



Robb Tadelman for McHenry County Sheriff

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Experience and dedication matter

McHenry County: Robb Tadelman, candidate for McHenry County Sheriff, welcomes the debate over which candidate for Sheriff has more experience. Tadelman has been a full-time law enforcement officer for 18 years rising through the ranks of the Sheriff's office and currently serves as Undersheriff overseeing a \$40 Million budget and a staff of almost 500. His opponent, Tony Colatorti, has been a part-time police officer and has neither managed a budget of more than \$400,000 nor managed more than a handful of staff.

In addition to the clear differences in management experience, the field experience as law enforcement of the two candidates show a stark contrast:

Criminal Felonies filed in McHenry County:

Robb Tadelman 52

Tony Colatorti 1

Criminal Misdemeanors filed in McHenry County:

Robb Tadelman 57

Tony Colatorti 2

Traffic Citations Written in McHenry County:

Robb Tadelman 690

Tony Colatorti 726

Arrest Records Comparison according to information obtained from the McHenry County Circuit Clerks office.

Colatorti's limited experience was on full display with his handling of a 2020 traffic incident involving a known criminal.

On July 27, 2020, multiple police agencies were dispatched to the area of Ames Road and Wirth Trail in Prairie Grove for a traffic crash involving one vehicle and a utility pole. Initial reports were that an individual fled the scene of the accident with blood on his face.

Prairie Grove Police Chief Tony Colatorti then also responded to the scene. Over the next several hours, 14 police officers and deputies conducted a search for the suspect who was involved in the traffic crash. Through the investigation Raymond Phillip Underwood was identified as the suspect driving the vehicle.

Chief Colatorti reported "...the vehicle title had not been transferred and that the current owner of the vehicle was Raymond Underwood". Chief Colatorti had the vehicle towed to a facility in Lakemoor where he conducted a K-9 search on the vehicle and found "...a small plastic bag with a white substance located inside of it". Chief Colatorti closed the report with "Investigation on going". (Prairie Grove Police Report #20-001383)

On November 11, 2020, the Fox Lake Police Department filed charges against Underwood for Possession of a Stolen Firearm and 4 counts of Theft through the Lake County court system. On November 20, 2020, members of the McHenry County Sheriff's Office assisted the Fox Lake Police Department with the apprehension of Underwood.

During that incident, Underwood again fled from deputies and officers. A McHenry County Sheriff's Office Deputy tackled Underwood to apprehend him and further charges were filed. The deputy's arm was injured during that apprehension.

On January 28, 2022, over a year after Colatorti's report stating that the investigation would be ongoing and after Colatorti's departure from Prairie Grove, Prairie Grove's Police Chief Lawrence Canada wrote a memorandum regarding an item of evidence located in the weapon lockers within the police department (see attached). The item located was marked "Evid" with the report number "20-001383" written on it. There was no evidence sheet related to the item nor any further reports to follow up on the incident.

Underwood is currently in Stateville Correctional Center and is projected to be paroled on 05/21/2022.

In a couple of weeks, Underwood will be up for parole. In the months and year following Colatorti's missteps in his handling of the case in Prairie Grove, Underwood continued to commit a series of preventable crime that put many law enforcement officers and the public at risk.

The record is clear, and the people of McHenry County deserve a Sheriff who will follow through on investigations and do so without multiple missteps that unnecessarily cause the county taxpayers more money and put the citizens in harm's way.