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Press Release

Calloway County Sheriff Reflects on Loss of Chief Deputy

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Those words have taken a new meaning for me after the events of yesterday May 16, 2022 and the loss of my dear friend and Chief Deputy Jody Cash in the line of duty while serving this community. I have known Jody and worked with him in various capacities throughout his entire law enforcement career from Murray State Police, Kentucky State Police, Marshall County Sheriff's Office, and finally as the Chief Deputy for Calloway County Sheriff's Office. We, as law enforcement, work in what Justice Cunningham referred to as "the arena of human tragedy," yet his compassion, caring, and loving personality shined bright. He always held true to the Kentucky State Police motto of "Service above self".

In my 3 decades of law enforcement, I have watched the streets of heaven grow crowded with fellow officers, but I never thought I would lose one of my own in the line of duty. Every year at the annual law enforcement memorial an honor guard of officers would present the colors and Jody's son would play the traditional Taps on his trumpet to honor the fallen officers. As a father of 3 myself I would always glance over at Jody watching his son play and the look of pride he had was inspiring. That image will forever remain in my mind. In the years to come at this ceremony I have no doubt he will still be standing at attention, still beaming with pride, but we will have to remember his smile because the playing of Taps will be in his honor.

The streets of heaven are too crowded with angels and yesterday it gained one more, but the streets of our community are filled with their earthly embodiment. It is our job, the living, to dedicate ourselves to helping this community and by doing that we will honor the legacy of Jody Cash in perpetuity. To his wife Michelle, his son Jackson, and Madyson my thoughts and prayers and the thoughts and prayers of all law enforcement and this community are with you.

To the Citizens of Calloway County, family, friends, first responders, and to our brothers and sisters in law enforcement. It is with tears in my eyes, a heavy heart, and a somber spirit that I must attach the 3 most painful letters in law enforcement to my dear friend Jody Cash's name, EOW.

CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF OF CALLOWAY COUNTY JODY CASH END OF WATCH (EOW) MAY 16, 2022. REST EASY BROTHER, WE WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE, YOU WILL BE MISSED, BUT WE NEVER LET YOU BE FORGOTTEN.

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