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I am writing to endorse Matt Tate for Sauk County Sheriff.

As a retired full-time Patrol Dog Handler, I know first-hand the demands required of a K9 Handler. It is a 24-hour position. You are often the adjunct leader in patrol responses. Handling a patrol dog is a unique tool in the continuum of force available to law enforcement.

Tate has always been mindful of this and is transparent in how that force is utilized. When Tate speaks of accountability, he means it.

I first began working with Tate in 2019 when he planned and executed a tracking class for northern Wisconsin police K9 handlers. My business, Canine Search Solutions LLC, provides training for police K9 handlers throughout Wisconsin and beyond. I was impressed by Tate's genuine desire to bring progressive training opportunities to surrounding K9 teams and to continue improving himself as a handler.

I learned that Tate had been in the forefront of developing a K9 Unit for the Minocqua Police Department, where he was employed at the time. When Tate later joined the Sauk County Sheriff's Office, he maintained the same passion and commitment to improving K9 teams in the region and again facilitated annual tracking classes with my company.

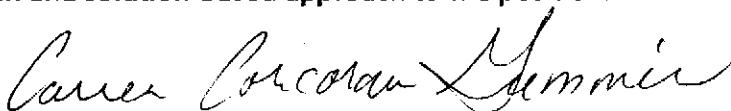
There is a constant additional demand to maintain training with your K9 partner, training records, and yearly certification. Working a K9 for a department requires a strong work ethic and demonstrates true commitment to an agency and community.

Having worked for both a municipal police department and a county law enforcement agency, Tate brings a broader perspective on the challenges facing law enforcement and how those challenges can be addressed and improved upon.

While working full-time and serving as a K9 handler, Tate also became a board member of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement K9 Handler Association in 2023. This volunteer position is yet another example of his commitment to making a positive difference in Wisconsin law enforcement.

I strongly urge you to vote for Matt Tate as Sauk County Sheriff as he is a natural leader who will bring a fresh and solution-based approach to the position.

Sincerely,


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