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NEWS RELEASE

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Chief Deputy

Ben Bailey Jr. has stepped aside as Chief Deputy from the Union County Sheriff's Office in Monroe, North Carolina as of Monday, November 30, 2015. Chief Bailey will remain with the Sheriff's Office and has accepted a sponsorship by the FBI to its Police Executive Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C.

Chief Bailey has served in law enforcement for 30 years and has held the position of Chief Deputy for 13 years, the longest serving Chief in the agency's history. His responsibilities included supervising operations of a 300 member full service law enforcement agency including field operations, criminal investigations, jail, civil process, and court security.

Sheriff Eddie Cathey has selected W. Todd Elmore as the new Chief Deputy of the Union County Sheriff's Office. Chief Elmore was previously employed as a federal agent in the Charlotte, NC area from 1987 until his retirement on September 30, 2013. Chief Elmore received a Degree in Accounting from Newberry College, Newberry, SC in May, 1986. He began his employment as a federal agent in August, 1987 as a Special Agent with the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division. In October, 2002, Chief Elmore transferred to the United States Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (formerly known as the U.S. Customs Service). During his career, he primarily focused on investigations of large-scale international drug smuggling operations.

Chief Elmore and his family have resided in Union County since 1999. He has three daughters Kayla, Audrey, and Lillie. Kayla is a junior at Appalachian State University, Audrey is a senior at Parkwood High School and Lillie is in the sixth grade at Parkwood Middle.

Chief Elmore currently serves on the Union County Fire Commission. The Union County Board of Commissioners appointed Chief Elmore to this position in January, 2015.

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