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******** **PRESS RELEASE** ********

In January of 2027, I will have completed over thirty-three years in law enforcement and after significant reflection and consideration I would like to announce that I will not be seeking re-election for the 2027-2030 term. Serving as the Langlade County Sheriff since 2017 has been the most rewarding and significant part of my professional career. It has been an honor to represent the citizens and visitors of Langlade County for nearly ten years as Sheriff.

I would like to thank all the members of the Langlade County Sheriff's Office staff, past and present, who have worked with me to make sure our agency has provided the highest level of public safety services available. Additionally, thank you to the members of the Badger State Sheriff's Association for your support and professionalism as all Sheriff's in the State of Wisconsin have worked together to navigate though many difficult and unprecedented challenges.

I will be enthusiastically endorsing Langlade County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy/Undersheriff Dan Bauknecht in the next election. With over twenty-seven years of experience, most of which have been in leadership positions, Dan has displayed tremendous direction, mentorship and dedication to the Sheriff's Office and will be a clear choice to carry forward the significant accomplishments we have achieved during my tenure.

Finally, I would like to thank our community for the support shown to our Sheriff's Office and please know that I will continue to serve as your Sheriff with the continued level of integrity and professionalism that you deserve until the very last day of my term. Thank you and God Bless.

Most Sincerely,

Mark B Westen

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