



SILVER CITY POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



The Silver City Police Officers Association (SCPOA) is proud to announce our official endorsement and full support of Norman Wheeler for 6th Judicial District Attorney in the upcoming 2024 election. Norman maintained a strong and professional working relationship with the members of the SCPOA during his previous tenure at the District Attorney's Office, and has continued to do so since his departure.

Norman played a key roll in criminal enforcement, successfully prosecuting drug traffickers and dangerous criminals. Norman was known for being passionate about protecting the community and did so with compassion and fairness. Norman places protecting the community above that of his own image and ego, and is committed to making the 6th Judicial District a safer place to live. Norman is not a politician, does not believe the DA should be party affiliated, and only seeks progress, not attention.

In 2020, fentanyl began to dominate the drug trade in our area. SCPOA members have responded to numerous overdoses, some of which were fatal. SCPOA members have experienced first hand the devastation of grieving mothers and fathers who have lost their loved ones to fentanyl. SCPOA members have also responded to a never ending stream of crime scenes in which our citizens property has been stolen, homes and businesses burglarized, vehicles stolen, and violent crimes, all a result of fentanyl and methamphetamine. Meanwhile, drug traffickers operate with apparent impunity and continue to kill our citizens with their deadly drug for five dollars per dose. SCPOA members diligently and routinely build cases and arrest these criminals, only for them to be quickly released back onto our streets to victimize more citizens.

District Attorney Michael Renteria has attempted to shift all the blame of the "catch and release" system onto our local Judges, the NM Legislature, and law enforcement. The members of SCPOA are not fooled by this, and know that there are tools in the District Attorney's hands that would at times allow for these criminals to be kept in custody instead of being quickly released. Renteria has failed SCPOA members and the community by allowing weak plea deals to become the standard. Local law enforcement has utilized our Federal Law Enforcement partners on a scale never before seen because of the soft on crime approach of the current District Attorney. The SCPOA strongly believes that drug traffickers and dangerous criminals who victimize our citizens need to be removed from our community, not given soft plea deals.

Since Renteria has taken office, the relationship between the DA's Office and SCPOA members has been nonexistent. The SCPOA has admonished Renteria on more than one occasion about his disrespect of female members of law enforcement, and his inability to maintain a fully staffed office of prosecutors. SCPOA members have been forced to endure Renteria's revolving door of prosecutors, and at times have only had one or two prosecutors to work with at the Silver City office, therefore creating an inefficient system that only hurts our communities. Our membership has taken a strong stance against Renteria's character and behavior and handed down a Vote of No Confidence with 100% of the membership voting. Renteria has failed law enforcement and has certainly failed the community.

Our communities can no longer endure the failures and weak on crime policies of Michael Renteria. Consider why Renteria enjoys the strong support of defense attorneys, but draws the ire of police. Please join us in standing with victims, not criminals, and voting for Norman Wheeler in the upcoming election.

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