

April 4, 2026

Reference Letter for Undersheriff Steve Spodyak

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jon Wayne Cronan. I have had the privilege of working with Park County Undersheriff Steve Spodyak for the past 7 years. I am a retired FBI Supervisory Senior Resident Agent (SSRA) of the Colorado Springs Resident Agency. As SSRA, I was responsible for supervising all criminal cases worked by the FBI for 31 counties covering Southern Colorado. Park County was one of the counties I covered. Steve and I collaborated on numerous cases and developed a strong friendship over the years. I could always count on Steve to handle things in a professional manner as we dealt with many sensitive matters throughout my tenure as SSRA.

Steve is now running for Sheriff of Park County. I have complete confidence that Steve would be the best candidate for consideration in this important role. Steve is fiercely loyal to the communities he serves in Park County. Steve knows how to leverage his liaison relationships with other law enforcement and private sector agencies to best serve the residents of Park County. Steve holds himself and his employees to the highest standards. Standards that have come to be expected by the residents of Park County.

In 2025, Steve and I had the honor of attending the FBI National Academy, session 293. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement executive leaders. The 10-week intensive program combines graduate-level courses of study through the University of Virginia, covering law enforcement leadership in crisis situations. Attendees will build a network of professional relationships with peers in law enforcement, enabling them to leverage these relationships to learn best practices. Graduates become part of the FBI National Academy Associates, a global alumni network. Steve was selected for this highly respected training because of his leadership in Park County. As a result, I believe that there is no better qualified candidate to lead the Park County Sheriff's Office. The comments above represent my personal observations throughout my tenure as SSRA and do not represent the opinion of my former employer.

Very Respectfully,
Jon Wayne Cronan