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DUSTIN HEUERMAN SLATED AS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF

Champaign, IL - Dustin Heuerman (pronounced HARR-MEN) has been slated by the Champaign County Democratic Party to run for Sheriff of Champaign County in November and has gathered over 475 petition signatures in support of his candidacy.

"Our society is changing, and it's time for our criminal justice system to evolve as well. Taxpayer money is wasted on antiquated policing strategies, and the citizens of Champaign County do not see the crime reduction they should. I will utilize my experience, education and diverse professional and personal background to ensure the Champaign County Sheriff's Office is fulfilling its mission of responding to all requests for police service within Champaign County in the most professional manner," stated Heuerman

As Sheriff, Heuerman will focus on diversity, equality, and respect. This includes, but is not limited to, building a police force that reflects the demographics of the county and fostering a culture of equality and respect in the Sheriff's Office to ensure all citizens are treated equally by Sheriff's Deputies and Correctional Officers. Heuerman will also explore ways to increase training for personnel and enhance policies and procedures in order to ensure a high level of professionalism and reduce the potential for lawsuits.

Heuerman, who lives in Champaign with his husband, has over 19 years in public service, including 911 telecommunications, uniformed patrol, criminal investigations, and administration. He has a master's degree in criminology/criminal justice and a doctorate in leadership. He is currently a criminal justice faculty member and police officer for Lake Land College in Mattoon and a former deputy sheriff with the Champaign County Sheriff's Office. Heuerman is the first Democratic candidate in twenty years to run for this office.

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