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## **Sheriff's Statement**

The following statement is the official response from the Sheriff concerning the superior court sentence, Jan. 9, of former Deputy Michael L. Kleinfelder:

“I am deeply saddened by this case. The lives of the victim and her family are forever altered. Frustration, anger, embarrassment, bitterness and blame are all emotions many of us have had to process on an individual basis. The law enforcement profession, our agency members and the community have all become victims by this situation.

“In order to earn the public trust, we deal with such matters in the light of day; we expect fairness and due process to exist and to be held personally accountable. Rest assured, our officers condemn criminal, unethical and immoral behavior.

“It is also important to recognize the unusual nature of misconduct such as this and to not use a broad brush against the very dedicated police officers upon whom we do trust and depend.”

Stephen A. Boyer