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Sheriff Announces Mid-Level Leadership Promotion

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Sheriff Steve Boyer has announced the promotion of a new mid-level supervisor within the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Sergeant John J. Gese, of South Kitsap, was advanced to the grade of Sheriff's Lieutenant, effective today. The grade of lieutenant is classified as a mid-level supervisory leadership position within the county's civil service system.

Presently assigned as the professional standards officer on the Sheriff's executive staff, Lt. Gese will return to the patrol division in the near future and assume duties as a patrol lieutenant, responsible for the supervisory oversight of a patrol shift and a number of collateral duties. Lt. Gese fills the position vacancy created June 4, with the appointment of Chief Ned Newlin as the new Chief of Detectives and Support Services Division.

"This was a demanding selection process," said Sheriff Boyer. "Four very qualified sergeants were applicants for the position of lieutenant. They underwent a day-long series of practical exercises conducted by an outside assessment agency. This was followed by individual appearances before an oral review board conducted by senior executives.

"I am very pleased that this office has, once again, been able to succeed in accomplishing a very important personnel goal: preparing our deputies to be successful as they advance in grade and responsibility," added Sheriff Boyer.

Lt. Gese began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 1991, following eight years working in the public sector as an insurance underwriter. He has held positions and rank as a patrol deputy (4 yrs.), traffic investigator (4 yrs.), patrol shift sergeant (2 yrs.), civil division administrative sergeant (2 yrs.) and one year as a sergeant in the Office of Professional Standards.

Lt. Gese earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Western Washington University, Bellingham, Wash., in 1983. He holds career certification as a first level supervisor from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, and is a 2004 graduate of Leadership Kitsap.

He currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the American Red Cross, King & Kitsap Counties Chapter.

He is married to Officer Laura Gese of the Sheriff's Office Corrections Division. They have one son.

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