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Sheriff Appoints New Division Chief

Port Orchard, Wash. – Sheriff Steve Boyer has announced the appointment of a new senior executive within the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Lt. Ned B. Newlin, II, of South Kitsap, was named by Sheriff Boyer to be the head of the Sheriff's detective and support services division. The appointment is effective today and carries with it the rank/title of Chief of Division. This appointment is classified as a career service position within the county's salary schedule.

Chief Newlin fills the position vacancy created when former Chief of Detectives Mike Davis accepted an appointment offer from the City of Gig Harbor as that municipality's new Chief of Police.

"This was not an easy selection process," said Sheriff Boyer. "Three highly qualified Sheriff's lieutenants applied for the position. I have full confidence that any one of the candidates could perform exceptionally well in this demanding job. It was up to the selection committee to reach a consensus and a recommendation on who was the best candidate overall."

The selection committee consisted of Undersheriff Dennis Bonneville; Gary Simpson, Chief of Patrol Operations; Larry Bertholf, Chief of Corrections, and Kitsap County Prosecutor Russell Hauge.

"However," added Sheriff Boyer, "I am quite pleased as we have fulfilled one of my primary goals since coming into office: to prepare our commissioned officers to be successful as they advance in grade and responsibility and, as such, to be sought by other agencies as chief executives."

The position of Chief of Detectives and Support Services carries with it the responsibility for the leadership, management and performance of more than 60 personnel: detective investigators; non-sworn support, administrative and criminal specialists, evidence technicians and courthouse security officers. The division chief is supported by two Sheriff's lieutenants, two Sheriff's sergeants and lead support specialists. Chief Newlin will also provide oversight for operations involving the joint-agency West Sound Narcotics Enforcement Team (WestNET). An additional responsibility involves several aspects of the hiring process of new Sheriff's Office personnel (background investigations, oral board interviews, truth verification tests, etc.).

Chief Newlin began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 1991, following seven year's service in the U. S. Army (Military Police). Within the Sheriff's Office he has held positions and rank as patrol deputy (4 yrs), detective (2 yrs), squad corporal (2 yrs), patrol sergeant and civil administrative sergeant (3 yrs.), and as a patrol lieutenant since January 2002.

Chief Newlin earned a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Martin's College, Lacey, Wash., in 1991, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He has earned certificates and diplomas from numerous law enforcement career leadership and management courses and is a 2002 graduate of Leadership Kitsap. Chief Newlin is married with three children.

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