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State Rep. Mark Spreitzer Endorses Troy Knudson for Sheriff

Beloit – State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) announced today that he is endorsing Commander Troy Knudson for Rock County Sheriff in the Democratic Primary on August 14. Spreitzer represents the 45th District in the Wisconsin State Assembly, including the Beloit, Orfordville, and Evansville areas in Rock County. Commander Knudson oversees Correctional Services in the Rock County Sheriff's Office and is the Rock County Jail Administrator. Knudson is running to succeed Sheriff Bob Spoden, who is retiring.

"I'm endorsing Troy Knudson for Sheriff because he is uniquely suited to make the changes we need in our criminal justice and policing system in Rock County," Spreitzer said. "Having overseen both the Correctional Services and Law Enforcement sides of the Sheriff's office, Troy is the third highest ranking person in the office and has by far the most experience in this race. He also has a deep passion for protecting public safety by making sure our criminal justice system is actually solving root problems and helping people get their lives back on track."

"As Jail Administrator, Troy has already been making positive changes at the Rock County jail, from releasing inmates at a reasonable hour of the morning so they can get home, to making it easier for volunteers to visit the jail and provide support to inmates," Spreitzer said. "On the patrol side, Troy developed Rock County's tracking system for use of force and trained deputies to deescalate difficult situations. I'm incredibly excited by what Troy could do leading the entire Rock County Sheriff's office."

"It is rare in politics that you have the chance to elect someone with exactly the right drive and expertise to a position where they will have the power to truly make a difference," Spreitzer said. "I've fought in the legislature to reform our criminal justice system and to get all our police officers

crisis intervention training. As Sheriff, Troy Knudson will be in a critical position to make these things happen in Rock County.”

“I’m honored to have the support of a community leader like Representative Mark Spreitzer,” Knudson said. “As Sheriff, I’m committed to creating comprehensive approaches to policing and criminal justice that keep communities safe, treat people equitably, and use collaborative approaches to address challenges in our communities such as homelessness, mental illness, addiction, and domestic violence.”

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