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U.S. MARSHALS DEPUTIZE NODAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – United States Marshal Mark S. James and Nodaway County Sheriff Randy Strong announced today a new partnership between the United States Marshals Service and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Office.

On July 14, 2021 U.S. Marshal Mark James swore in three members of the Nodaway County Sheriff's Office as Special Deputy U.S. Marshals. This collaboration is part of the ongoing effort to address violent crime in both metropolitan and rural areas of the state. As Special Deputy Marshals, Sheriff's Deputies will join with other area law enforcement officers who participate in the U.S. Marshals Midwest Violent Fugitive Task Force. "The Nodaway County Sheriff's Office is an important strategic partner for us in northwest Missouri and we look forward to working with them to bring fugitives and criminals to justice. I appreciate Sheriff Strong's vision and expertise in bringing this initiative to fruition," said U.S. Marshal Mark James. The task force is responsible for supporting local and state law enforcement in 66 counties that make up the western half of the State of Missouri. Task force members operate from the three district court locations in Kansas City, Jefferson City, and Springfield. "As Sheriff my goal is to protect and serve the citizens of Nodaway County. By joining with the U.S. Marshals Midwest Violent Fugitive Task Force, we have a force multiplier to better protect our citizens. The task force can help us to locate and arrest fugitives charged with violent crimes. The benefits of joining this task force are tremendous," said Nodaway County Sheriff Randy Strong.

The U.S. Marshals Midwest Violent Fugitive Task Force-Kansas City Division, operates in conjunction with members of the Kansas City, Independence and St. Joseph Missouri Police Departments, Jackson, Cass, Clay, Buchanan and Nodaway County Sheriff's Offices, Missouri State Highway Patrol and other federal law enforcement partners. The task force objectives are to seek out and arrest fugitives charged with violent crimes, drug offenses, sex offenders and other serious felonies. It also provides direct support to law enforcement agencies in tracking down and recovering missing children. Nationally the United States Marshals Service fugitive programs are carried out with local law enforcement in 94 district offices, 67 local fugitive task forces, 8 regional task forces, as well as a growing network of offices in foreign countries.

Tips can be submitted anonymously to the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers via the TIPS hotline at 816-474-8477, on the internet at KCcrimestoppers.com or on the free mobile app available at P3Tips.com. Tips can also be submitted to the U.S. Marshals service directly by downloading the USMS Tips app to your Apple or Android device. It can also be accessed online at

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