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Sheriff Wesley Revels
Monroe County Sheriff's Office
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Dear Sheriff Revels,

As an Assistant Attorney General with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, I lead the Lawfully Owed DNA (LODNA) Project, part of the federally funded Wisconsin Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). I write to commend Chief Deputy Christopher Weaver of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for his outstanding leadership in strengthening the county's DNA collection process and addressing a backlog of missed samples from convictions spanning 2000 to 2021.

I first met Chief Deputy Weaver in 2021 when Monroe County began assessing its DNA collection procedures. Judge Rick Radcliffe convened a multi-agency DNA Taskforce—bringing together representatives from the clerk of courts, corrections, district attorney's office, public defender's office, sheriff's office, and judiciary—to identify areas for systemic improvement. From the outset, Chief Deputy Weaver emerged as a key leader, translating the Taskforce's goals into operational changes that delivered results.

Under his leadership, Monroe County piloted innovative strategies that are now considered best practices. Chief Deputy Weaver effectively utilized the sheriff's office RMS (Zuercher) to track DNA collections, improving transparency and interagency coordination. His team also undertook the complex task of collecting samples from individuals residing out of state, sending Wisconsin DNA kits to jurisdictions as far away as California and as nearby as Minnesota. This process requires coordinating with law enforcement in other states—a challenging but crucial step that his team managed with professionalism and persistence. As a result of these efforts, Monroe County reduced its backlog from approximately 400 missed samples to just 68 as of March 2025. Given that the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory estimates 2–3% of samples yield CODIS hits, this progress not only improves investigative capability but also enhances public safety.

Beyond his local contributions, Chief Deputy Weaver has become a resource for other counties aiming to improve their own systems. At your invitation through Badger Sheriffs, he co-presented with me and Judge Radcliffe at the December 2022 meeting to showcase Monroe County's approach. He also spoke alongside Clerk of Court Laura Endres and me at the 2023 Clerk of Courts

Conference, where he emphasized the critical role clerks play in DNA compliance at the point of conviction. Most recently, he served as a panelist in an April 2025 statewide webinar, now available via ACADIS and WILENET. His willingness to collaborate and share insights has had a ripple effect across Wisconsin.

Chief Deputy Weaver embodies the spirit of public service. He embraced a difficult issue not of his making and tackled it with diligence, humility, and steadfast commitment. If there is any recognition or award within the Monroe County Sheriff's Office that would be appropriate for his leadership on this issue, I would wholeheartedly support his nomination.

I also want to acknowledge that Chief Deputy Weaver was supported by several members of your agency throughout this process. Although I do not have the names of all who contributed, I hope you will share this letter with everyone involved in this important effort.

Sincerely,



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