



Richmond City Sheriff's Office
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SHERIFF WOODY MOURNS THE PASSING OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN DEPUTIES

Richmond, Virginia – Sheriff Woody released the following statement following the deaths of two Berrien County, Michigan deputies on July 11, 2016.

“My heart is heavy, and my condolences and prayers are with the families of the deputies that were lost yesterday, as well as with the deputy and the civilian who were also shot. I am happy to hear that they are expected to survive. My thoughts are with them as well.

Those who enter law enforcement understand the risks that we take every single day for the mission of public safety. Often times, the courthouse is seen as a relatively safe place, a neutral zone for violence. What we witnessed yesterday, however, is a stark reminder that any position one undertakes in law enforcement, be it patrolling the streets, securing a jail, or working within the court system is a dangerous one. Incidents such as the one yesterday provide a painful reminder that we must always be vigilant in our duties to protect ourselves and the public.

For my law enforcement family who is deeply hurting right now, I and those at the Richmond City Sheriff's Office, stand with you and support you.”

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.