief. Those decades of experience in nearly every aspect of the profession enabled me to achieve my long-term goal: being elected Sheriff of Franklin County.

I am now drawing close to the conclusion of my third and final term. I was elected to bring reform to the Sheriff's Office and Jail, and over the last twelve years, our team has achieved significant success. We implemented 21st-century policing models, resulting in the Franklin County Sheriff's Office becoming a dual-accredited agency—a distinction held by both the jail and the sheriff's office.

I take immense pride in the training platforms we developed, our modernization efforts, and community policing initiatives that leveraged technology to enhance safety for both our deputies and the public. These achievements were made possible by the support of the Franklin County Sheriff Foundation, local businesses, and community leaders. The men and women of this office work tirelessly for you; please continue to support them and your next sheriff-elect.

When asked about my favorite role in my career, the answer is simple: serving as a uniformed sergeant on the streets of Pasco. Leading a dedicated team of officers taught me the true meaning of community policing. It showed me that there are far more good people in this world than bad, and that honest communication is the key to successful public service.

Thank you, Franklin County and Pasco, for allowing me to be part of this wonderful, diverse community. I am grateful for the chance to have contributed to the positive changes that made this a great place to raise my family.

Many have asked who I believe is best suited to lead the Office of Sheriff for the 2027–2030 term. My support goes to **Undersheriff Monty Huber**. Having worked closely with him for over a decade, I have seen firsthand his commitment to modernizing this office and his unwavering dedication to the safety of our residents.

I will continue to serve to the best of my ability as your Sheriff until the stroke of midnight on December 31, 2026. It has been an absolute honor, and I consider myself a truly blessed man.

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